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English is a West Germanic language in the Indo-European language family, whose speakers, called Anglophones, originated in early medieval England.

The namesake of the language is the Angles, one of the ancient Germanic peoples that migrated to the island of Great Britain. Modern English is both the most spoken language in the world and the third-most spoken native language, after Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.

It is also the most widely learned second language in the world, with more second-language speakers than native speakers.

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History of the English language in brief

In the 5th century the region of Britain, inhabited by the Bretons, was invaded by three Germanic tribes coming from the North Sea (the Jutes, the Angles and the Saxons) who spoke a kind of Celtic, but laid the foundations for the process of creating the English language.

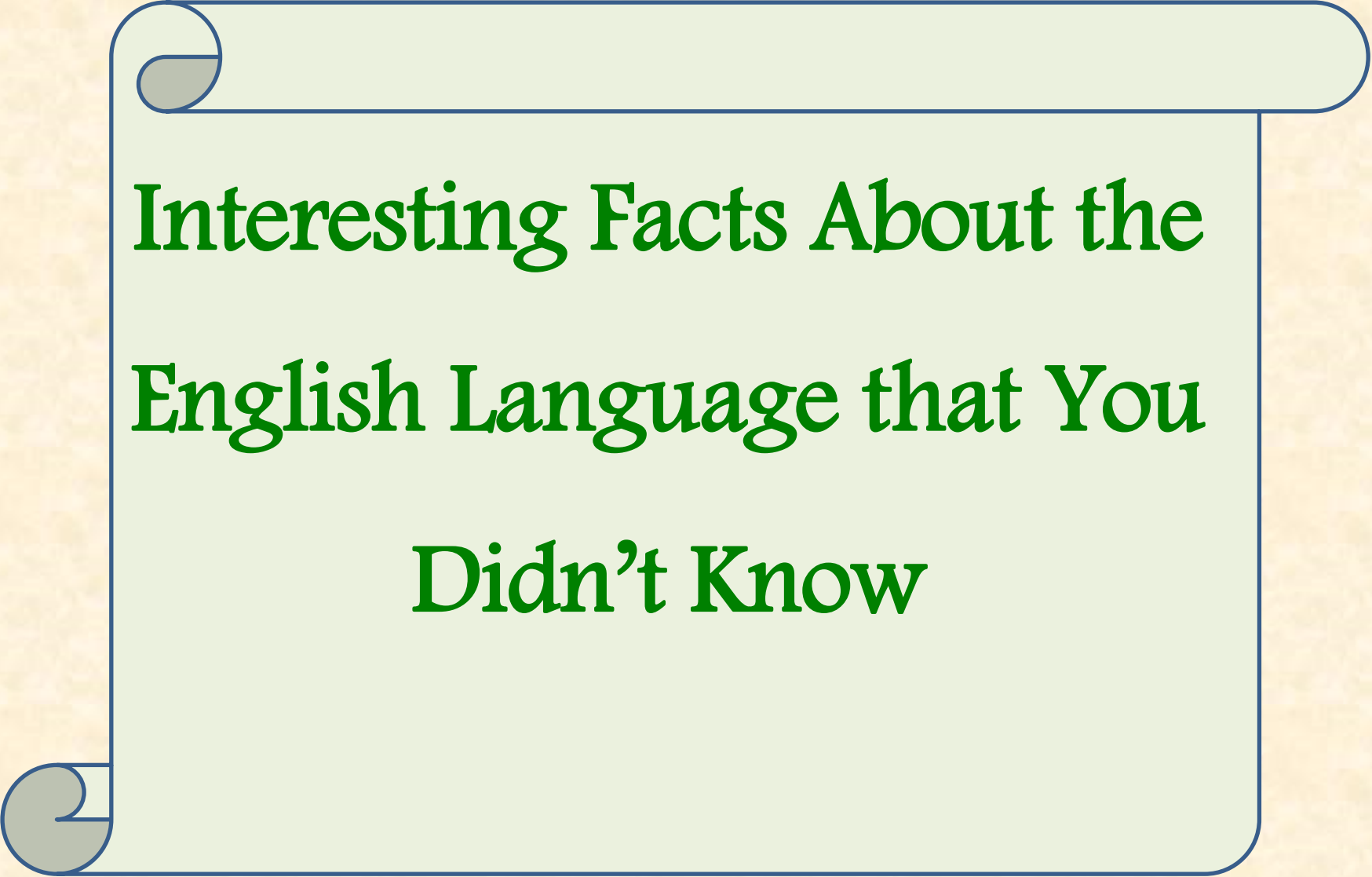
The name Anglia – England – comes from the union of the two words **Angles – land**, the land inhabited by the English. Later, the Vikings, the Normans (French speakers) came there and brought their contribution to the new language.

