The evolution of English

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THE AIM OF OUR PROJECT.

To find out why English is so popular that it is becoming a global language of our world.

Our tasks were:

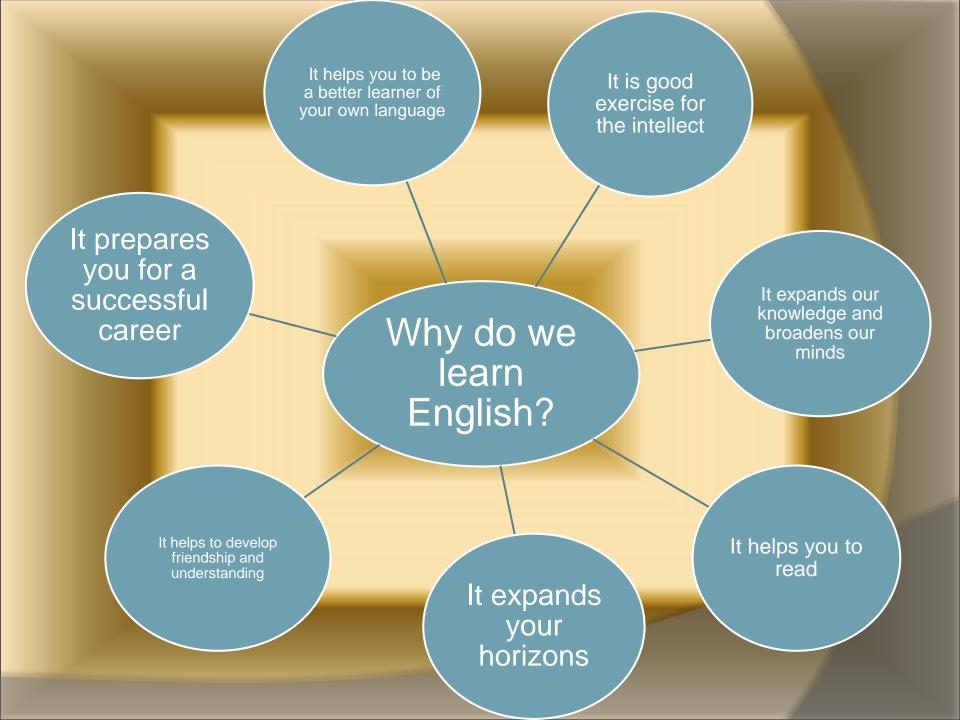
- 1. To carry out the research and write it up;
- 2. To work through the information and to create the project development plan;
- To create slides;
- 4. To prepare the presentation of the project:
- to give a short summary of the main ideas;
- to please the listeners.

Contents.

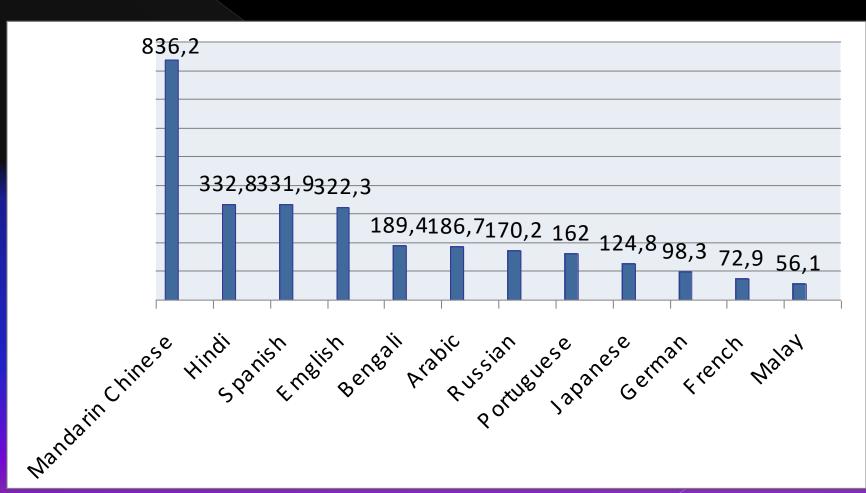
- The aim and the tasks;
- Introduction:
 - 1. the result of the poll.
- The Evolution of English:
 - 1. a brief survey of the Brutish history;
 - 2. the development of the language;
- English closest neighbors:
 - 1. vocabulary;
 - 2. phonetics;
 - 3. grammar;
- Conclusion.

ACTUALITY OF THE PROBLEM

We have decided to make this project because we love English and are interested in studying it. We understand perfectly well that English makes people's life more fruitful, interesting and enjoyable and really helps you live, because - Look at the spider gram and you'll understand every thing.



