



# Lingua Franca English of Africa

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1.

## What are the lingua francas of Africa?

<https://www.quora.com/What-are-the-lingua-francas-of-Africa>

A. Which European languages will help you where?

2.

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Abstract

The process of globalization in modern world has affected all spheres of our life – politics, economy and culture. To realize these processes people should have a common means of communication – a lingua franca. The English language has become this lingua franca, as about 1,5 billion people speak English today. The study of English regional and social dialectology in post-apartheid South Africa is of special interest due to changing language norms in a desegregating society. The prime focus nowadays should be on new words appearance in South African English. This article deals with the problem of the English language africanization, regarding the position of English in South Africa and other languages impact on South African English development, Dutch, Afrikaans and especially native African languages.

Read **Introduction** here

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/287159322\\_Lingua\\_Franca\\_English\\_of\\_South\\_Africa](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/287159322_Lingua_Franca_English_of_South_Africa)

- B. What is the point of a lingua franca (abstract)?
- C. How many languages are spoken in Africa today (2007)?
- D. What does a typical African language lack according to this study?
- E. What has this lack led to?
- F. What is the result of the interaction of European languages and African languages? Explain.
- G. How are the eleven official languages of South Africa used?

3.

## Why haven't many African nations made an African language a lingua franca?

<https://www.quora.com/Why-havent-many-African-nations-made-an-African-language-a-lingua-franca>

H. Why haven't many African nations made an African language a lingua franca?



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## Not sorry for helping make English Africa's lingua franca

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/aug/01/im-not-sorry-for-helping-make-english-africas-lingua-franca>

- I. What is the point of the letter?
- J. What is the controversy?
- K. What is the advantage of choosing English as a lingua franca instead of a local language?
  
- L. Any ideas about the future situation in Africa when it comes to languages?