
Subject: Languages

Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 06:26:32 GMT

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Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 06:32:44 GMT

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Because we become lazy, also, Germany and other country's like that, have better school systems compared to ours.

Other than that, allot are forced to learn English because English is the language for world politics and work.

Am taking a big guess here, but am guessing the English Empire, started it, as we traded and ruled 3/4 of the world, everyone was forced to speak English or not do trade with us and miss out on lots of money and the fact, they was forced to learn it, as we lived in their country's after we conquered them.

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 06:39:51 GMT

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RoShamBo wrote on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 01:26 Why is it that Brits and Americans don't know as many languages as other countries such as Germany?
Because we don't need them.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [Sir Kane](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 08:48:37 GMT
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Lazy bastards.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 09:02:21 GMT
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English don't need to learn other languages as foreigners all learn English. It's simple as this. Your school system also reflects this: you can drop languages out of your education if you want to. From my 11 to my 22, I studied French; from my 15 to 22 I studied German and English. Language lessons are an important part of our education.

Other than that Belgium has 3 official languages: Dutch, French and German (as we got some German ground after WW I). It doesn't mean everyone speaks them but it does motivate you to learn it when you know half of your own country speaks another language.

Other than that, most movies, music and about everything I do at the Internet is in English .

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 10:21:55 GMT
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English is an International language.

All airlines, maritime shipping and radio utilise English as a primary language as do many others.

We do not have to understand any other language as the majority of places that we will go in the world fully understand us.

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Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [futura83](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 10:40:43 GMT

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You were so lazy with learning French, that during year 9 the teacher simply gave up on you. XD

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Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 10:58:01 GMT

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It's one of the reasons i made this topic.

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 11:12:04 GMT

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You want to know the real reason? My mom has probably run into a handful of people who don't speak English in her life. Not everyone is some globe trotting bohemian. The majority of the people who go through the US Education system have no reason to learn another language because they will never use it. They'll never leave the country and will never be put in a situation where knowing another language will be important. In Europe your borders are very close and so it is pretty likely you will be meeting a lot of people who don't speak your language. For most of us in the US we can't just drive a short bit and cross a national border. It's like a 10+ hour drive to Canada from my state. That's the closest foreign nation. Guess what... They speak English...

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 11:38:17 GMT

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pfth, Dutch > All Languages.

In school we we're forced to learn French or German, I didn't want to learn them. year 9 or year 10 I would have had to learn Spanish, And I didn't want to learn that. They were just typical languages you had to learn, I wanted to learn something unique!

I like the dutch language, It's a bit tricky to master but it sounds so cool, And pronouncing words is like speaking in tongues.

And yes, Schools don't teach Dutch so I have to manually learn it, But there are a few videos on youtube that teach you the main verbs and stuff, So I think after a few weeks of watching these videos I'll get the basics down.

I also have a few friends who live in Holland and Rotterdam and I plan on meeting them sometime in my life, So my dutch would come in handy!

So I wasn't lazy when it came down to these languages, I just didn't want to learn them because they were just typical languages everyone learns. :V

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Sir Kane](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 16:05:38 GMT

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What the fuck. Dutch is one of the worst languages in existence.

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Likewise for the British. Travelling around Europe, you can get by just with English in most countries. Not ideally, but you can get by.

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 16:35:26 GMT

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What i find annoying is when people "tip liek dis wen tipin namuly dis dastor dis dust stoopid". I mean, i see people who can't even spell their own native language. Whats worse, is when people don't have English as their native language and they do a better job. It seems isolated to English, although i can't actually read Dutch or German, i never see anyone trying to correct them.

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 17:51:41 GMT

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Sir Kane wrote on Fri, 06 July 2007 11:05 What the fuck. Dutch is one of the worst languages in existence.

No, You.

