

## **English as an international language**

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### **Introduction**

Today English is considered to be an international language. The situation causes a lot of disputes. The existence of an international language helps to unite all nations, to overcome language barriers. But a rather big category of people considers that the situation may result in gradual absorbing of all other languages and finally, the cultural values of each nation will be left behind.

### **Aim**

The work studies English as the main international language and proves its necessity in different fields, including the military.

### **Materials and methods**

We have studied and analyzed the results of several surveys and researches. The European Commission survey carried out in 2002, asked about the language which the Europeans consider to be their second language. The report "Europeans and languages", carried out by the Association of the international researches (INRA), determining the reasons for

learning of foreign languages. Tests in foreign languages of the military were intended for the staff officers of NATO.

### **Results**

According to survey of the European Commission the second languages noted by the Europeans were as follows: English (41%), French (19%), German (10%), Spanish (7%). Less than a half (47%) respondents noted that they didn't know any other language, except the native. They were asked what two languages except native, the Europeans found the most useful for studying, and 75% noted English, 40% - French, 23% - German, 18% - Spanish. The report "Europeans and languages" determines several groups specifying various reasons for learning foreign languages. People with higher education chose "for holiday abroad", "to be capable to communicate at work", "to read at work", and "for business trips". The second group includes school pupils and students. They learn a foreign language for using the Internet, and for training in other country. Interesting answers were chosen by the third group including the young unemployed and housewives. They noted that the second language is necessary for them for "communication with friends", "watching movies" and "listening to the radio". The tests proved that nowadays military man, who doesn't know a foreign language isn't a military. The courses in the specific English widespread in the military open big prospects and give real promotion.

### **Conclusion**

So, it is obvious that nowadays English is really considered and proved to be the main international language. The existence of an international language is favorable not only for individuals, but for the development and cooperation of the world society. It is necessary in all fields of life, including the military.