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If the Almighty were to rebuild the world and asked me for advice, I would have English Channels round every country. And the atmosphere would be such that anything which attempted to fly would be set on fire.

Winston Churchill

We have always found the Irish a bit odd. They refuse to be English. Winston Churchill

If one could only teach the English how to talk, and the Irish how to listen, society here would be quite civilized.

Oscar Wilde

The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help.

Ronald Reagan

"I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?

George Carlin

Every immigrant who comes here should be required within five years to learn English or leave the country.

Theodore Roosevelt

I speak two languages, Body and English.

Mae West

The English have all the material requisites for the revolution. What they lack is the spirit of generalization and revolutionary ardour.

Karl Marx

The one great principle of English law is to make business for itself. Charles Dickens

I alone of English writers have consciously set myself to make music out of what I may call the sound of sense.

Robert Frost

Yeah, Wacko Jacko, where did that come from? Some English tabloid. I have a heart and I have feelings. I feel that when you do that to me. It's not nice. Michael Jackson

Socialism is the same as Communism, only better English. George Bernard Shaw

In this country, it doesn't make any difference where you were born. It doesn't make any difference who your parents were. It doesn't make any difference if, like me, you couldn't even speak English until you were in your twenties. Arnold Schwarzenegger

Opera in English is, in the main, just about as sensible as baseball in Italian. H. L. Mencken

Today, for the first time in history, a Bishop of Rome sets foot on English soil. This fair land, once a distant outpost of the pagan world, has become, through the preaching of the Gospel, a beloved and gifted portion of Christ's vineyard. Pope John Paul II

We don't just borrow words; on occasion, English has pursued other languages down alleyways to beat them unconscious and rifle their pockets for new vocabulary.

Booker T. Washington

Viewed freely, the English language is the accretion and growth of every dialect, race, and range of time, and is both the free and compacted composition of all. Walt Whitman

Belladonna, n.: In Italian a beautiful lady; in English a deadly poison. A striking example of the essential identity of the two tongues.

Ambrose Bierce

Even if you do learn to speak correct English, whom are you going to speak it to?

Clarence Darrow

English is necessary as at present original works of science are in English. I believe that in two decades times original works of science will start coming out in our languages. Then we can move over like the Japanese.

Abdul Kalam

Of the love or hatred God has for the English, I know nothing, but I do know that they will all be thrown out of France, except those who die there.

Joan of Arc

Being "contented" ought to mean in English, as it does in French, being pleased. Being content with an attic ought not to mean being unable to move from it and resigned to living in it; it ought to mean appreciating all there is in such a position.

Gilbert K. Chesterton

I don't know why you use a fancy French word like detente when there's a good English phrase for it - cold war.

Golda Meir

My English text is chaste, and all licentious passages are left in the decent obscurity of a learned language.

**Edward Gibbon** 

The French want no-one to be their superior. The English want inferiors. The Frenchman constantly raises his eyes above him with anxiety. The Englishman lowers his beneath him with satisfaction.

Alexis de Tocqueville

We have a president for whom English is a second language. He's like 'We have to get rid of dictators,' but he's pretty much one himself.

Robin Williams

I'd probably want to teach at university, because children would drive me insane. I suspect it would be English literature, Shakespeare and so forth. I've always been deeply, deeply in love with that kind of thing. Stephen Fry

I've always had great respect for Paddington because he is amusingly English and eccentric. He is a great British institution and my generation grew up with the books and then Michael Horden's animations.

Stephen Fry

It only takes a room of Americans for the English and Australians to realise how much we have in common.

Stephen Fry

Writing in English is the most ingenious torture ever devised for sins committed in previous lives. The English reading public explains the reason why. James Joyce

The English think they are free. They are free only during the election of members of parliament.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

The English are predisposed to pride, the French to vanity. Jean-Jacques Rousseau

At the very least we should be given a bit of credit and a little bit of space, and

maybe the media should think we could help them discover why English teams do not win European competitions.

Jose Mourinho

And I think because of the passion of every English player and every English supporter, and every English journalist for the game, most of the game is played with passion, love for football and instinct, but in football you also have to think. Jose Mourinho

You see how Spanish, Italians, Portuguese play football. I don't say they are perfect, I say English football has a few things to learn from them in the same way they have a lot of things to learn from English football.

Jose Mourinho

I feel I have a lot to learn from English football and I am completely open to good influences in my way of thinking football. But I also have things to give them.

Jose Mourinho

The funniest line in English is "Get it?" When you say that, everyone chortles. Garrison Keillor

English usage is sometimes more than mere taste, judgment and education - sometimes it's sheer luck, like getting across the street.

E. B. White

You might sooner get lightning out of incense smoke than true action or passion out of your modern English religion.

John Ruskin

My opposition to Interviews lies in the fact that offhand answers have little value or grace of expression, and that such oral give and take helps to perpetuate the decline of the English language.

James Thurber

The English may not always be the best writers in the world, but they are incomparably the best dull writers.

Raymond Chandler

Well, I'm having a good time. Which makes me feel guilty too. How very English.

David Attenborough

In English we must use adjectives to distinguish the different kinds of love for which the ancients had distinct names.

Mortimer Adler

Although spoken English doesn't obey the rules of written language, a person who doesn't know the rules thoroughly is at a great disadvantage.

Marilyn vos Savant

The vast majority of English folk cannot and will not consider a picture as a picture, apart from any story which it may be supposed to tell.

James Whistler

President Bush gave his first-ever presidential radio address in both English and Spanish. Reaction was mixed, however, as people were trying to figure out which one was which.

**Dennis Miller** 

The number one secret of being a successful writer is this: marry an English major.

Stephen Ambrose

The English (it must be owned) are rather a foul-mouthed nation. William Hazlitt

We still have a tradition certainly in English television; it's faded a bit in the last five years, but we still have a tradition where the important thing is the quality and the challenging nature of the programming.

Rowan Atkinson

I shall cheerfully bear the reproach of having descended below the dignity of history if I can succeed in placing before the English of the nineteenth century a true picture of the life of their ancestors.

Thomas B. Macaulay

The English Bible - a book which, if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power. Thomas B. Macaulay

In the past when I was in Hollywood, I was like a dog. I felt humiliated. My English was not good. People would even ask me 'Jackie Who?'. Jackie Chan

I met my wife through playing golf. She is French and couldn't speak English and I couldn't speak French, so there was little chance of us getting involved in any boring conversations - that's why we got married really quickly. Sean Connery

I unfortunately don't speak French, but my wife is now fluent in English, which really reflects rather badly on me.

Sean Connery

To cultivate an English accent is already a departure away from what you are. Sean Connery

Canada is the essence of not being. Not English, not American, it is the mathematic of not being. And a subtle flavour - we're more like celery as a flavour.

Mike Myers

Tea to the English is really a picnic indoors. Alice Walker

English dramatic literature is, of course, dominated by Shakespeare; and it is almost inevitable that an English reader should measure the value of other poetic drama by the standards which Shakespeare has already implanted in his mind. Lytton Strachey

Nothing could be more inappropriate to American literature than its English source since the Americans are not British in sensibility.