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 21:06:10 GMT

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If you want to come here to America, you better learn English, because I sure as hell am not going to be forced to learn a language foreign to the country I live in. I'm not against learning another language, but I'm not going to learn one just because foreigners come to our country and can't speak it. If I were to go to your country you shouldn't have to learn English. I should have to learn your language.

I think American schools are dumbfounding the youth by having poor quality teachers who can't be fired because of the teachers union. Which reflects why more than half of American youth can't freaking spell or write properly. Just look at a lot of the people on these forums that can't even type legibly... its completely pathetic. The fact that there is a SPELL CHECK BUTTON on these forums and they still don't use it, well, that says something there...

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Sat, 07 Jul 2007 01:01:38 GMT

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Cause we don't live near 3-4 neighboring countries that speak a different language, we in the USA live by 2 countries, Mexico and Canada, Canada knows English also....we don't need another language to speak to them, but with Mexico, they don't understand English, so the two main languages ended up being English and Spanish.

GO DAVE! I might even move out of the USA, not because of the US, but because of illegal immigration, I'm tired of working and seeing soooo many people that can't speak English and look rough, I'm not being racist against Mexican people, but the illegal immigrants, just yesterday I had 5 families of Mexicans at where I work...can't really serve them when you can't understand Spanish and they don't even know English.....so they got mad at me after I simply asked them how was their day in English, the other 4 families got angry and stayed or left later on because I don't know why...I can't understand them...so I dunno maybe they didn't order what they wanted? Working part time at a fast food chain with heavy amounts of non-English speaking Mexicans is hard especially when you are busy and a line is out the door.

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Renerage](#) on Sat, 07 Jul 2007 05:05:24 GMT

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Because it's a pain in the ass to try and learn a language.
I did it with french, I never want to do it again.
Although, one exception would be Chinese.
Sounds like they say-

Ping tong ooo hi maa

I love it

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Sat, 07 Jul 2007 11:24:28 GMT
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If I go live in another country that doesn't have english as their primary language, i'll learn their primary language. Until then the only languages I'm learning are the coding variety.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Sat, 07 Jul 2007 16:57:24 GMT
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Jetcht is smart, you dont go to japan and expect everyone to speak english, only highschool students are smart people know english in japan, so really your going to have to learn japanese to live in japan...same for all countries, go there LEARN it.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [Jamie or NuneGa](#) on Sat, 07 Jul 2007 17:44:44 GMT
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Spoony wrote on Fri, 06 July 2007 01:39RoShamBo wrote on Fri, 06 July 2007 01:26Why is it that Brits and Americans don't know as many languages as other countries such as Germany?
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hes right why learn another language when so many people you communicate with know urs...

take this forum for example, look at peoples nationality's, yet this is an entirely english language forum.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [egg098](#) on Sat, 07 Jul 2007 18:26:36 GMT

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What Spooky said - everyone speaks English anyway. International business meetings in Hong Kong are done in English, most people in Europe speaks English, so you don't need it really. I guess IRC is your example of that along with these forums...

Oh before you say I'm lazy or something, I speak fluent French, Italian, and can have half a conversation in German!

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Posted by [Jamie or NuneGa](#) on Sat, 07 Jul 2007 22:57:46 GMT

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only them, you lazy. I speak english, scottish, american, australian, canadian

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Sat, 07 Jul 2007 23:12:12 GMT

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The problem with Dutch is that there are too many fucking exceptions to the rules. On the bright side, we have very few rules.

Oh and i can't wait for an englishman to try and pronounce a dutch sentence, as even most germans(which language is pretty closely related) struggle with it.

-Ghost-

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 01:23:14 GMT

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I hate it though when european people claim americans are retarded just cause they dont know languages like they do, and if we know some other language they dont know, they dont count it as being smart....4 people on ren, and 3 on other games have acted this way just cause they know german, dutch, or some other euro language....

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 03:28:44 GMT
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Europeans think Americans are retarded because they can't type out their own primary language.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 04:59:15 GMT
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The forums are operated by a English speaking American. It really is that simple.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 09:47:40 GMT
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RoShamBo wrote on Sat, 07 July 2007 22:28Europeans think Americans are retarded because they can't type out their own primary language.