*F*rom the 5th to the 11th century, the dialect we now call Old English was used.

True modern English was formed in the 18th, 19th, 20th centuries with industrialization. And now, in the 21st century...

English has become the official language in many countries and the main foreign language studied almost all over the world. It has many slightly different dialects.

Surely you have heard of American English versus British English (a kind of battle of prides), but in addition to these very significant are also Australian, Indian, South African, Canadian English.



**Interesting Facts About the
English Language that You
Didn't Know**

Compared to other languages, English may seem simple, but most people probably don't realize that it's full of inventions, misinterpretations, mistakes, weird words!

Let's take a look at some interesting facts about the English language.

Did you know that *enneacontakaienneagon*
is *actually* a word in the English language?

(And you thought pronouncing
supercalifragilisticexpialidocious was difficult?).

In fact, the meaning of the word is just as
bizarre as the word itself: it's a shape with
ninety-nine sides.

“I am” is the shortest complete sentence in
the English language.

A pangram sentence is one that contains
every letter in the language.

For example, the sentence

**“The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy
dog” is a pangram.**

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious is NOT the
longest word in English.

This extra long word (that approximately means
“fantastic”) was popularized by the movie Mary
Poppins and was eventually added to the
dictionary.

What you probably didn't know is that there is a
word that is longer—yes longer—than this one.

Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis
is a type of lung disease caused by inhaling
ash and dust.

Go ahead and try pronouncing that!



*E is the most used letter in the English Language.
11% of the entire English language is just the letter **E**.

*The most commonly, shortest and oldest used word is **I**

*The oldest English word that is still in use is **'town'**.

*The most common adjective used in English is **'good'**.

The shortest, oldest, and most commonly used word is “I.”

Medieval manuscripts reveal that some of the

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oldest words in English are

“I,” “we,” “two,” and “three.”

This makes “I” one of the shortest and oldest words

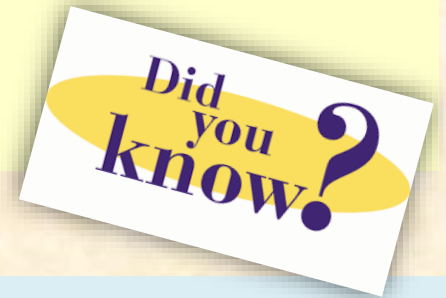
in the English language. It is also the most

commonly used word in English conversations.

*Did you know that English doesn't use grammatical genders, the shortest complete sentence is **"Go!"**, or that **"Queueing"** is the only word with five consecutive vowels?

Did you know that the sentence **"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"** uses all 26 letters of the English alphabet. As such, it's often used to test typewriters and keyboards.

The letter "a" is missing from all digits and numbers between 0 and 999;



The acronym LOL (laugh out loud) was introduced in the Oxford English dictionary in 2011;

English is the official language of the airlines. All flight-related operations are expressed in English;

Did you know that the most common adjective in the English language is the word **"good"**, while the most used noun is **"time"**.

Some of the oldest words in the English language are still very common today.

Among them are **I, we, love, mother, fire, give, hand, hear or...** Many of these words began to be used before the year 900.

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Did you know that English is *not* the official language of the United States.

Many multilingual countries promote an official language, but the US has never done so with English. In fact, the US has no official language from a federal level.



Trouble-free Grammar

And now let us not forget
what we have learned



What Is “Consonance”?