Wallace Stevens

I do love cricket - it's so very English. Sarah Bernhardt

I spend more time learning about Buddhism than English, which is why my English today is still bad.

Jet Li

English people don't have very good diction. In France you have to pronounce very particularly and clearly, and learning French at an early age helped me enormously.

Vivien Leigh

Though my father was Norwegian, he always wrote his diaries in perfect English.

Roald Dahl

By the by, if the English race had done nothing else, yet if they left the world the notion of a gentleman, they would have done a great service to mankind. Gerard Manley Hopkins

Speaks cheerful English and in the past has written this language with a paintbrush that talks.

Jimmy Breslin

The English may not like music, but they absolutely love the noise it makes. Thomas Beecham

He is ready, if the occasion presents itself, to throw the whole English population in the St. Lawrence.

Wilfrid Laurier

The Divinity could be invoked as well in the English language as in the French.

Wilfrid Laurier

The English contribution to world cuisine - the chip. John Cleese

The English can be a very critical, unforgiving people, but criticism can be good. And this is a country that loves comedy.

Bjork

People are always saying, English, English, English rose, and I just feel so completely different.

Kristin Scott Thomas

Seeing The English Patient is wonderfully draining, but imagine acting in it for six months.

Kristin Scott Thomas

My least favorite phrase in the English language is "I don't care." James Caan

I'm learning English at the moment. I can say 'Big Ben', 'Hello Rodney', 'Tower Bridge' and 'Loo'.

Cher

The English press, are so nosy, and the English seem to love that eavesdropping. Michael Hutchence

I was playing rugby and the other games English school children do, and there was an event in which races were run, and I won these by a considerable margin. Roger Bannister

What I appreciated was the fact that the script delved into how Australians were - and still are - condescended to by the English.

Geoffrey Rush

Theatre has no national identity. It is something for the world, whether it is Irish, English, or French.

Cyril Cusack

The English are crooked as a nation and honest as individuals. The contrary is true of the French, who are honest as a nation and crooked as individuals. Edmond De Goncourt

Yes, they broke the law, but we can't deport them. Let's get over this pointing fingers and do something about that, whether it - they have to pay a fine, learn to speak English, the history, you can do that. And then you have to give visas for the skills we need.

Michael Bloomberg

Drawing on my fine command of the English language, I said nothing. Robert Benchley

I had passed through the entire British education system studying literature, culminating in three years of reading English at Oxford, and they'd never told me about something as basic as the importance of point of view in fiction! Philip Pullman

Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. Henry James

One of the great defects of English books printed in the last century is the want of an index.

Lafcadio Hearn

It is no exaggeration to say that the English Bible is, next to Shakespeare, the greatest work in English literature, and that it will have much more influence than even Shakespeare upon the written and spoken language of the English race.

Lafcadio Hearn

For this reason, to study English literature without some general knowledge of the relation of the Bible to that literature would be to leave one's literary education very incomplete.

Lafcadio Hearn

French novels generally treat of the relations of women to the world and to lovers, after marriage; consequently there is a great deal in French novels about adultery, about improper relations between the sexes, about many things which the English public would not allow.

Lafcadio Hearn

I often imagine that the longer he studies English literature the more the Japanese student must be astonished at the extraordinary predominance given to the passion of love both in fiction and in poetry.

Lafcadio Hearn

At last, in 1611, was made, under the auspices of King James, the famous King James version; and this is the great literary monument of the English language. Lafcadio Hearn

I have a Bachelor of Arts in English, which means I had a lot of formal training in reading.

English of course is your major tool, but it is not nearly so important as other aspects of writing for example you have to have some natural ability you can't buy it no one puts it there you're born with it.

Leon Uris

The English press treated the world premiere of my first talking picture as a major event.

Gloria Swanson

I was a terrible English student. Leon Uris

And I agreed with that, and I couldn't wait to change my name anyway, because I'm not too fond of the name of Reginald. It's a very kind of '50s English name. Elton John

The English language has a deceptive air of simplicity; so have some little frocks; but they are both not the kind of thing you can run up in half an hour with a machine.

Dorothy L. Sayers

Those who prefer their English sloppy have only themselves to thank if the advertisement writer uses his mastery of the vocabulary and syntax to mislead their weak minds.

Dorothy L. Sayers

The great watershed of modern poetry is French, more than English. Robert Morgan

German and English firms operate internationally, while French firms do not. The only place where they all have work is in China. Anybody can sell himself in China!

Helmut Jahn

Sometimes I feel I can't quite master my written and spoken Spanish, because I'm too much a student of English. I would need another lifetime to learn it. Sandra Cisneros

You never know what's going to happen. My mother was an English teacher. If someone had told her that I was going to write a book, she would never have believed that. So you can never say never.

Tony Dungy

I could never have pictured myself writing a book when I was 25 years old. My mom was an English teacher but I wasn't that way growing up. Tony Dungy

If the word 'No' was removed from the English language, Ian Paisley would be speechless.

John Hume

Everything depends on whether we have for opponents those French tricksters or those daring rascals, the English. I prefer the English. Frequently their daring can only be described as stupidity. In their eyes it may be pluck and daring.

#### Manfred von Richthofen

There were sometimes from forty to sixty English machines, but unfortunately the Germans were often in the minority. With them quality was more important than quantity.

Manfred von Richthofen

The English had hit upon a splendid joke. They intended to catch me or to bring me down.

Manfred von Richthofen

When the English language gets in my way, I walk over it. Billy Sunday

There's no doubt that scientific training helps many authors to write better science fiction. And yet, several of the very best were English majors who could not parse a differential equation to save their lives.

David Brin

Apparently Arnold was inspired by President Bush, who proved you can be a successful politician in this country even if English is your second language. Conan O'Brien

This character's entirely invented, and the woman that I interviewed wouldn't recognize herself, or really anything about herself, in this book, which she hasn't read, because she doesn't read English.

Arthur Golden

Writing in English was a major challenge. I didn't want other songwriters to write for me. I wanted to preserve the spirit of my songs in Spanish. I am the same Shakira in English as I am in Spanish.

Shakira

The English countryside, its growth and its destruction, is a genuine and tragic theme.

E. M. Forster

There is no happiness in love, except at the end of an English novel. Anthony Trollope

More than 300 million people in the world speak English and the rest, it sometimes seems, try to.

Bill Bryson

The English have an extraordinary ability for flying into a great calm. Alexander Woollcott

I didn't speak English until I came to Pittsburgh. Mario Lemieux The true sovereign is not the American president nor the English king, but the Lord of the Second Advent.

Sun Myung Moon

The promise of America is one immigration policy for all who seek to enter our shores, whether they come from Mexico, Haiti or Canada, there must be one set of rules for everybody. We cannot welcome those to come and then try and act as though any culture will not be respected or treated inferior. We cannot look at the Latino community and preach "one language." No one gave them an English test before they sent them to Iraq to fight for America.

Al Sharpton

I can remember only a few of the strange and curious words now dead but living and spoken by the English people a thousand years ago.

Carl Sandburg

So I went to English school, secondary English school, so forget going to Mecca for my religious education.

