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Importance of English Language in Modern World and ELLs Challenges- A Review

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ABSTRACT

English is considered as the most important language all over the world. It is an international language and several types of English speaking people are living around the world. Sometimes it is referred to as accents and is spoken by people in every real life situations. English language is divided in to two types namely American English and British English. The usage of English is entirely different among the people, not only in pronunciation but also in sentence structure, slang and vocabulary. This review article is based on the importance of English language in day today life. It also details an overview of English Language Learners (ELLs) in all parts of the world. This analysis also describes the challenges faced by a large number of ELLs. They go to foreign country for studies or jobs and stay there for more than six years, yet they are not developing their English language proficiency. A large number of people are still struggling without having proper English knowledge which is essential for academic and professional success. Hence, these ELLs require additional time, aligned assessments and appropriate instructional support for their higher growth and to obtain both content area knowledge and English language proficiency.

Keywords: English language learners, Communication skills, English language proficiency, Accents, Vocabulary.

1. INTRODUCTION

English is one of the commonly used spoken native languages around the world. It is also the primary language and most spoken official language in international affairs. The English language has an official status in every nation and is not a primary spoken language. It is a language for global trade and commerce. In several countries, officials and other authorities interact and involve in works only with the help of English. In the modern world, English communication is the main issue faced by people when they come across various interactions and different situations in life. The communication issues may possibly develop in any circumstances. English communication is not a simple term, but is a basic concept to understand social and cultural interaction. [1] All over the world, for every job opportunity, companies prefer persons who are best in internship and also possess good English communication skills. During the internship

period students may not concentrate much on English communication. Due to this reason, they may struggle during the time of job interview. It may arise if they are not familiar with the norms and practices of the English language. The communication problems arise in multinational workplaces and social encounters because of the usage of native language. [2] states that communication contains two parties of which one is the speaker and other is the listener. Sometimes there may be third parties too, in which case they are in-between the speaker and the listener. They carry messages from one person to another and acts as a media. Transmission of information is their primary goal. Therefore communication problems may develop at all three phases. [3] discussed about the interaction between two people, one is fluent in English and the other is not much fluent. During the communication, they are not able to understand the sentence properly and are not

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clear among themselves about what they mean each other. Finally they together get confused about their original messages. This may cause conflicts, misunderstanding and even criticism. [4] states that people from anywhere in the world must try to communicate each other using English language even if they are not fluent in English language. The continuous talk in English helps to overcome all troubles in speaking English and also helps in finding out the vocabulary meaning and in utilising that meaning in our daily conversation. The right way of development of communication skills is mainly related to basic learning of English language during school days. The learning of English language is very difficult and it contains certain norms particularly in the grammar section. [5] English Language Learner (ELL) has come to the forefront internationally among educators, workers and researchers because it differentiates the students and co-workers. It makes one to realize him/herself about the platforms that support their language learning needs. ELL is a person who is learning English language in addition to their native language. The teacher who is handling the ELL must know the value of the student, their weakness and fulfill their speaking and writing trouble.

2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELLS)

According to [6], the ELLs are students who are not fluent in English and often come from non-English-speaking homes and backgrounds. They usually need modified instructions in both English language and academic courses. Mostly ELLs contain the population from public schools. It is a miscellaneous group with variances in first language, ethnic background, levels of English language proficiency, quality of prior schooling, socioeconomic status etc. These students come from various schools, different family background experiences and have a wide variety of requirements. Successful education of an ELL needs to identify each student, give proper instructions, adjust and teach accordingly and carefully monitor the progress of the student [7]. Normally English Language Learners (EELs) do not have that ability to speak. They realize their full theoretical potential in schools and learning environments in which instructions are delivered to EELs completely in English. The

students are known as “English-Language Learners” after they complete an official assessment of their English learning. Thus they are tested in writing, speaking, reading and listening comprehensions. If the results of assessments show that the students will further struggle in regular academic courses, they may be joined in English Second Language (ESL) program [8]. [9] EELs in the beginning possess limited English skills, but once they get to the core of the English Skill language (ESL) program they feel very easy to overcome any hurdles in communication and sentence framing in English. The teachers should identify the possibility of students to achieve the standards of reading and literature, writing and research, language development, speaking and listening without establishing any error in vocabulary and conventions. ELLs must be able to monitor the academic progress of students and offer appropriate academic support for improving the English language in minimum two years [10].

3. THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING ENGLISH

[11] The importance of learning English cannot be exaggerated in an increasingly globalized world. Many countries include English as their second language in their school syllabus and children start learning English at their young age itself. The learning of English is the most important thing in today's world. Many people decide to study English as the first language along with their second language. English is considered as the most commonly spoken language and official language of nearly 53 countries. One out of five people can communicate or at least understand English. It is the language of science, computer, diplomacy, aviation, tourism etc. [12] English language skills increases the chance of getting a good job in a multinational company or else in finding a job abroad. Learning to communicate in English is an important way to enter a good position and finally succeed in the mainstream. Working knowledge of English language can help in creating many opportunities in international markets and regions. English letters are very less and so it is easy to learn it compared to other languages. The main thing is that English language has some procedure and grammatical rules. It is very important for the English learners to achieve a good

knowledge in English. It is also considered as the language of the internet and media industry. Many websites are written using English language and can be understood by people from any country. Since English is spoken by people in many countries, there are more than thousands of schools and colleges around the world which offer programmes only in English. If a person is good in English language, there are lots of opportunities waiting for them around the world [13].