The most spoken world languages (in millions)



ENGLISH IN MODERN WORLD







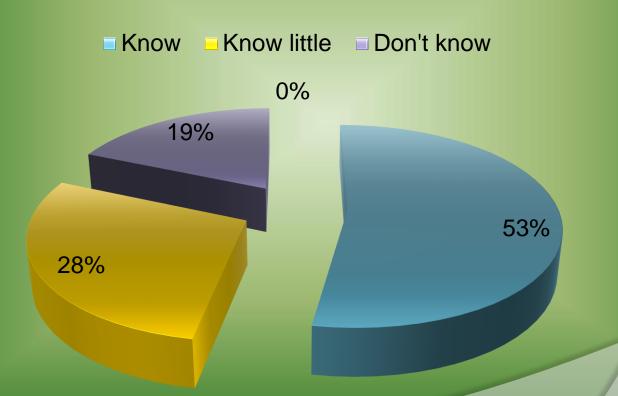
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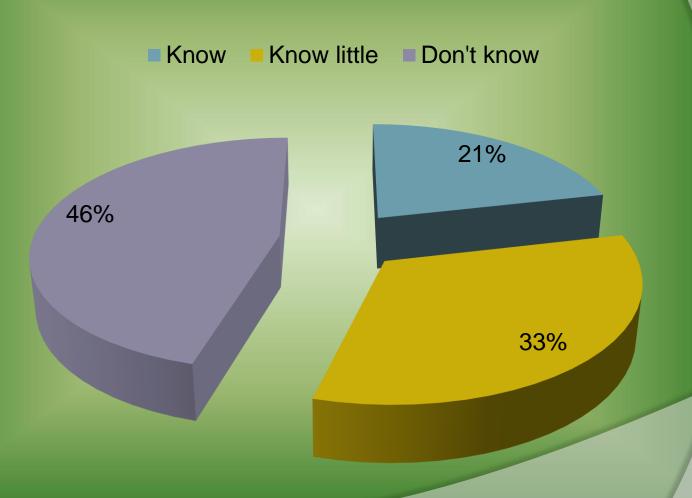




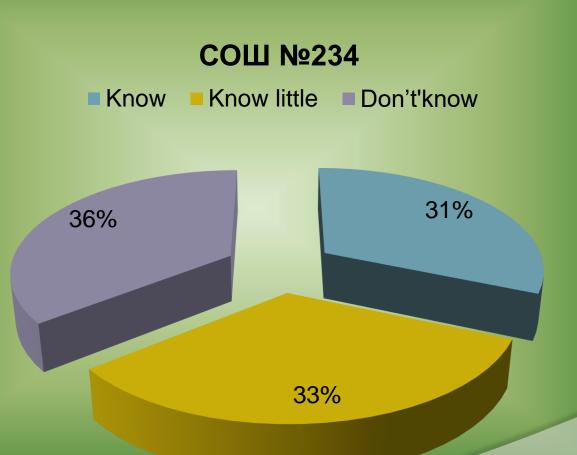
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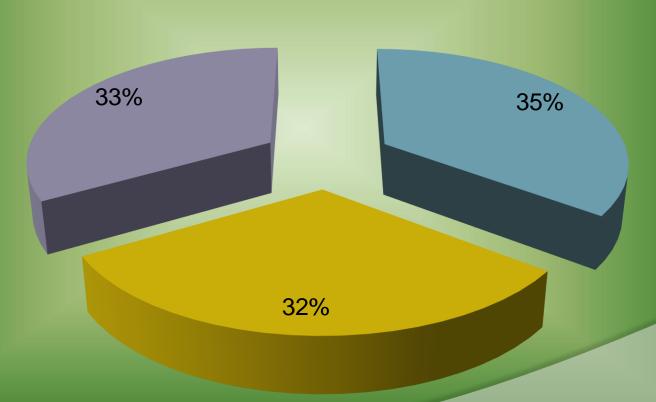


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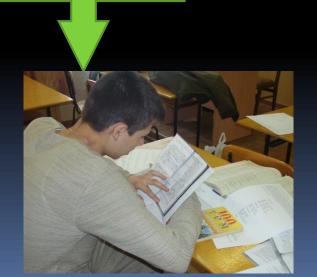














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<u>7th</u>	Latin and Greek	Latin: monk, priest, school, cook, paper, candle; Greek: theatre, arithmetic, geography, mathematic.
<u>8 -10th</u>	Norse	Get, wrong, leg, want, skin, serve, low.
<u>1066</u>	French	Manor, noble, baron, arms, navy, battle, victory



