

Controversies

- Total Number of English Users
- Definition of “fluent”
- EIL as Instrument of Neo-colonialism and Linguistic Imperialism

Question of Intelligibility

- Possibly that speakers of different varieties of English will soon become unintelligible to one another. *(Past, Present, Future)*
- Dimensions of Understanding
 - 1. Intelligibility
 - 2. Comprehensibility
 - 3. Interpretability

Intelligibility:

- Recognition of Word or Utterance

Comprehensibility:

- Recognition of a **meaning** attached to a Word or Utterance.

Interpretability:

- Recognition of the **intent or purpose** of a Word or Utterance.