**Let’s talk about…** English as a global language

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| **English** | **synonyms, antonyms, collocations and word families** | **German** |
| global language |  | Weltsprache |
| communication | verb: (to) communicate  ~ means of communication | Kommunikation, Austausch  ~ Kommunikationsweg, Kommunikationsmittel |
| linguistic | noun: language  ~ linguistic change  ~ linguistic diversity  ~ linguistic imperialism | sprachlich, Sprach-  ~ Sprachwandel  ~ sprachliche Vielfalt  ~ Sprachimperialismus |
| lingua franca |  | Verkehrssprache, Lingua franca, Verständigungssprache |
| contact language |  | Kontaktsprache |
| speaker | verb: (to) speak  ~ native speaker  ~ non-native speaker | Sprecher  ~ Muttersprachler  ~ Nicht-Muttersprachler |
| mother tongue | syn.: first language, native language | Muttersprache |
| second language |  | Zweitsprache |
| language acquisition | syn.: (to) learn a language  ~ foreign language acquisition | Spracherwerb  ~ Fremdspracherwerb |
| bilingual | ant.: monolingual  noun: bilingualism | zweisprachig |
| speech community |  | Sprachgemeinschaft |
| idiomatic | noun: idiom | idiomatisch, sprachüblich |
| loan word | ~ *kindergarten* is a German loan word which was incorporated into the English language. | Lehnwort |
| neologism | ~ e.g. (to) google, staycation | Wortneuschöpfung |
| vocabulary | ~ active vocabulary  ~ basic vocabulary | Wortschatz  ~ aktiver Wortschatz  ~ Grundwortschatz |
| (to) spread | (to) spread - spread - spread  noun: spread  ~ the spread of English | verbreiten, ausbreiten |
| variety | ~ varieties of English, e.g. Irish English, Indian English  ~ standard variety, e.g. General American / RP (= Received Pronunciation) | Variante, Art  ~ Standardvarietät |
| pronunciation | verb: (to) pronounce | Aussprache |
| accent | ~ soft accent 🡨🡪 thick accent  ~ without any accent | Akzent  ~ akzentfrei |
| dialect | = regional variety | Dialekt, Mundart |
| sociolect | = social variety | Soziolekt |
| colloquial language | ~ in colloquial speech | Umgangssprache |
| slang | ~ internet slang  ~ prisons slang | Slang, Szenesprache, Umgangssprache |
| register | ~ formal vs. informal language | Sprachebene |
| official language |  | Amtssprache,  Landessprache |
| prestige | adj.: prestigious | Ansehen |
| dominant | ~ dominant language | vorherrschend, dominant |
| imperialism | ~ linguistic imperialism | Imperialismus |
| (to) outnumber sth. / sb. | ~ to be outnumbered | in der Überzahl sein |
| (to) endanger sth. / sb. |  | jnd. / etw. gefährden |
| language death |  | Sprachensterben |
| extinct (adj.) | noun: extinction | ausgestorben |
| (to) die out | syn.: (to) become extinct | aussterben |
| protection | verb: (to) protect  adj.: protective  ~ protective measures | Schutz, Beschützung  ~ Schutzmaßnahmen |
| (to) hamper | ~ (to) hamper communication | behindern, erschweren |
| (to) further | syn.: (to) encourage  ant.: (to) hamper | voranbringen, weiterbringen |
| (to) increase | ant.: (to) decrease | ansteigen, anwachsen |
| fluency | adj.: fluent  ~ (to) be fluent | Redefluss, Sprachgewandtheit, flüssiges Sprechen |
| (to) converse | noun: conversation  ~ (to) have a conversation | (sich) unterhalten |
| (to) speak | (to) speak - spoke - spoken  noun: speech  ~ to give a speech | sprechen, etw. sagen  ~ eine Rede halten |
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