3.1. Digital world

[14] states that the development of technologies has resulted in the language-translation software. The technologies use English as the primary language of the universe and all features of World Wide Web are mainly in English language. Hardware-installation guides, software manuals, product fact sheets of popular consumer electronics and entertainment devices are usually available in English language. The latest version of programs, free wares, sharewares, peer-to-peer social media networks and websites mainly use English language.

3.2. Higher learning

[15] International students from schools and colleges choose their primary language of instruction as English. During higher learning, English language is mostly used in various activities such as peer-to-peer journals, writing books, articles etc. The technical journals that give worldwide acclaim to technologists, engineers, scientists, and technocrats are being printed in English.

3.3. Job opportunities

[16] explains that the person having English language skills can avail many job opportunities in foreign countries. Multinational companies and other famous industries all over the world recruit professionals with multilingual skills but they also expect the candidates to have good English communication skills. American and British countries offer many employment opportunities to those people having skills to understand and communicate in English [17].

4. ACCENTS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

[18] explains about the accents of English which illustrate the wide varieties of variation in vocabulary, pronunciation

and grammar from Standard English referred as American English. British English differentiates dialect from accent that refers only to pronunciation. An educated English speaker can use the slang and vocabulary of American English, but if there are different speakers better they can speak using their own regional accent. American multilingual persons include pronunciation differences as part of their varieties. [19] A common error is to confuse a dialect with an accent, jumbling up the contrast between words people use and the sounds they make. The dialect is a reasonable term to use, when vocabulary and grammar are being considered alongside with pronunciation. But claiming to discuss about accent, someone will concentrate only on pronunciations. The pronunciation is a special element of accent which requires separate attention to be properly understood. The difference between American English and British English is mainly in stress used in words (eg) Garden-British English; Backyard/Yard- American English and spelling of the word (eg) neighbour- British English; neighbor- American English. Normally they both follow a reduction of the unstressed vowels. Today most of the people use standard English to speak. [20] In some rural areas, many older words, grammatical forms and phonetic variations are still used. But when a man or women like to show his/her self-importance in his/her traditions, he/she may resort to a few heritage differences in his/her speech.

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

[21] Today most of the people around the world are learning and studying English language in the beginning, because English has become one of the most important languages in all sectors. There are large number of English language coaching centres currently working in our world in order to support education, promote English learning and professional development worldwide. [22] discussed about one of the coaching centre named Educational Testing Service (ETS). They work hard to help the learners to follow their dreams of higher education and also help them for getting a good job in English-speaking environments. [23] suggested that the best way to improve the English language skill is to do the following things such as

- Engaging in the study materials

- Choose a well talented English teacher
- A chance to develop everyday informal ability using the skills such as reading, listening, speaking and writing.

English Language Arts (ELA) articulate hard grade-level expectations in the areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing to prepare all students for the college including English language learners [24]. Many countries are introducing English-language instruction earlier in school. Their main motive is to improve the communication skills of students and they need to succeed in a classroom by talking in English. English is the main business language and it has become almost a necessity among the people to speak English. Second-language learners also will get an advantage from teaching about how to overcome situations that they may face in their real life. So they are able to contribute on equal footing with native speakers in all features of social, economic, and civic activities. ELLs bring many resources with them which improve their education and can help society and schools. Many ELLs have first language and literacy knowledge and skills that boost their attainment of language and literacy in the second language. Moreover, they bring a collection of talents, cultural practices and perspectives that can develop in schools and societies. [25] Teachers and staffs at the school and district levels must have a well prepared knowledge in English language. They should be qualified enough to support ELLs while taking advantage of the strengths and skills they bring to the classroom. Opportunities are given in the classroom to discourse and communicate that allows ELLs to improve their communicative strengths in language arts. In today's world, English has become compulsory in every situation of life including schools, colleges and workplaces. Learning of English brings a variety of opportunities in every one's life.

6. CHALLENGES OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

[26] English language learners come from various cultural, social and educational backgrounds and each will often face a number of challenges in trying to integrate into the ELA classroom. To confuse matters further, teachers lack practical, research-based

information, resources and strategies needed to teach. Teachers are feeling difficult to find the character and life style of each EELs. Most of the EELs are from different countries and they find it very difficult to mingle with their co-learners. Other challenges faced by teachers of ELLs included the lack of elements to teach. Teachers also communicate over the widespread use of English language and academic levels but the truth is that they get only a little professional development on ways to teach ELLs. Many problems are faced by ELLs when they communicate with native speakers in English. This leads to misunderstanding of the cultural factors continued through the entire situation of communication. [27] explains that ESL learners adjust themselves differently to their new classroom environment depending on their life experiences and own background. ESL students face many challenges including adjustment to their classroom rules and expectations of the classroom, but they are aware of various differences between their abilities and skills. Further they frequently struggle to develop a sense of belonging. Many educators are facing the challenge of effective instructions in second language literacy. Examining the learning requirements of ELLs is a very difficult job for which one needs the collaboration and coordination during the course of the educational system. Due to this everyone must support the ELLs learning, starting with schools [28, 29].

7. CONCLUSION

This review concludes that English is perceived as one of the useful languages because for most of the jobs they prefer only a person with good English communication skills. English language is converting its multidimensional communicative framework day by day and in the development has improved its usefulness. It is available to us as an ancient tradition in addition to our own language. People in and around the world are speaking various slangs of English depending upon their life style. In the modern world English is a very useful language and can be helpful in every situations. English language serves us to communicate properly with others. Learning English never ends. There is the English dictionary which has so many words in it that most people have never even utilized. So learn one vocabulary every day and utilize that

in your daily conversation. Try to communicate with people in English, avoid using the mother tongue and continually learn to utilize the English language. A proper learning of English language helps in gaining knowledge and a prominent position in the society.

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