**Interesting facts about English Language**

*#1 Sole official language*

English is the sole official language in 31 nations. An additional twenty nations identify English as one of two or more official languages.

*#2 Facts and figures*

California leads the nation in the number of limited English speaking proficient people, wiyh 19.8 percent of its population (around 6.9 million people) struggling to read, write, speak or understand English. Texas is second with 14.4 percent of its population (3.4 million people) classified as LEP, followed by New York at 13.5 percent, New Jersey at 12.5.

*#3 Studying English is more popular in Asia*

Nationally produced and published English newspapers can be found in every major capital city across Asia. More people are studying English in Asia than in any other part of the world. China alone has more than 200 million.

English sometimes enables different ethnic groups in the same country to communicate with one another, as in the Philippines, India and Singapore, helping to establish a sense of nationhood.

*#4 Richest in vocabulary*

All of the world’s language i.e around 2700; English is arguably the richest in vocabulary and the Oxford English dictionary lists about Five lacs words and there are a half million technical and scientific terms still uncatalogued.

*#5 Widely used*

Three quarters of the world’s mail, telexes and cables are in English.

English is the medium for 80% of the information stored in the world’s computers.

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