Many Europeans can't either.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 12:08:54 GMT
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Thats right.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 14:25:37 GMT
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The worst grammar I've seen from people tends to be teenage girls about 15 or 16 from England/Scotland.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 15:28:40 GMT
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Whats weird, though, is typing (or trying to type) with good spelling is just as fast as text talk. I just don't get it, maybe on phones it's "faster" but it depends on the phone and the person.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [futura83](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 15:32:57 GMT
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On phones it is because there is a limited amount of characters allowed in one message, so people shorten down words...

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 15:43:59 GMT
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Like i said, depends on the phone, my phone allows unlimited sizes to be sent. Providing i have the "credit" my contract gives me £80 a month to spend on texts and talking. Thats 800 texts of 256 charaters, more than enough

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Posted by [Jamie or NuneGa](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 21:30:20 GMT
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cheers for that

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Posted by [Angelobianco](#) on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 13:44:28 GMT
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Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 15:08:27 GMT
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Grammar should be singular. And no 's after the first "it."

Not trying to be a jerk. Just making a point.

is English major

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 15:46:13 GMT
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Our economies and cultures currently doinate the world. When the Romans dominated, Latin was the world language, when Alexander ruled it was greek.

Maybee next millenium it will be Swahili, or God forbid, Dutch.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [Angelobianco](#) on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 17:02:13 GMT
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Eh eh eh even American boyz do grammar errors worse than Italian.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 19:52:41 GMT
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America, and some european countries are smart enough to speak one language... Learning multiple would make it much harder, and mis-communications would occur often. Though, Spanish is starting to become a language in America. Mexicans are taking over.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 21:49:00 GMT
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Angelobianco wrote on Thu, 25 October 2007 12:02Eh eh eh even American boyz do grammar errors worse than Italian.

And you're basing your logic, and reasoning on?...

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [Rocko](#) on Fri, 26 Oct 2007 05:10:48 GMT
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i speak jive talk

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [Angelobianco](#) on Fri, 26 Oct 2007 13:08:36 GMT
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No. I meant that American boys learned english very well like me, but they write it too fast, so they can miss a rule, sometimes. You must be slow if you wanna to be correct.

Subject: Re: Languages
Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Sat, 27 Oct 2007 14:56:01 GMT
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Angelobianco wrote on Fri, 26 October 2007 08:08No. I meant that American boys learned english very well like me, but they write it too fast. So they can miss a rule sometimes. You must be slow if you want to be correct.

I thought you could write better than us boys. No run ons.

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Posted by [Angelobianco](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 08:39:21 GMT
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'Cause i'm a English teacher who faces everyday retarded Italian boys in my classroom.

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Posted by [Wiener](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 12:34:27 GMT
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You better stop posting before one of your students reads your syntax and spelling mistakes

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Angelobianco](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 17:54:11 GMT

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thank you for the advise.. but i don't see any errors.

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 18:05:19 GMT

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Angelobianco wrote on Wed, 31 October 2007 11:54thank you for the advise.. but i don't see any errors.

Like lol

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Thu, 01 Nov 2007 00:37:11 GMT

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This is purely for corrective purposes. I don't mean to offend, but you asked for advice.

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"edited version"

No, I meant that American boys may have learned English very well like I have(could be wrong), but they write (omitted "it") too fast. (omitted "So")They may miss a rule sometimes. You must write(omitted "be") slowly if you want to be correct.

Some things I changed are just word choice. Granted, my corrections may be wrong as grammar is not my strong suit, but I tried.

Subject: Re: Languages

Posted by [Angelobianco](#) on Thu, 01 Nov 2007 08:55:05 GMT

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But this is Internet, and in Internet you usually go very fast because you pay every minute of connection, so errors are obvious. (Sorry, i said Advice, not Advise)
