

Hi Guys,

I'm Nathalie from advanx language school, and in today's podcast I would like to talk to you about travelling and English. English is the universal language when you travel, and if you speak some basic English you will usually get along in most corners of the world. Even if you travel to Asia, you can communicate with most people in English. But why is that the case?

Of course England has had a big impact on the world in the past, when they started colonizing big parts of the world. This led to the situation we have today, which is that big parts of the world have English as their first or second language. English is officially spoken in countries like England, United States of America, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and even India. So English is a very common language in different corners of the world.

The other reason why English is such a global language is because it is quite easy to learn, especially compared to languages like German or French. So most people start learning English at school, and because of the rather easy structure, you can quickly use it to have simple conversations. This makes English a popular language to learn because you have a feeling of success quite fast.

Because a lot of blockbuster movies come from Hollywood and the original language is English, it also happens that many people from different countries watch movies and also TV shows in English. American music is also popular world wide, so people listening to that music are always exposed to the English language. This circumstance is also a reason why so many people around the world understand and speak English.

There are many more reasons why English is a global language of course. For those who want to travel the world, it is essential to speak basic English to be able to communicate with people from many different countries. So, let's improve our skills and take the following test on travelling, okay?