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi

My mom and my dad wanted my brother and I to have a better life, you know, better education, better jobs. It was probably harder, much, much harder, for my parents. When you're a kid, you can learn a language much more easily; I learned English in less than a year.

Mila Kunis

'Batman' took 10 months to film, and by the time I stopped working on it, it took a long time before my English accent came out again. I was actually having to try for it.

Christian Bale

I'm English. Our dentistry is not world famous. Christian Bale

The American struggle for the vote was much more difficult than the English for the simple reason that it was much more easy.

Rebecca West

There was always a lot of American music in England until, obviously when the Beatles came around, then there was a shift towards English music, but before then American music was the main thing.

John Deacon

I'm older than my sister so I started writing first. I started writing at school. I was always top of my class in composition, essays, English Lit and all of that. Joan Collins

Suddenly I was the man who got the part that every actor in the English language was trying to get. I was really scared. I had talked the talk, and now I had to walk

the walk. For three days, I couldn't answer the phone. F. Murray Abraham

I'm an advocate of the great Dr. Johnson, the English man of letters who said that patriotism was the last refuge of the scoundrel. George Galloway

It was a somber place, haunted by old jokes and lost laughter. Life, as I discovered, holds no more wretched occupation than trying to make the English laugh.

Malcolm Muggeridge

Sonnets are guys writing in English, imitating an Italian song form. It was a form definitely sung as often as it was recited.

Steve Earle

The English, the plain English, of the politest address of a gentleman to a lady is, I am now, dear Madam, your humble servant: Pray be so good as to let me be your Lord and Master.

Samuel Richardson

No one's going to be able to operate without a grounding in the basic sciences. Language would be helpful, although English is becoming increasingly international. And travel. You have to have a global attitude. Rupert Murdoch

We had at our disposal the first operational jet, which superseded by at least 150 knots the fastest American and English fighters. This was a unique situation. Adolf Galland

I never had to learn English, French and German because I was brought up as all three languages. I had a private French teacher before I even went to school. That helped a lot.

Karl Lagerfeld

To go back and read Swift and Defoe and Samuel Johnson and Smollett and Pope - all those people we had to read in college English courses - to read them now is to have one of the infinite pleasures in life.

David McCullough

An English man does not travel to see English men. Laurence Sterne

Things they don't understand always cause a sensation among the English. Alfred de Musset

I played English football - soccer - instead of American football, because we couldn't afford the equipment.

Wally Schirra

Before I joined the project most of the English people with whom I had made personal contacts were left wing and affected to some degree or other by the same kind of philosophy.

Klaus Fuchs

Since coming to Harwell I have met English people of all kinds, and I have come to see in many of them a deep rooted firmness which enables them to lead a decent way of life.

Klaus Fuchs

No people in the world can make you feel so small as the English. Robertson Davies

People have lots of misconceptions about me. My mum, who is half French and half Spanish, gets outraged when I'm called quintessentially English. I owe my looks to my mum-which was 90 percent of getting my first job. And, some people would argue, 90 percent of my entire career.

Helena Bonham Carter

I was born in Texas and I lived there 'till I was 8. Then I moved to the Dominican Republic with my mom, lived there for two years and forgot every word of English I knew.

Michelle Rodriguez

If there's anything I'd hate as a son-in-law, it's an actor; and if there's anything I think I'd hate worse than an actor as a son-in-law, it's an English actor.

Joseph P. Kennedy

On the day of the show, I sit down with someone that speaks very good English and someone who speaks the local language very well and work out what I'm going to say.

Phil Collins

Everything that we inherit, the rain, the skies, the speech, and anybody who works in the English language in Ireland knows that there's the dead ghost of Gaelic in the language we use and listen to and that those things will reflect our Irish identity.

John McGahern

I'm very aware when I'm speaking to the English of how flat my Mid-Atlantic American voice is.

Martin C. Smith

If the English language made any sense, lackadaisical would have something to do with a shortage of flowers.

Doug Larson

Most people have no idea how to politely answer a phone. The English do, and

it's been their only major business advantage for the past two centuries. Doug Coupland

If Wellington epitomizes the English gentleman, Eisenhower epitomizes the natural American gentleman.

John Keegan

The Social-Democratic Federation took part in all the political and economic struggles of the English working class; it took pains to bring Socialist views home to them, not only through agitation and propaganda, but also by actions. Karl Radek

I translated Beatles songs for my English class. Christian Lacroix

The relation of repetitions for learning and for repeating English stanzas needs no amplification. These were learned by heart on the first day with less than half of the repetitions necessary for the shortest of the syllable series. Hermann Ebbinghaus

The English people, a lot of them, would not be able to understand a word of spoken Shakespeare. There are people who do and I'm not denying they exist. But it's a far more philistine country than people think. Colin Firth

Why does there exist a global American entertainment industry, but there isn't an equivalent coming from France or Italy? This is the case simply because the English language opens the whole world to the American cinema. Andrzej Wajda

I was more excited than scared, at the opportunity to work in an English movie. Aishwarya Rai

Me fail english? Thats unpossible. Matt Groening

For 180 years, we voted in English. That is the true American tradition, and this amendment is true to our heritage, not what has existed unnaturally for the last 20 years.

Spencer Bachus

I used to think that my mother got into arguments with people because they didn't understand her English, because she was Chinese.

Amy Tan

No real English gentleman, in his secret soul, was ever sorry for the death of a political economist.

Walter Bagehot

Realistically, English is a universal language; it's the number one language for music and for communicating with the rest of the world. Enrique Iglesias

'Ouch' is not independent of social training. One has only to prick a foreigner to appreciate that it is an English word.

Willard Van Orman Quine

The English language is nobody's special property. It is the property of the imagination: it is the property of the language itself.

Derek Walcott

Let the teachers teach English and I will teach baseball. There is a lot of people in the United States who say isn't, and they ain't eating.

Dizzy Dean

That the king can do no wrong is a necessary and fundamental principle of the English constitution.

William Blackstone

Also, I have found that I really like to work in English. It's very strange because it's exactly the opposite of what I thought it would be like.

Olivier Martinez

If you want to be happy, live discreetly. Does that make sense in English? Olivier Martinez

I was also in love with the English language. Dick Schaap

I wouldn't say no to being in a film with Jude Law. I love English actors. Catherine Deneuve

I speak English without an accent, and I speak Spanish without an accent. I really do have the best of both worlds.

Eva Mendes

The most beautiful words in the English language are 'not guilty'. Maxim Gorky

After I learn more English, I'll work hard and make more films. Zhang Ziyi

I landed a job with Roger Corman. The job was to write the English dialogue for a Russian science fiction picture. I didn't speak any Russian. He didn't care whether I could understand what they were saying; he wanted me to make up dialogue.

Francis Ford Coppola

All hockey players are bilingual. They know English and profanity. Gordie Howe

The American mind, unlike the English, is not formed by books, but, as Carl Sandburg once said to me... by newspapers and the Bible.

