



## How did English become the world's most widely spoken language?

### Questions on the text.

- ❖ How many people speak English around the globe?
  - 1,800,000,000
  - 1,800,000
  - 18,000,000,000
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- ❖ Give the two major events in History which contributed to making English the world's most widely spoken language:
  - 1)
  - 2)
- ❖ In the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century what was the first language spoken in the world?
- ❖ "According to a popular saying, "the sun never set on the British Empire (lines 17/18)." What does the popular saying, "the sun never set on the British Empire" mean? Use your own words.

❖ **Say whether the following statements are right <R> or wrong <W> and justify by quoting from the text.**

- In some countries such as Canada and Australia, indigenous languages almost disappeared because of English **R W**
- The most widely spoken language within the European Union is English. **R W**
- Many foreign brands use English in their advertisements even if the brand is from a non-English speaking European country (Spain for example.). They think it makes their products trendy. **R W**
- English is the language of research, development and publication. **R W**
- It is said that English will probably stop being the world's first language. **R W**