

ENGLISH: SECOND LANGUAGE

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Language plays a crucial role during child's life, it is not just a social and knowledge tool that is used to communicate ideas and facts, but it also includes many uses such as; emotional expression, social interaction and expression of identity. These all help to develop a children's cognitive skill and prepare them for their lives as adults.

Therefore, language is not only a communication tool to deliver by human beings, but it is also one of the most important aspects of human life.

English as a second language plays an essential role in pupil's lives as it helps in communication. It is the main language for studying in most of the subjects all over the world. Learning the English language can help learners to communicate well with others. They may not feel ashamed to talk to anyone, especially to foreign people. It helps them to boost their confidence in speaking.

Becoming fluent in English is a realistic goal for many Filipino learners. Every language is splendid but English is the most commonly used language among foreign-language speakers. Throughout the world, when people with different languages come together they commonly use English to communicate (Lim, 2018).

Learning and practicing English is very essential because it can be the bridge to achieve satisfaction in one's life. It improves and excels one's chance of getting a nice job, helps one communicate to have more friends, and broadens one's social networking. Lastly, people that understand English can travel far more countries by themselves than people who do not speak English. Therefore, it is an advantage to learn English.

Furthermore, Milne (2018), today over 50% of the world's population can speak two or more languages, and over 1.5 billion people are learning a second language, above all English. We live in a global community which brings us all much closer together and we need in the least costs to be able to communicate effectively with one other. Having the ability to speak a second language as well as the mother tongue may be a great skill which will open many doors in one's personal and professional life.

English is also a universal language and through learning and practicing it, different races and cultures will be able to unite and communicate effectively. Humans have transformed over the years, and different languages have been developed. This has created a dissimilarity where they live and develop apart from each other. This diversity helped humans to become more than what they are, but miscommunication and misunderstanding rose together with this development. This also created a wall that keeps humans apart from each other.

Humans, as an intelligent species, created a language that will unite all races. This is English. Through this language, people can understand each other and the wall that keeps humans apart from each other will be destroyed.

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