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English as a Global Language

The basic factor for the establishment of a global language is that it is spoken by those who manage the power. A global language refers to a language that is used internationally. A common language that enables people to communicate regardless of their cultural and ethnical backgrounds. It also becomes global mainly due to the political and economic power of its native speakers.

The English language has been accepted as the global language among the speakers of thousands of different languages. So, how many people can speak and understand English in the world nowadays? Statistics show that right now there are about 380 million native speakers of English. But there are more than a billion people who speak English as a foreign language.

These figures are amazing for a language that not few people find hard to learn and hard to pronounce. However, some would also claim that it is also a relatively simple language. For example, new words can easily be created. In fact, there are more words in English than in almost any other language.

Most people think that English has become the common means of communication for speakers of different native languages. Currently, maybe a possible candidate for a replacement would be Chinese. If the Chinese economy continues to grow, will Mandarin turn into the common language? We will have to wait and see what the future brings.