Van Wyck Brooks

English is clipped in speech. Texas is exactly the opposite. Michael Caine

My favorite subject probably was math. I love math. Figures just intrigue me. I was really good at math. English probably was my worst subject. But I used to write a lot of poetry. I used to write poetry all the time. Herschel Walker

It's important to me to work in my own language now and then. I love English, but you can never learn to master a foreign language if you're not brought up with it.

Max von Sydow

English is taking over the world. I just wrote a piece about it. And it's not by design. The United States dominates because it's the biggest market. Norman Spinrad

I think it's part of being English, particularly if you are middle-class - you're always looking to be reminded that you are no good and you are always actually embarrassed about being successful.

Chris Martin

Even modern English people are imperious, superior, ridden by class. All of the hypocrisy and the difficulties that are endemic in being British also make it an incredibly fertile place culturally. A brilliant place to live. Sad but true. Pete Townshend

Everything has changed. When I was at school and was told I had better learn English, I said: What for? The English are a hell of a long way away! Juan Manuel Fangio

To be honest I live among the English and have always found them to be very honest in their business dealings. They are noble, hard-working and anxious to do the right thing. But joy eludes them, they lack the joy that the Irish have. Fiona Shaw

There is a certain age at which a child looks at you in all earnestness and delivers a long, pleased speech in all the true inflections of spoken English, but with not one recognizable syllable.

Annie Dillard

English, once accepted as an international language, is no more secure than

French has proved to be as the one and only accepted language of diplomacy or as Latin has proved to be as the international language of science. Edward Sapir

The difference between a contemporary liberal and a socialist is that to a liberal the most beautiful word in the English language is 'forbidden', whereas to a socialist the most beautiful word is 'compulsory'.

John McCarthy

Maybe it's because I'm English, but in terms of how people perceive us I only pick up on the negative side of it.

Chris Martin

I think my prose reads as if English were my second language. By the time I get to the end of a paragraph, I'm dodging bullets and gasping for breath. Lynn Abbey

For the version of this CD released in Japan, a translation of the English lyrics is included, but there are lots of places where meanings are lost in the process of translation.

Utada Hikaru

These examples of the lack of simplicity in English and French, all appearances to the contrary, could be multiplied almost without limit and apply to all national languages.

**Edward Sapir** 

A lot of words in English confuse the idea of life and electricity, like the word livewire.

Laurie Anderson

The Economist is undoubtedly the smartest weekly newsmagazine in the English language. I always look forward to its quirky year-end double issue. Eric Alterman

Even if I think in English, it's more a language of acting than French. Sophie Marceau

In fact, it is amazing how much European films - Italian, French, German and English - have recovered a certain territory of the audience in their countries over the last few years.

Wim Wenders

The English countryside is the most staggeringly beautiful place. I can't spend as much time there as I like, but I like everything about it. I like fishing, I like claypigeon shooting.

Guy Ritchie

I had higher math SATs than in English - yet I became an English major in

college.

Christie Hefner

I must confess, my Spanish is not so good - except I read a little, so I started with the English but then determined that it would have to be in Spanish.

George Crumb

Cooper wrote a novel which is absolutely indistinguishable from Austen, completely from a female point of view, completely English, no sense that he was an American.

Leslie Fiedler

My father was the son of immigrants, and he grew up bilingual, but English is what my father taught me and what he spoke to me. America's strength is not our diversity; it is our ability to unite around common principles even when we come from different backgrounds.

Ernest Istook

I speak English, so I am no longer cute. My tongue itches for French. Anna Held

I can scarcely manage to scribble a tolerable English letter. I know that I am not a scholar, but meantime I am aware that no man living knows better than I do the habits of our birds.

John James Audubon

Sitting here now today, I can forgive a lot of the English people because it only takes a hand full of bad people to do something stupid like that and it can make the whole country look bad.

Marvin Hagler

A Shakespeare could have arisen only on English soil. In the same way, your great dramatists and poets express the nature and essence of the Norwegian people, but they also express that which is universally valid for all mankind. Gustav Stresemann

It is a culture voice, but it is a very American culture voice, and I am very used to English culture voice. So I had to work like hell to flatten those R's. Christopher Plummer

I have long been interested in landscape history, and when younger and more robust I used to do much tramping of the English landscape in search of ancient field systems, drove roads, indications of prehistoric settlement.

Penelope Lively

Everybody in Spain is sick of me. But in America, there's curiosity about the new kid on the block who doesn't speak English very well. The attention makes me feel vulnerable, which is something I hadn't felt in a while. But I like it. Javier Bardem

Shakespeare, who is probably the greatest writer and poet of the English language, lived in a time that was politically very conservative and it's reflected in his writings.

Alex Cox

The British were white, English, and Protestant, just as we were. They had to have some other basis on which to justify independence, and happily they were able to formulate the inalienable truths set forth in the Declaration. Samuel P. Huntington

Writing became an obsessive compulsive habit but I had almost no money so I thought about being an urban firefighter and having lots of free time in which to write or becoming an English teacher and thinking about books and writers on a daily basis. That swayed me.

**David Guterson** 

Poetry is something that happens in universities, in creative writing programs or in English departments.

Mark Strand

Give immediate instruction to all your posts in said territory, under your direction, at no time and on no pretence to hoist, or suffer be hoisted, the English flag.

Zebulon Pike

Like, What is the least often heard sentence in the English language? That would be: Say, isn't that the banjo player's Porsche parked outside? Jackson Browne

The English light is so very subtle, so very soft and misty, that the architecture responded with great delicacy of detail.

Stephen Gardiner

I had found English audiences highly satisfactory. They are the best listeners in the world. Perhaps the music-lovers of some of our larger cities equal the English, but I do not believe they can be surpassed in that respect. John Philip Sousa

It has since been agreed that speeches given in English will be translated into French and vice versa, and even into German and Italian when necessary. No doubt translations into Esperanto will also soon be in demand. Fredrik Bajer

Far from being the product of a democratic revolution and of an opposition to English institutions, the constitution of the United States was the result of a powerful reaction against democracy, and in favor of the traditions of the mother country.

John Acton

In English, the sounds and melodies I created were an inspiration to me, and words came to me as I explored the sounds, and from there I was able expand on the meaning.

Utada Hikaru

We were a Western civilisation, an English speaking civilisation, both NZ and Australia, and we had all these influences coming from both Great Britain and America to us; sending us their culture in the shape and form of movies and television.

Richard O'Brien

It took me a year to really learn the American lingo. I really feel for people who are coming here and don't speak English at all. It must be hell. Helen Reddy

Someone's just told me the English are still trying to take over the United States - is that true?

Steve Guttenberg

Perhaps first and foremost is the challenge of taking what I find as a reader and making it into a poem that, primarily, has to be a plausible poem in English. Marilyn Hacker

English girls' schools today providing the higher education are, so far as my knowledge goes, worthily representative of that astonishing rise in the intellectual standards of women which has taken place in the last half-century. Mary A. Ward

The situation right after the fight wasn't too good; I believe I'm still the only champion in the world who never received the belt inside the ring once you've won the title. I held that against the English fans for a long time but I felt that also motivated me.

