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- 1. English is a lingua franca even though Arabic and Spanish have more native speakers. Chinese isn't growing faster than English as a global language.
- 2. Due to colonization, English spread widely. The US became a major player in the global economy and culture and a military superpower as well. Now most English speaking countries have strong economies and English is the main language of commerce i.e. when buying and selling goods.
- 3. Indigenous and minority languages suffer the most. It's not necessary to speak them in Anglophone (English speaking) countries as in most jobs you'll need to speak English.
- 4. It's not true that English would be pushing languages such as Russian or Japanese back. Young people still use them if they are their native languages rather than English. This is contrary to what many people seem to believe is happening.
- 5. Some French people used to be upset by the use of English words. Nowadays most people aren't worried. It's mostly only the Académie Française and French people with a strong national feeling who still would like to keep English away from French.
- 6. We should relax more and let language develop. Borrowed words make a language more meaningful and precise.