

English is a West [Germanic](#) language that [arose](#) in the [Anglo-Saxon](#) kingdoms of England and spread into [South-East](#) Scotland under the influence of the [Anglian](#) medieval kingdom of [Northumbria](#) . Following the economic , political , military , scientific , cultural , and colonial influence of Great Britain and the United Kingdom from the [18th](#) century , and of the United States since the mid [20th](#) century , it has been widely dispersed around the world , become the leading language of international [discourse](#) , and has acquired use as [lingua franca](#) in many [regions](#) . It is widely [learned](#) as a second language and used as an official language of the European Union and many Commonwealth countries , as well as in many world organizations . It is the third most natively spoken language in the world , after [Mandarin](#) Chinese and Spanish . [Historically](#) , English originated from the [fusion](#) of languages and [dialects](#) , now collectively termed Old English , which were brought to the eastern coast of Great Britain by [Germanic \(Anglo-Saxon\)](#) settlers beginning in the [5th](#) century – with the word "English" being derived from the name of the [Angles](#) . The language was further influenced by the Old [Norse](#) language with [Viking](#) invasions in the [8th](#) and [9th](#) century . [The Norman conquest](#) of England in the [11th](#) century gave rise to heavy [borrowings](#) from [Norman-French](#) , and vocabulary and spelling conventions began to give the superficial appearance of a close relationship with [Romance](#) languages

igglis̥ iz ƿ west jɹmɔnik lɔggwɪj t̥ɔt ʌrōz in t̥ʌ ɔgglō sɔxin kiɔdimz ov igglind ɔnd spred int● sɔɔt̥ est skotlind ʌndʌ t̥ʌ inflɔins ov t̥ʌ ɔgglʌkin medeevɔl kiɔdim ov nɔt̥ʌmbrel. foliweɔ t̥ʌ ekʌnomik , pʌlitʌkɔl , milichre , s̥iintifik , kolchɔl , ɔnd kʌlōneɔl inflɔins ov græet britin ɔnd t̥ʌ yɔnitid kiɔdim from t̥ʌ 18t̥ sendre , ɔnd ov t̥ʌ yɔnitid stæɔs sins t̥ʌ mid 20t̥ sendre , it hɔz ben wɪdle dispurst ʌrɔond t̥ʌ wɪrld , bekʌm t̥ʌ ledeɔ lɔggwɪj ov intʌnɔshnɔl diskɔs , ɔnd hɔz ʌqɪʌd yɔs ɔz liɔgwʌ frɔɔkl in mene rejinz. it iz wɪdle lɪrnd ɔz ƿ sekɪnd lɔggwɪj ɔnd yɔzd ɔz ɔn ʌfishɔl lɔggwɪj ov t̥ʌ yɔrʌpeɪn yɔnyɪn ɔnd mene kominwɔɔt̥ kʌndchrez , ɔz wɔl ɔz in mene wɪrld ɔrgʌnɪzæshinz . it iz t̥ʌ t̥ɪrd mōst nɔtivle spōkin lɔggwɪj in t̥ʌ wɪrld , Δftʌ mɔndʌrɪn chɪnez ɔnd sbɔnish . historikle , igglis̥ ʌrijʌnætid from t̥ʌ fyɔʃt̥ɪn ov

Loḡḡwijiz ʊnd dIʌlekas , noo kʌlektivle turmd old iḡḡlish , wich wur brʌrt tʊ tʌ estin kʊst ov græʔ britin bI jurmonik (ʊḡḡlō soxin) setliz bʌḡineḡ in tʌ 5ʈ sendre æde wiʈ tʌ wurd "iḡḡlish" beḡ dʌrIvd from tʌ nœm ov tʌ ʊngʊlz . tʌ Loḡḡwij woz fur tʌ inflʊinst bI tʌ old nʌrs Loