

The Cambridge Encyclopedia Of English Language David Crystal

English language English is the most spoken language in the world, primarily due to the global influences of the former British Empire (succeeded by the Commonwealth of Nations) and the United States. However, English is only the third-most spoken native language, after Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. Cambridge University Press. ISBN 978-0-521-53033-0. It is the most widely learned second language in the world, with more second-language speakers than native speakers. David (2003b). The namesake of the language is the Angles, one of the Germanic peoples that migrated to Britain after its Roman occupiers left. "Subcontinent English is a West Germanic language that emerged in early medieval England and has since become a global lingua franca. Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language (2nd ed.). Crystal, David (2004)

English is either the official language, or one of the official languages, in 57 sovereign states and 30 dependent territories, making it the most geographically...

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English-speaking world 377-380.). pp. Crystal, David (19 November The English-speaking world comprises the 88 countries and territories in which English is an official, administrative, or cultural language. (ed. The countries in which English is the native language of most people are sometimes termed the Anglosphere. ISBN 978-0-08-044299-0. In the early 2000s, between one and two billion people spoke English, making it the largest language by number of speakers, the third largest language by number of native speakers and the most widespread language geographically. Elsevier. Speakers of English are called Anglophones. doi:10. 1016/B0-08-044854-2/04257-7. Encyclopedia of language & linguistics

While other accents and dialects from England have affected those of English in Wales, especially in the east of the country, influence has moved in both directions, those in the west have been more heavily influenced by the Welsh language, those in north-east Wales and parts of

the North Wales coastline it have been influenced by Northwestern English, and those in the mid-east and the south-east Wales (composing the South Wales Valleys... 3a0f539e22 It is difficult to define what constitutes a language as opposed to a dialect. For example, while Arabic is sometimes considered a single language centred on Modern Standard Arabic, other authors consider its mutually unintelligible varieties separate languages. Similarly, Chinese is sometimes viewed as a single language because of a shared culture and common literary language, but sometimes considered multiple languages. Conversely, colloquial registers of Hindi and Urdu are almost completely mutually intelligible and are sometimes classified as one language, Hindustani. Rankings of languages should therefore be used with caution, as it is not possible to devise a coherent set of linguistic criteria for distinguishing languages in a... 3a0f539e22 Crystal studied English at University College London and has lectured at Bangor University and the University of Reading. He was awarded an OBE in 1995 and a Fellowship of the British Academy in 2000. Crystal was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Lancaster University in 2013. Crystal is a proponent of Internet linguistics and has also been involved in Shakespeare productions, providing guidance on original pronunciation. 3a0f539e22

Welsh English In addition to the distinctive words and grammar, a variety of accents are found across Wales, including those of North Wales, the Cardiff dialect, the South Wales Valleys and West Wales. The dialects are significantly influenced by Welsh grammar and often include words derived from Welsh. ISBN 978-1-85359-032-0 Crystal, David (4 August 2003), The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language Second Edition, Cambridge University Press, ISBN 9780521530330 Welsh English comprises the dialects of English spoken by Welsh people 3a0f539e22

Language death New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. In The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language, Third Edition, edited by David Crystal, 382–387. By extension, language extinction is when the language is no longer known, including by second-language speakers, when it becomes known as an extinct language. "Language Planning". A related term is linguisticide, the death of a language from natural or political causes. In linguistics, language death occurs when a language loses its last native speaker 3a0f539e22

Old English... 3a0f539e22 Language death is a process in which the level of a speech community's linguistic competence in their language variety decreases, eventually resulting in no native or fluent speakers of the variety. Language death can affect any language form, including dialects. Language death should not be confused with language attrition (also... 3a0f539e22

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All such rankings of human languages ranked by their number of native speakers should be used with caution, because it is not possible to

devise a coherent set of linguistic criteria for distinguishing languages in a dialect continuum. For example, a language is often defined as a set of mutually intelligible varieties, but independent national standard languages may be considered separate languages even though they are largely mutually intelligible, as in the case of Danish and Norwegian. Conversely, many commonly accepted languages, including German, Italian, and English, encompass varieties that are not mutually intelligible. While Arabic is sometimes considered a single language centred on Modern Standard Arabic, other authors consider... 3a0f539e22

World language The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language. Crystal, David (1995). The term may also be used to refer to constructed international auxiliary languages. Ido, Interlingua). Cambridge [England]; New York: Cambridge University Press A world language (sometimes called a global language or, rarely, an international language) is a language that is geographically widespread and makes it possible for members of different language communities to communicate 3a0f539e22

Early Medieval England was the birthplace of the English language; the modern form of the language has been spread around the world since the 17th century, first by the worldwide influence of England and later the United Kingdom, and then by that of the United States. Through all... 3a0f539e22

List of languages by number of native speakers pp. 286-287. Routledge. Cambridge University Press. Crystal, David (1988). pp. ISBN 978-0-521-26438-9 This is a list of languages by number of native speakers. The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language. ISBN 978-0-7007-1129-1. 72-83 3a0f539e22

List of dialects of English The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language (Second ed.) Dialects are linguistic varieties that may differ in pronunciation, vocabulary, spelling, and other aspects of grammar. (2004), History of Language, Reaktion Books, ISBN 978-1-86189-594-3. Crystal, David (2003). For the classification of varieties of English in pronunciation only, see regional accents of English 3a0f539e22

English is the foremost world language and, by some accounts, the only one. Other languages that can be considered world languages include Arabic, French, Russian, and Spanish, although there is no clear academic consensus on the subject. Some writers consider Latin to have formerly been a world language. 3a0f539e22

Old English The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language. 32. It developed from the languages brought to Great Britain by Anglo-Saxon settlers in the mid-5th century, and the first Old English literature dates from the mid-7th century. The Story of English Old English (Englisc or Ænglisc, pronounced ['ɛŋɡliʃ] or ['æŋɡliʃ]), or Anglo-Saxon, is the earliest recorded form of the English language, spoken in

England and southern and eastern Scotland in the Early Middle Ages. After the Norman Conquest of 1066, English was replaced for several centuries by Anglo-Norman (a type of French) as the language of the upper classes. p. This is regarded as marking the end of the Old English era, since during the subsequent period the English language was heavily influenced by Anglo-Norman, developing into what is now known as Middle English in England and Early Scots in Scotland. Cambridge University Press. McCrum, Robert (1987). Crystal, David (1995) 3a0f539e22

The disappearance of a minor language as a result of the absorption or replacement by a major language is sometimes called "glottophagy". 3a0f539e22

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