

English in the World and Vietnam

English is the global language; it is an official language in 76 countries and a second language in 55 countries, after their mother tongue. People who are bilingual and can speak two or three languages fluently have an enormous advantage. English has many uses, such as travel, studying abroad, working for multinational companies, or even emigrating, so its dominance will only increase.

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In Vietnam, the number of establishments operating as English centres and making grand promises has ballooned and the demand is massive, but the quality of the teachers has not been verified. Books and online lessons can make similar promises, with many claiming to teach pronunciation, listening, speaking, and grammar. Yet not all teachers are qualified. Some Vietnamese teachers speak with accents or in dialects that are incomprehensible to other English speakers, while some foreign teachers - often "backpackers" - have no ability to teach something they never studied but only learned by imitating their parents. Vietnamese students must therefore be smart learners and choose a reliable place to study before spending their money or their valuable time.

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In how many countries is English an official language?

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Why do you want to learn English?