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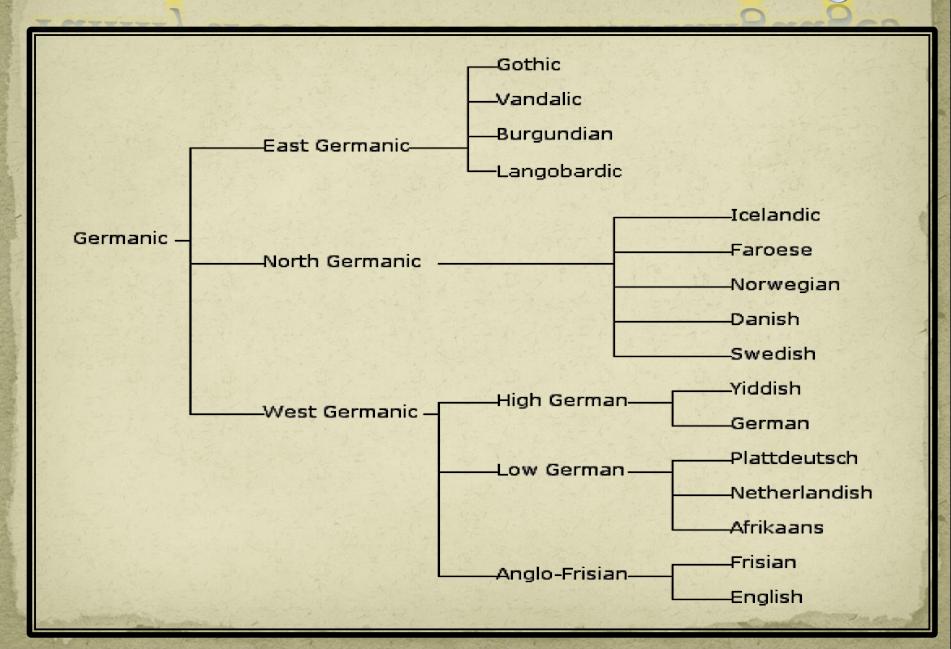
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Family tree of the German languages



Phonetic.

If to speak about phonetic changes, the words of Anglo – Saxon or Old English were pronounced quite differently from Modern English. P, b, t. k, m, n, l, r, and x were pronounced as they are today. But then trouble begins:

A number of letters changed the pronunciation depending on what letters are around them.

Vowels were pretty easy.

The Great English Vowel Shift.

From Old English to Middle English to Modern English, the vowels have obviously shifted.

The most dramatic changes occured between the late part of Middle English and the early part of Modern English, and didn't stabilize until about 1600. This is known as the Great English Vowel Shift:

long e (like French é)
long o (like French eau)
Long i (which was pronounced like ee today)
long ou (like oo in boot today)
ai (then pronounced like our long i in kite)

Consonants also changed, but not as dramatically. One change was the dropping of I's between vowels and consonants (so talk became "tawk").

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long vowels
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bate -- ba:t > be:t > be:t beat -- be:t > be:t > bi:t

beet - be:t > bi:t

bite -- bi:t > bait > bait

boot - bo:t > bu:t

bout -- bu:t > bout > baut

diphthongs

bait -- bait > be:t bawl -- baul > bo:l mute -- mu:t > myu:t

short vowels

bat -- bat > bæt bet -- bet > bɛt bit -- bɪt bot(tle) -- bot > bɔt > bat butt -- but > bot > bʌt

others

walk -- walk > wok caught -- kauxt > kot bought -- bouxt > bot

Grammar.

Modern English only really has five grammatical affixes left: -s for plural nouns, -'s for genitive nouns, -s for third person singular verbs, -ed for the past tense and the past participle, and -ing for the present participle. Unfortunately for learners of English, it still has several irregular verbs (e.g. to be and to have) and a large number of strong verbs (e.g. sing-sang-sung), plus a few irregular plurals (e.g. child-children, manmen...). Nevertheless, people around the world find English relatively easy, with one huge exception: English has the worst spelling of any language using the Latin alphabet! Unlike most other European languages, we have not had any major updates in spelling since Shakespeare's time.

Daydays

HE PLAYS

Boy boys

Play - played

Play - playing

Conclusion.

- As you can see English hasn't stopped developing, enriching and enlarging.
- There are a lot of different varieties of English in the world besides British and American variants. It proves that it is really very popular because it is easy, musical and beautiful. It is really the global language of today and the nearest future.

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