Marvin Hagler

To become an American citizen, we require people to read, write and speak in English. That is to help them to assimilate in our melting pot, truly to become Americans. We mock that when the cherished right to vote does not involve English any more.

Ernest Istook

I obtained a job at the Library of Congress. I loved books, so I felt at home. I was going to end up, I thought, majoring in English and teach at the college level.

Tom Glazer

I'm not the least bit polished, I come from a blue collar background and I never thought I could feel comfortable around the English.

Paul Walker

Isaac Singer was born in Poland and doesn't write in English. Still, he's an American.

**Irwin Shaw** 

Everybody gets a little dose of Shakespeare. He's the greatest playwright in the English language, but his politics are fairly square.

Alex Cox

I'd been trying for a while to get parts that weren't just the English bad guy, so it was quite refreshing to be playing someone who was a compassionate, decent guy.

Sean Bean

I don't know French at all. I took some lessons when I was younger but all I know are the numbers. I've been told basically everyone in Monaco speaks English because of it being a huge vacation spot so I'm excited about that. I might not need to learn French after all.

Freddy Adu

Mind you, the Elizabethans had so many words for the female genitals that it is quite hard to speak a sentence of modern English without inadvertently mentioning at least three of them.

Terry Prachett

Our last jam session was this past Christmas. Dad played his harmonica, mom sang in English and Italian, and I played guitar. I'm so happy that we could share that musical experience for one last time.

Tony Visconti

The English was really my mother, it was never me. Being the daughter of my father, I always felt very French.

Charlotte Gainsbourg

I think now, more than anytime I can remember, bands are sounding pretty similar whether they're English or American, from Manchester or London... or Leeds or Welsh or Irish.

Graham Coxon

Dreams do come true, even for someone who couldn't speak English and never had a music lesson or much of an education.

Lawrence Welk

In Sweden, I went to an English school, where there was a mishmash of people from all over the world. Some were diplomatic kids with a lot of money, some were ghetto kids who came up from the suburbs, and I grew up in between. There's a community of second generation immigrants, and I became part of that because I had an American father.

Joel Kinnaman

One of the glories of English simplicity is the possibility of using the same word as noun and verb.

**Edward Sapir** 

In England, it's a rare thing to see a player smoking but, all in all, I prefer that to an alcoholic. The relationship with alcohol is a real problem in English football and, in the short term, it's much more harmful to a sportsman. It weakens the body, which becomes more susceptible to injury.

Alex Ferguson

There's a focus that hasn't been there for ages and ages and some American bands are sounding quite English like they did in the late 70s and early 80s. Graham Coxon

My parents were born in Norfolk and spent their early years working in the big houses of that rural English county, my mother as a cook and my father as a handyman and chauffeur.

Paul Nurse

And I always read the English translation and always have conversations with my translator, for example about the names. I always have to approve it. Cornelia Funke

We were very kindly received by the English merchants to whom my companion had letters, and we set ourselves to learn what was the real state of things in Mexico.

**Edward Burnett Tylor** 

With the requests of some he complied, and has published a discourse, delivered before the Society for recovering drowned persons, which may be justly pronounced one of the most beautiful and interesting sermons in the English language.

John Strachan

I suppose, counting back, if the Beatles had been influenced by music in the same length of time ago - you'd have to put that into better English for me, thank you - they would have been like a banjo orchestra. They would have been doing show tunes.

Jonny Greenwood

This is what Hollywood tends to do. It tends to disregard tradition, history and anything factual, twisting it and turning it and making it all okay regardless of what the English may think of it.

Christian Slater

And I'm walking along and we're laughing, kidding, joking, and see he understood the leader, the one we called the leader, had some knowledge of English, although limited.

Betty Hill

Among pacifists it was above all the English who always insisted on the importance of disarmament. They said that the man in the street would not understand the kind of pacifism that neglected to demand immediate restriction of armaments.

Ludwig Quidde

The thing is, in English I'm able to write the lyrics as I'm making the song, once I'm done with the melody.

Utada Hikaru

For me, even just being English was a whole sort of experience in as much as I'm Australian.

Radha Mitchell

I studied English literature; I took 2 independent religion classes, but I wasn't a religion major really.

Maggie Gyllenhaal

Who can doubt that between the English and the French, between the Scotch and the Irish, there are differences of character which have profoundly affected and still affect the course of history?

Goldwin Smith

Words began to appear in English and to make some kind of equivalent. For what satisfaction it is hard to say, except that something seems unusually piercing, living, handsome, in another language, and since English is yours, you wish it to be there too.

Robert Fitzgerald

The English scene got more media attention with their emphasis on fashion, with the safety pins and all. There were some really good bands over there. The Sex Pistols were great.

Greg Ginn

The short English miles are delightful for walking. You are always pleased to find, every now and then, in how short a time you have walked a mile, though, no doubt, a mile is everywhere a mile, I walk but a moderate pace, and can accomplish four English miles in an hour.

Karl Philipp Moritz

I think we have really integrated well around Manchester. This is the place where we feel at home. We like it here, we love the English way of life and we prefer it much, much more than the south of Europe.

Ruud van Nistelrooy

Although an increasing proportion of the Hispanic population is foreign-born - about half of adults in this group - English proficiency is and should remain a requirement for citizenship.

Linda Chavez

Printing ballots in multiple languages costs millions of dollars every year. It also discourages immigrants from integrating into American society and gaining the benefits that come from speaking English.

Ernest Istook

The English sent all their bores abroad, and acquired the Empire as a punishment.

**Edward Bond** 

People say my music is English. I don't know what it is. Maybe it's not me writing English music, but that English music is becoming more like me. Harrison Birtwistle

I board with a poor Scotchman: his wife can talk scarce any English. David Brainerd

It was difficult being a teacher and out of the closet in the '50s. By the time I retired, the English department was proud of having a gay poet of a certain minor fame. It was a very satisfactory change!

Thom Gunn

I had art as a major, along with English, French and History. I had dance, modern dance. In English I was allowed to write my own poetry, which I eventually got published.

Sally Kirkland

I think maybe the English don't want to try something and look stupid, because they are a bit reserved.

**Alain Prost** 

There are lots of concerns facing English football but for me the major one is the way in which football clubs are run by owners, whether they are growing organically and sustainably and how that is being policed by the football authorities.

Gary Neville

Well, I'm half Australian, half English and I live in London. That is the only reason I came upon this story. My Australian mother, Meredith Hooper, was invited in late 2007 by some Australian friends to make up a token Australian audience in a tiny fringe theater play reading of an unproduced, unrehearsed play called 'The King's Speech.'

Tom Hooper

I definitely wish to distinguish American poetry from British or other English language poetry.

Diane Wakoski

Fantastic writing in English is kind of disreputable, but fantastic writing in translation is the summit.

Jonathan Lethem

Every German child learns to speak English in school. Cornelia Funke

Actually John, Paul Rutherford, and Trevor Watts, and several other rather well known English jazz musicians had got their training by joining the Air Force, which was a pretty standard way for people to get some kind of musical education in those days.

