

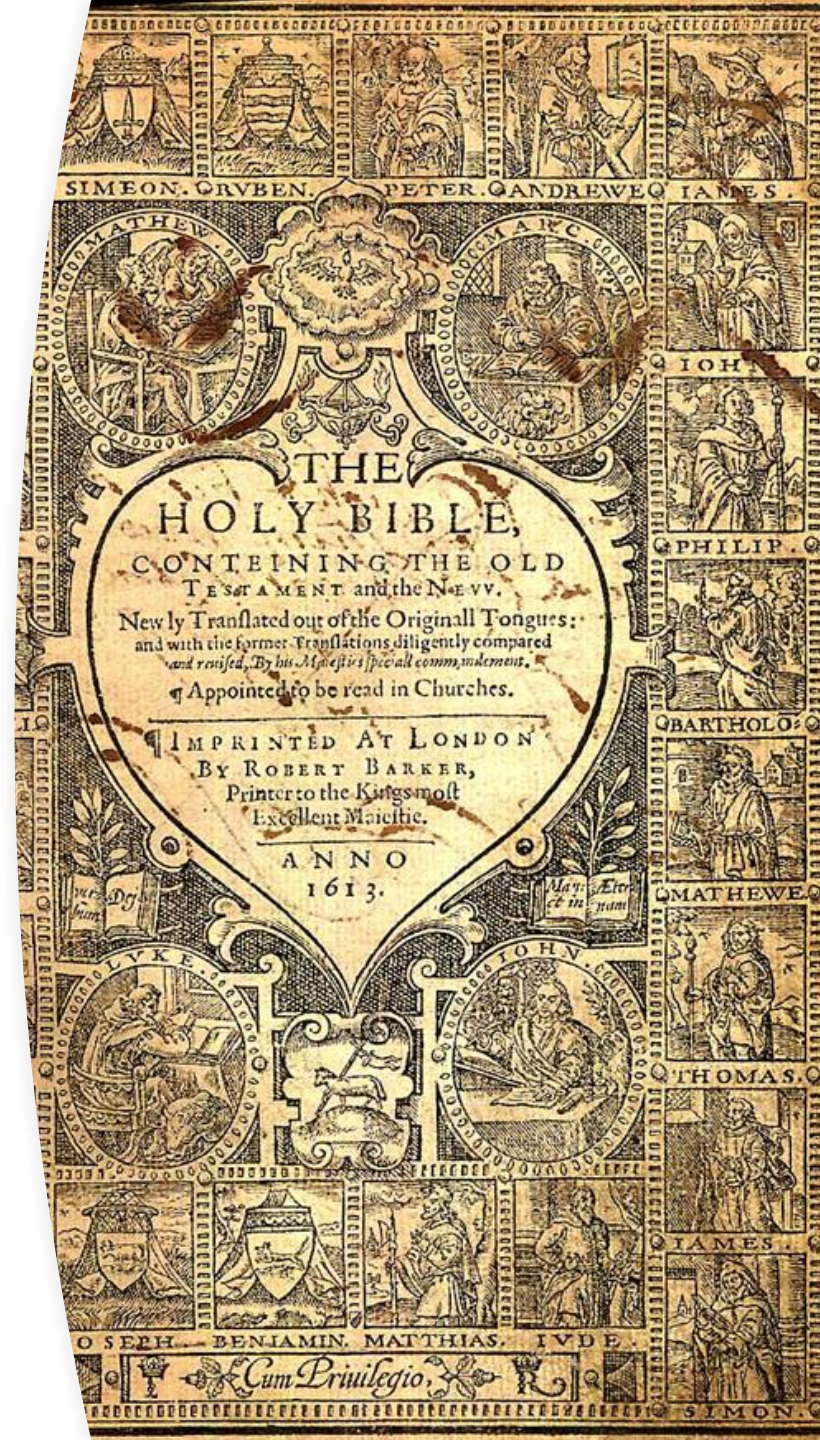
ENGLISH AS A LINGUA FRANCA

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The origins of the English language

The English language belongs to the West Germanic branch of the Indo-European family of languages. The closest undoubted living language relatives of English are Scots and Frisian. Frisian is a language spoken by approximately half a million people in the Dutch province of Friesland, and in nearby areas of Germany, and also on a few islands in the North Sea.

- 450 AD – 1150 AD: Old English
- 1150 AD – 1500 AD: Middle English
- 1500 AD – 1700 AD: Early modern English
- 1700 AD – 1900 AD: Modern English
- 1900 AD – Present: Late modern English



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Languages that have influenced Modern English

- 40% Anglo Saxon
- 30% French
- 15% Norse
- 7.5% Latin
- 5% Greek
- 2.5% other languages



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There are several approaches

According to Jakobson's functions of language, there are six types of them:

1. **Referential function** – this function refers to context. It usually describes situation, object, or its state. E.g. “The autumn leaves have all fallen now.”
2. **Poetic function** – is mainly used in poetry. It usually exists as is, and helps to distinguish poetry from other genres.
3. **Emotive function** – is not about the context of the statement, but about the emotions added to it. The good example is interjections and exclamations in it. E.g “Oh, such a pity”.
4. **Conative function** – is a function that is directed to the receiver, and usually goes in imperative character. Exclamation marks may be used. E.g. “Richard! Do open the window!”
5. **Phatic function** – the main aid is to “warm up” the conversation. It is usually about the small talks that precede the main conversation. E.g. “Hi”, “How are you?”, “Good bye”.
6. **Metalinguistic function** – is the use of language to describe itself.