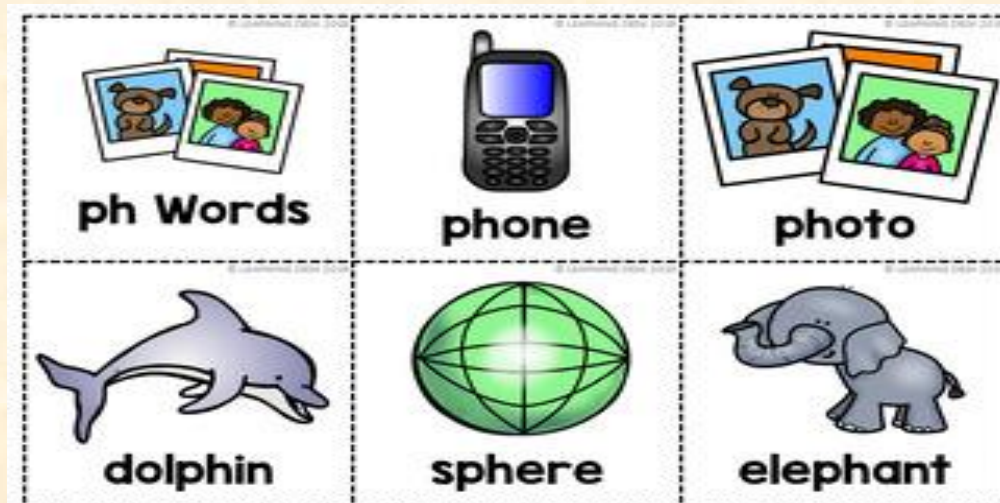
What is consonance in English? It has the same sounds exercised in succession, like these s sounds from the letters s, x, and c. Consonance comes in handy for poetry, lyrics, and all kinds of writing.

It occurs when two words have the same consonant sound following different vowel sounds.

For example, the **words 'same' and 'home'** have the same 'm' sound, but the vowel sounds before it are different. The first is a long 'a' and the second a long 'o'.

Consonance is a stylistic literary device that **uses the sounds of similar consonants in words, a sentence or phrase.**

These consonants don't have to be the same, just the sounds. For example, words with an "f" or "ph" or even "gh" sound the same but use different consonants.



What Is “Assonance”?

Assonance is a literary technique that makes use of repeating vowel sounds within words, phrases or sentences.

It's sometimes also called '*vowel rhyme*' because it has a similar effect in a piece of text as rhyming does. When we talk about rhyming, we usually mean that the sound at the end of two or more words are similar.

What is assonance *vs* consonance?

Both terms are associated with repetition—
assonance is the repetition of vowel sounds and
consonance is the repetition of consonant
sounds . Consonance can appear in the
beginning, middle, or end of a word.
Like assonance, consonance is frequently used in
poetry to establish a rhythm.

What is a palindrome, and what does it mean?

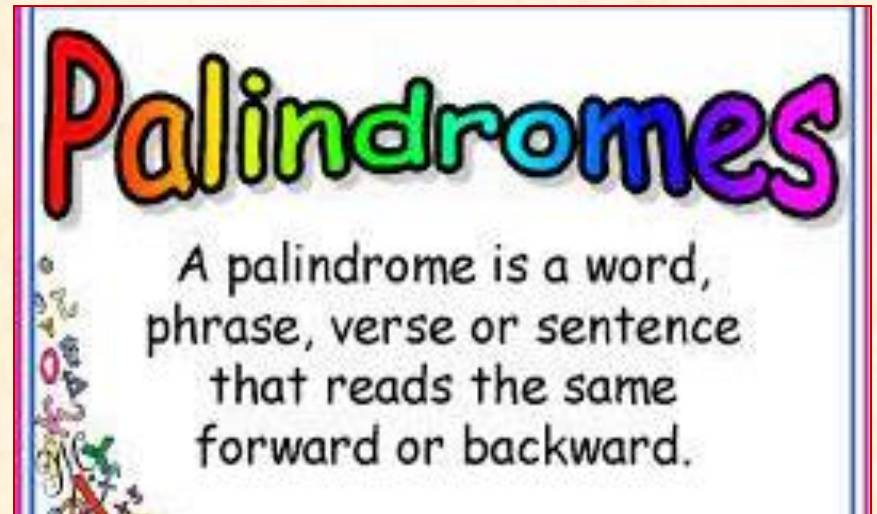
Palindromes are words or phrases that read the same in both directions.

It derives from Greek roots that literally mean “running back” (palin is “again, back,” and dromos, “running.”)

The word appears to have been created in English based on these roots in the early 1600s.

Here are some examples:

- *civic, stars, madam,
- *Hanah, radar, level, rotor, kayak and refer.
- *Live not on Evil
- * Step on no pets!



Learn English daily!

ENGLISH IS YOUR FRIEND

English opens the world for you.

English is your friend and guide in a world of global communication.

English is a means of communication having a long history, culture, many funny things and many profound ones. Paradoxes, symbols, tradition and innovation combined, all waiting to be discovered. Not to mention British humour! It is worth starting to learn about the English language.

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