Evan Parker

I look for poetry in English because it's the only language I read. Jack Prelutsky

Most previous immigrants came to the United States to become Americans, with no intention of returning home. They relinquished their ties with their homeland. English was their key to prosperity, and they worked hard to master it. John Shadegg

Those were the days, you know. It's an English thing; as soon as it's gets to 6 pm, you have to go and have a drink. We used to stick to that religiously. Andy Taylor

My parents were both Spanish-speakers and they used to speak to me and my siblings in Spanish and we'd answer them in English.

America Ferrera

I love to laugh, it's my main thing. I love to abuse the English language. Dan Fogelberg

For over ten years I always had, but I don't speak English. Zhang Yimou

As a little girl living in the English countryside, I used to go running around in the forests, creating my own fairy tale.

Lily Collins

I think English is a fantastic, rich and musical language, but of course your mother tongue is the most important for an actor.

Max von Sydow

Come English Settlement, I had it in my head that I didn't want to tour. Andy Partridge

In my teens, I developed a passionate idolatry for a teacher of English literature. I wanted to do something that he would approve of more, so I thought I should be some sort of a scholar.

#### Trevor Nunn

The recent riots in France demonstrate the problem European countries face where second and third generation immigrants still do not consider themselves French, German, or English.

**Bobby Jindal** 

I am not accustomed to pay fulsome compliments to the English, by telling them that they are superior to all the world; but this I can say, that they do not deserve the name of cowards.

Richard Cobden

Your great country is wonderful at stealing pieces of history and using it for its own purposes, so there didn't seem to be anything particularly unusual about it but the English were incredibly exercised about it.

Michael Apted

The two most misused words in the entire English vocabulary are love and friendship. A true friend would die for you, so when you start trying to count them on one hand, you don't need any fingers.

Larry Flynt

So, when I got the contract for my album, even though it was an English record, my manager insisted on making sure we would record in Spanish as well, and it worked out really well for me.

Jon Secada

The themes Poe used were universal and timeless. As long as the English language exists at all, we will be able to appreciate what he did. It will not age! It will not become dated!

John Astin

I lived in England to learn English. When I went to England for the first time, it was like being on the Moon. I had no friends, I couldn't speak the language. I was very isolated.

Jean Alesi

I think the biggest difficulty is that when I'm here in America, there's a necessity of using English, so I really have a great sense of really wanting to learn, but unfortunately when I head back to Japan, the necessity vanishes and so does my enthusiasm about learning.

Chiaki Kuriyama

Eventually, in '84, we made a film for a little over a million dollars - with American actors that was shot in English - that was shown in Finland A little action film called Born American.

Renny Harlin

What we know is that Shakespeare wrote perhaps the most remarkable body of

passionate love poetry in the English language to a young man. Stephen Greenblatt

We may always depend on it that algebra, which cannot be translated into good English and sound common sense, is bad algebra.

William Kingdon Clifford

I like English football, always have. It's just that people go on about the World Cup in 1986 and then I'm seen as the real bad boy. Diego Maradona

And in English Canada, no one really knows where the support is coming from, but Conservatives would assume that it's bleeding from the Liberals. So we have a divided left in Canada.

Rick Mercer

If your computer speaks English, it was probably made in Japan. Alan Perlis

The heart of the matter seems to me to be the direct interaction between one's making a poem in English and a poem in the language that one understands and values. I don't see how you can do it otherwise.

Robert Fitzgerald

You know, we have main English language parties, federalist parties, and traditionally the ones to watch would be the Conservatives, who form the government, and then the Liberals.

Rick Mercer

English should be our official language. Reading and speaking English are requirements to become a citizen.

Ernest Istook

I've been worked over by the English press because there's an assumption that my politics are identical with my wife's, and for that matter that my wife's politics are identical with her politics of 20 years ago.

Stephen Rea

A friend of mine said, no matter what I do I always look like an English teacher. She actually said, you still look like a Campbell's Soup kid.

**Kate Clinton** 

Myspace alone has just over 80 million users and ranks as the sixth most popular English language website and the eighth most popular site in the world. Mike Fitzpatrick

If we do not get No Child Left Behind right for Limited English Proficient students, the law will be a failure for most schools in the 15th Congressional District, and for many across the nation.

#### Ruben Hinojosa

It is commonly asserted and accepted that Paradise Lost is among the two or three greatest English poems; it may justly be taken as the type of supreme poetic achievement in our literature.

John Drinkwater

For you, it's a silent movie. For us, it's a talking movie because we had lines on set. There's a lot of noise on set and music. We spoke in English, in French, in gibberish, but it was very alive. The challenge was tap dancing. Jean Dujardin

Now, one of the most essential branches of English liberty is the freedom of one's house.

James Otis

Others may use the ocean as their road; Only the English make it their abode. Edmund Waller

From William of Orange to William Pitt the younger there was but one man without whom English history must have taken a different turn, and that was William Pitt the elder.

Albert Bushnell Hart

My heritage is English, so I'm proud to be back here. Nicholas Lea

I was always drawn to teachers who made class interesting. In high school, I enjoyed my American and English literature classes because my teachers, Jeanne Dorsey and Dani Barton, created an environment where interaction was important.

Ellen Ochoa

One of my favorite poets, Neruda, writes close to the bone. Though I know only a little Spanish, I like to compare the Spanish and English lines and see how the translator worked.

Anita Diament

Sometimes I'll go by and there are a couple of swans, the next day it's a few ducks. I'd like to stop there every day for a year and capture how it changes, then put it all together to create an incredible image of a traditional English scene. Graeme Le Saux

First of all, there was a volcano of words, an eruption of words that Shakespeare had never used before that had never been used in the English language before. It's astonishing. It pours out of him.

Stephen Greenblatt

From the early days of European migration to America, in the 17th Century, the

prototype of buildings was based on English precedent, even if mostly translated into the locally available material in abundance: timber.

Harry Seidler

In English every word can be verbed. Would that it were so in our programming languages.

Alan Perlis

There are reasons for believing that the English increase will far surpass others, and that the diffusion of the United States will ultimately produce the general population of America.

Ezra Stiles

There is abundant proof that the opening of our ports always tends to raise the price of foreign corn to the price in the English market, and not to sink the price of British corn to the price in the continental market.

Joseph Hume

We took Beowulf, the epic poem in Old English, and put it right together with John Gardner's contemporary retelling. If you bring it into today, we really feel that it has something very fresh to say now.

Julie Taymor

If you see the Sopranos, you're not going to be speaking in the Shakespearean English.

Lucy Liu

Instead of this confusion, we need the unifying force of an official language, English, which is the language of success in America.

**Ernest Istook** 

I can give you the King's English and then I can take it to the street, but do both or do one and don't do one knowing only the street. That's going to hold you back because what comes out is going to impress people, and it will impress them negatively.

Angela Bassett

However, research in the years that followed found that in many of its important features, African American Vernacular English was becoming not less, but more different from other dialects.

William Labov

In Hollywood through the 50s, there were black, English, and Middle European housekeepers and maids.

Bill Condon

The more English is heard in the world, the more gratifying it seems to speak French, and above all to know the culture of our country. They find a kind of French social grace in the language and culture.