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Noam Chomsky:

The language was designed not to facilitate communication, in terms of communicating ideas it's inefficient. It evolved as a mode of creating and developing thought.

Speech is an integration of language and sensimotor system.



it's easier to consume info that way
and to communicate

we need to rather be connected
than separated

it allows easy international
communication

they need to understand each
other, share their experience

of the need to cooperate in order to
solve global problems, resolve
conflicts etc.

it makes communication of people
all over the world easier

it is a convenient way of
communicating.

They need to build relations with
each other, exchange goods, they
need a language for their
international relations

Because our world is on the path of
equality and an equal language's
huge step forward

a simple and universal means of

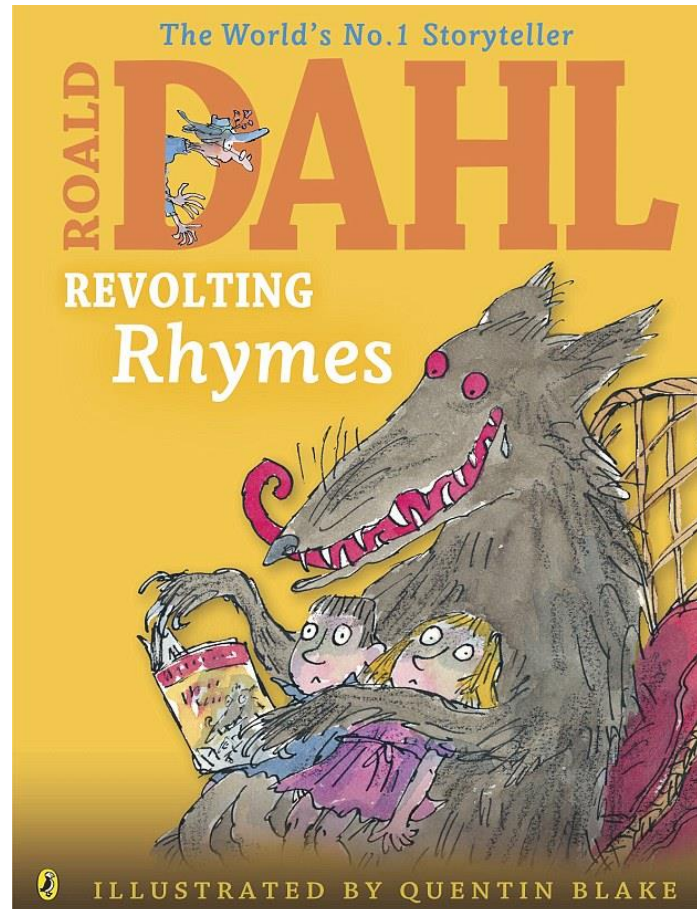
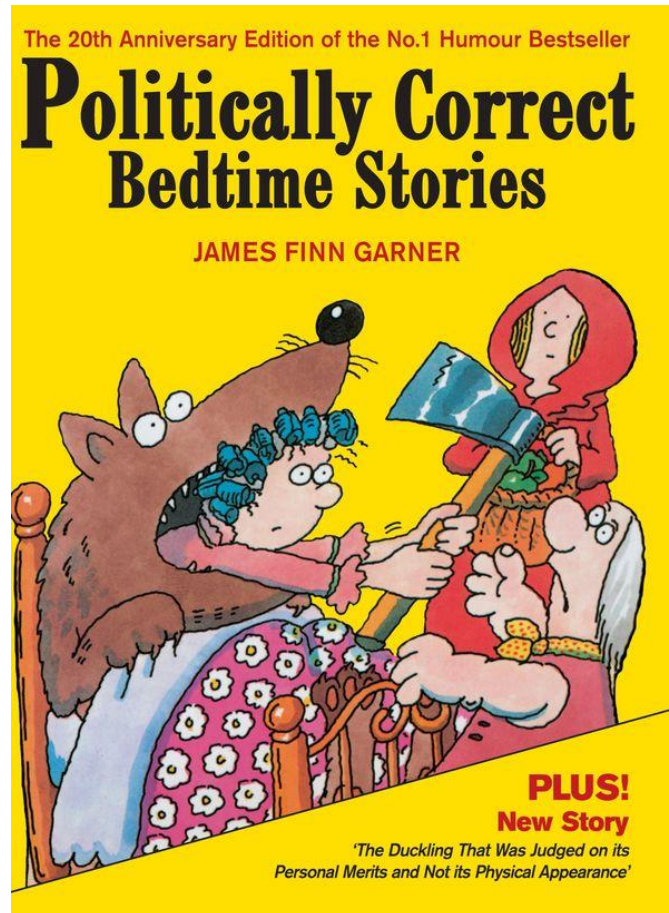
People need a global language because...



Why English has become a global language?

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Recommended reading and video



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