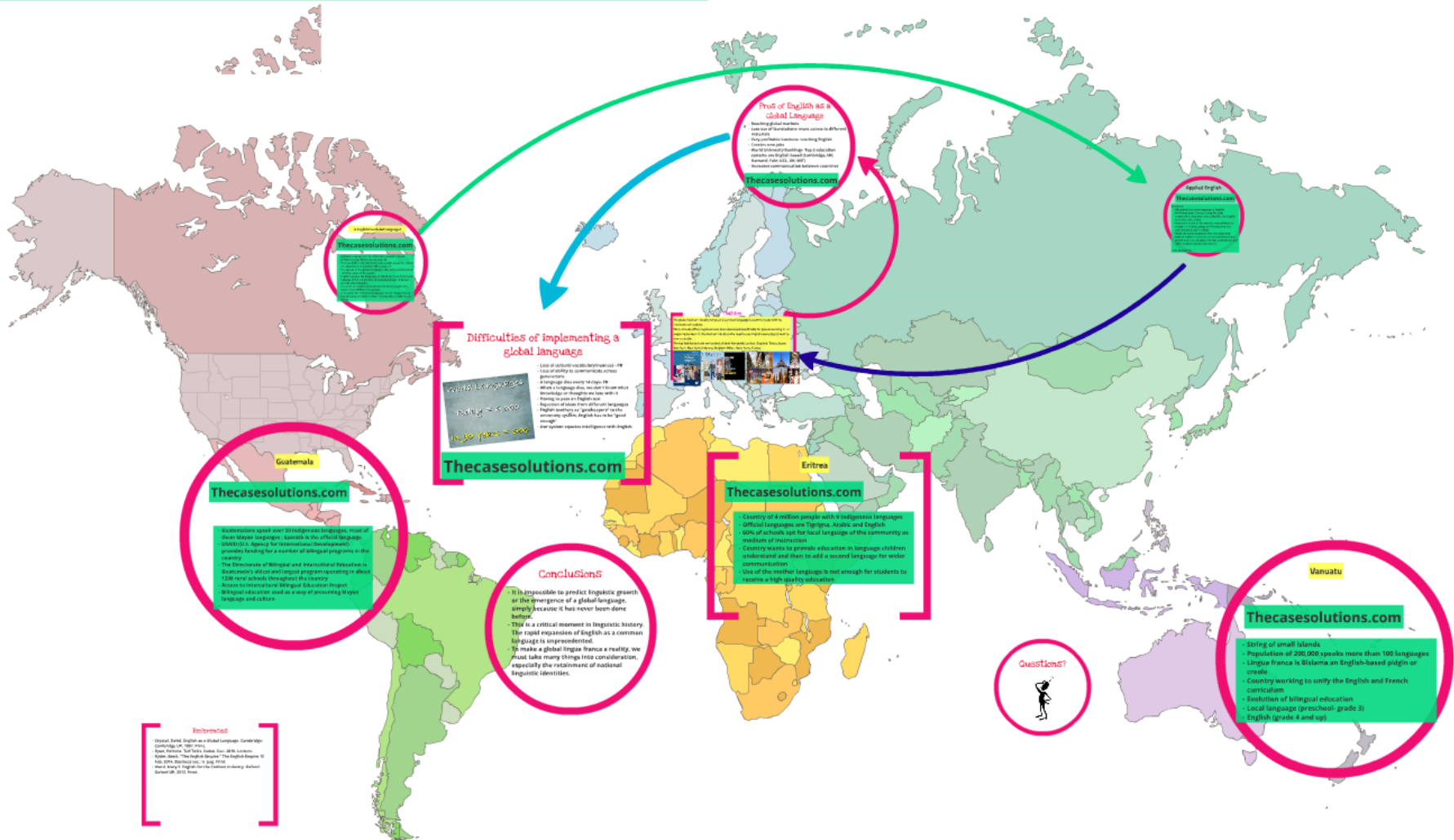


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Is English the Global Language?

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- A global language can be referred to as such when it achieves recognition in every country.
- This has little to do with how many people speak it--- rather it is important to consider WHO speaks it.
- The spread of the global language reflects the political and military power of its people.
- English became the language on which the "sun never sets" because of the industrial and economic power of Britain and the United States.
- It is used as a communication tool to unite people who speak many different languages.
- It becomes the "common language" or the "lingua franca."
- Introduction of TOEFL in 1964-- making this a fairly recent trend

Applied English

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Business:

- The global business language is English.
- With Mandarin Chinese being the only competition, it seems more plausible for English to be the first choice.
- Mandarin is one of the world's most difficult to master, it is least computer-friendly and not entirely universal in China.
- Multinational companies find that adopting English makes it easier to recruit globally, reach global markets, integrate foreign acquisitions and address global production teams.

- The Economist

Pros of English as a Global Language

- Reaching global markets
- Less use of translations- more access to different materials
- Very profitable business- teaching English
- Creates new jobs
- World University Rankings- Top 5 education systems are English based (Cambridge, UK; Harvard; Yale; UCL, UK; MIT)
- Increases communication between countries

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Difficulties of implementing a global language

World Languages

Today = 6,000

In 90 Years = 600

- Loss of cultural vocabulary/nuances - PR
- Loss of ability to communicate across generations
- A language dies every 14 days- PR
- When a language dies, we don't know what knowledge or thoughts we lose with it
- Having to pass an English test
- Rejection of ideas from different languages
- English teachers as "gatekeepers" to the university system. English has to be "good enough"
- Our system equates intelligence with English

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Vanuatu

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- String of small islands
- Population of 200,000 speaks more than 100 languages
- Lingua franca is Bislama an English-based pidgin or creole
- Country working to unify the English and French curriculum
- Evolution of bilingual education
- Local language (preschool- grade 3)
- English (grade 4 and up)

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Eritrea

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- **Country of 4 million people with 9 indigenous languages**
- **Official languages are Tigrigna, Arabic and English**
- **60% of schools opt for local language of the community as medium of instruction**
- **Country wants to provide education in language children understand and then to add a second language for wider communication**
- **Use of the mother language is not enough for students to receive a high quality education**



Guatemala

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- Guatemalans speak over 20 indigenous languages, most of them Mayan languages ; Spanish is the official language
- USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development) provides funding for a number of bilingual programs in the country
- The Directorate of Bilingual and Intercultural Education is Guatemala's oldest and largest program operating in about 1200 rural schools throughout the country
- Access to Intercultural Bilingual Education Project
- Bilingual education used as a way of preserving Mayan language and culture
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