#### **Bernard Pivot**

Harrison Ford - one of my favorite actors - has a wonderful sense of character and depth and uniqueness to him, yet he's able to just deliver the lines without putting any English on it.

Thomas Jane

A movie of mine is going to be released in Japan next year. I play a waitress who's a really regular girl in this movie. The English title isn't decided yet, but in Japanese it's I'll Get on the A Train Sometime.

Chiaki Kuriyama

I came up with new leads for game stories by being observant and clever, by using the many gifts of the English language to intrigue and hook a reader. Dick Schaap

The English say, Yours Truly, and mean it. The Italians say, I kiss your feet, and mean, I kick your head.

Wilfred Owen

We shall never be understood or respected by the English until we carry our individuality to extremes, and by asserting our independence, become of sufficient consequence in their eyes to merit a closer study than they have hitherto accorded us.

Henry Lawson

I'd forgotten I'd done the anime called Spirited Away, the English version of a Japanese film.

**David Ogden Stiers** 

My old English buddy, John Rackham, wrote and told me what made science fiction different from all other kinds of literature - science fiction is written according to the science fiction method.

Frederik Pohl

You know, I do speak the Queens English. It's just the wrong Queens that's all. It's over the 59th Street Bridge. It's not over the Atlantic Ocean. Cyndi Lauper

The English are polite by telling lies. The Americans are polite by telling the truth.

Malcolm Bradbury

English is my second language, but in Hong Kong, they don't know that I'm from China. They think I'm from Hollywood because all the films they see are from here. China and Hong Kong are very different places, but they're starting to merge. Still the culture is very different.

Bai Ling

This African American Vernacular English shares most of its grammar and vocabulary with other dialects of English. But it is distinct in many ways, and it is more different from standard English than any other dialect spoken in continental North America.

William Labov

Many European guys go to the N.H.L. at a young age, even without knowing English. But they quickly adapt to new conditions, another game, a new country. They are also young, receptive, can move mountains. Jaromir Jagr

I've concentrated for a long time on English films because I've got two kids but my oldest son is 11 and I think I'm going to be away for about four months of year now.

Sadie Frost

English football has just had a transfer window imposed for the first time, so it will be interesting to see how managers cope with the squads they have until it re-opens.

David Ginola

The English like eccentrics. They just don't like them living next door. Julian Clary

For English assignments I was constantly coming up with these strange adventure stories... But I actually wanted to be an artist, or maybe work in the comic book industry.

Paul Kane

Between 1910 and 1950 approximately 350 lives of Jesus were published in the English language alone.

John Clayton

I have no idea why one of our most original filmmakers would want to spend two years of his life translating someone else's movie from Spanish into English. And it wasn't such a good film in Spanish, either.

Joel Siegel

Oh, I'm not English, I cannot talk on behalf of an English person. I'm French. I can say about French. They are quite emotional, though, and they talk about their emotions.

Sophie Marceau

I always serve the writer first because I'm English trained, even though I'm American.

Robert Englund

Ang Lee was educated in the West and his English is good. Zhang Yimou

The insular arrogance of the English character is a commonplace joke. Goldwin Smith

Once, in London, the BBC asked me what was my favorite English book. I said Alice in Wonderland.

Gyorgy Ligeti

After moving to England I did some recording and eventually formed an English band, this was together for quite a few years with only a keyboard replacement. The band had no name, just my name.

Suzi Quatro

Ironically, for a few million people in the Far East, I did become an English teacher through my music.

Pat Boone

My early wounds were the English school system among other things. It wasn't merely the discipline, it was the ways in which boys got what was called the school spirit.

George Woodcock

It's difficult for me to feel that a solid page without the breakups of paragraphs can be interesting. I break mine up perhaps sooner than I should in terms of the usage of the English language.

A. E. van Vogt

We lived on a farm in the English countryside, where we wrote a lot of our music. You really were treated like an artist during those days-not like product, which is now the mode.

Gary Wright

I had one companion. He was a teacher from the Ukraine who spoke English so we could communicate a bit. I learnt a few Russian words, but it was hard to concentrate.

**Mathias Rust** 

I am an English major in school with an emphasis in creative writing. I think hearing Maya Angelou speak at school last year was one of the best moments Stanford, at least, intellectually, had to offer.

Fred Savage

English policy may not yet have made the definite decision to attack us; but it doubtless wishes, by all and every means, even the most extreme, to hinder every further expansion of German international influence and of German maritime power.

Bernhard von Bulow

Would it be possible to stand still on one spot more majestically - while simulating a triumphant march forward - than it is done by the two English

Houses of Parliament? Alexander Herzen

Why on earth do we want closer connection with England? We have little in common with English people except our language. We are fast becoming an entirely different people.

Henry Lawson

It appears that the English think the Japanese... are fond of opium, and they want to bring it here also.

**Townsend Harris** 

I get work because I'm primarily a novelist but I've become script doctor. I can work back and forth between French and English.

Norman Spinrad

If we had a starting XI that no one could argue about it wouldn't say a lot for English football. We'd probably be on a downward spiral. It's good that people have different ideas about who should play.

Rio Ferdinand

The English race is the best at weeping and the worst at laughing. Thomas Hearne

But at the time when he wrote, Englishmen, with the rarest exceptions, wrote only in French or Latin; and when they began to write in English, a man of genius, to interpret and improve on him, was not found for a long time. George Saintsbury

If English was good enough for Jesus Christ, then it's good enough for Texas. Ma Ferguson

It was always said that the big distinction between the French and the English is that the English are intelligent and the French are intellectual.

Kenneth Baker

So, sometimes, when I'm not happy with my performance and I have to think, I will think in English.

Sophie Marceau

My early education was in the public school system of Omaha, where, retrospectively, I realize that my high school training served me in good stead for the basic subjects of mathematics, English, foreign languages and history. Lawrence R. Klein

But the nature of my main work in chemistry can be better represented by more than 280 English publications, of which roughly 200 concern the theory of chemical reactions and related subjects.

Kenichi Fukui

I've done quite a few adverts. I've also done some presenting and acting work in Spain. I did a lot of Spanish education videos for people wanting to learn English.

Christopher Parker

I don't know what 'operational control' of the border means, but I do understand the English language. And as I understand that phrase, that's not true. We do not have operational control.

John Cornyn

China's cinema has been rising for some time; it has more exposure, so my chances of becoming internationally known are better. But the first thing I have to do is learn English. If I can grasp the language, then perhaps I can think about the U.S.

Ziyi Zhang

In 1763 the English were the most powerful nation in the world. Albert Bushnell Hart

In fact, eloquence in English will inevitably make use of the Latin element in our vocabulary.

Robert Fitzgerald

I just remembered songs my grandmother taught me, and songs that I learned for the recordings. But, then I learned to speak Italian. When I was there, I hired a professor who stayed with me 24 hours a day. She wouldn't let me speak a word of English.

**Connie Francis** 

It even has the same phraseology as the English orders of knighthood, companions and this sort of thing.

George Woodcock

Well, I am from India and I wanted to make films in English for the international market in India. So that was really the main thing, and then of course economically it was cheaper to make films in India.

Ismail Merchant

You know, nobody eats in England. Three or four pints of English beer a night fills you. I can't say I'm very impressed with the food in America. it's all sort of bland. Like turkey sandwiches.

Anne Dudley

The American Revolution was, in fact, a battle against the philosophy of Locke and the English utilitarians.

Robert Trout

When the student has her voice under complete control, it is safe to take up the lyric repertoire of Mendelssohn, Old English Songs, etc. How simple and

charming they are! Alma Gluck

When I entered college, it was to study liberal arts. At the University of Pennsylvania, I studied English literature, but I fell in love with broadcasting, with telling stories about other people's exploits.

Andrea Mitchell

Where words can be translated into equivalent words, the style of an original can be closely followed; but no translation which aims at being written in normal English can reproduce the style of Aristotle.

Gilbert Murray

There are some sounds that English singers find quite difficult to manipulate. Neville Marriner

Until the June 1967 war I was completely caught up in the life of a young professor of English. Beginning in 1968, I started to think, write, and travel as someone who felt himself to be directly involved in the renaissance of Palestinian life and politics.

**Edward Said** 

I started off in England and very few people knew I was Australian. I mean, the clues were in the poems, but they didn't read them very carefully, and so for years and years I was considered completely part of the English poetry scene. Peter Porter

I didn't know what kind of jobs, because how was I prepared? At best, I would be an AB in English.

John C. Hawkes

All the English speakers, or almost all, have difficulties with the gender of words.

**Bernard Pivot** 

The world still consists of two clearly divided groups: the English and the foreigners. One group consists of less than 50 million people; the other of 3,950 million. The latter group does not really count.

George Mikes

I was an English major in college with minors in Fine Arts and Humanities. Sue Grafton

My father was a professor of civil engineering at MIT, and my mother taught high school English.

Eric Allin Cornell

It's like there are all these languages available, especially in terms of image.

Why confine yourself to only English? There's all these languages and possibilities and concepts to speak or communicate with.
William Wiley

There's still a bit of a problem, in that so many leading English roles are taken by American or French actresses.

Joely Richardson

Many great horror stories are period pieces and English actors have a facility for historic characters.

Robert Englund

I read the greens in Spanish, but putt in English. Chi Chi Rodriguez

The essays in The Great Taos Bank Robbery were my project to win a Master of Arts degree in English when I quit being a newspaper editor and went back to college.

Tony Hillerman

Our common language is English. And our common task is to ensure that our non-English-speaking children learn this common language.

William Bennett

I am now completing research supported by NSF and NEH that is mapping changes in the English language through all of North America, for both mainstream and minority communities.

William Labov

We try to magnify the difference between Americans and the English. In real life they like the same music and dress the same. It's really much more similar than anyone thinks or how we show it.

Amanda Bynes

I'm not a salsa singer who wants to sing in English, and I'm not this American kid who wants to sing Spanish.

Marc Anthony

The city and province were given up to anarchy; the coloured people, elated with victory, proclaimed the slaughter of all whites, except the English, French, and American residents.

Henry Walter Bates

In spite of holidays when I was free to visit London theatres and explore the countryside, I spent four very miserable years as a colonial at an English school. Patrick White

All of our affairs, since the union of crowns, have been managed by the advice of English ministers, and the principal offices of the kingdom filled with such

men, as the court of England knew would be subservient to their designs. Andrew Fletcher

I - and there are hundreds of thousands of Irishmen who felt on this subject as I do - have always liked my Celtic countrymen and disliked the English nation; it is a national trait of character, and I cannot help it.

Douglas Hyde

My early influences were the Shadows, who were an English instrumental band. They basically got me into playing and later on I got into blues and jazz players. I liked Clapton when he was with John Mayall. I really liked that period. Tony Iommi

Let us work toward greater cooperation with all Caribbean Countries, whether we speak English, Dutch, French or Spanish, whether we are independent or not, and whether we be island or continental territories.

Said Musa

I don't think the English like me. I sold a colossal best seller in America, and they never really forgave me.

John Fowles

Yes, for my undergrad I majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Political Science and English.

Matthew McGrory

Apart from a few simple principles, the sound and rhythm of English prose seem to me matters where both writers and readers should trust not so much to rules as to their ears.

F. L. Lucas

It appears that the present-day form of African American English is not the inheritance of the period of slavery, but the creation of the second half of the 20th century.

William Labov

I have English family in Northhampton and have been to England numerous times.

Steve Kanaly

The only thing that I'd rather own than Windows is English, because then I could charge you two hundred and forty-nine dollars for the right to speak it.

Scott McNealy

Do not suppose, dearest Sir, that I am so short-sighted as to destroy my life by English preaching, or any other preaching. St. Paul did much good by his preaching, but how much more by his writings. Henry Martyn

American professional athletes are bilingual; they speak English and profanity. Gordie Howe

My favorite pudding is good old English apple pie. Jeremy Bulloch

We are Bayern Munich and English teams always have trouble as soon as they leave the island.

Oliver Kahn

I was well warned about English food, so it did not surprise me, but I do wonder sometimes, how they ever manage to prise it up long enough to get a plate under it.

Margaret Halsey

I think one of the best words in the English language is compassion. I think it holds everything. It holds love, it holds care... and if everybody just did something. We all make a difference.

Michael Crawford

English history is all about men liking their fathers, and American history is all about men hating their fathers and trying to burn down everything they ever did. Malcolm Bradbury

England and Greece are friends. English blood was shed on Greek soil in the war against fascism, and Greeks gave their lives to protect English pilots.

Melina Mercouri

More has been screwed up on the battlefield and misunderstood in the Pentagon because of a lack of understanding of the English language than any other single factor.

John W. Vessey, Jr.

Fraud, robbery, and murder have characterized the English usurpation of the government of our country. Why, for the last fifty years we have been robbed in the matter of taxes of hundreds of millions.

John Edward Redmond

I went to a catholic public school St Helens and learned English by watching bugs bunny cartoons.

Nick Mancuso

I will for ever, at all hazards, assert the dignity, independence, and integrity of the English bar; without which, impartial justice, the most valuable part of the English constitution, can have no existence.

Thomas Erskine

I say 20 words in English. I say money, money, money, and I say hot dog! I say yes, no and I say money, money and I say turkey sandwich and I say

grape juice.

Carmen Miranda

Some of the substance of English words, I just don't understand at all because the culture's so strange to me.

Chow Yun-Fat

I've always enjoyed writing, I graduated with a degree in English; I've done bits of journalism.

Michael York

The English gentleman is a combination of silence, courtesy, dignity, sport, newspapers and honesty.

Karel Capek

An Englishman is content to say nothing when he has nothing to say. Samuel Johnson

The Englishman regards the free expression of emotion as undignified, vulgar, and almost brutish.

Paul Cohen Portheim

When two Eglishmen meet, their first talk is of the weather. Samuel Johnson

A foreign observer is struck by our gentleness: by the orderly behaviour of the English crowds, the lack of pushing and quarrelling, the willingness to form queues.

George Mikes

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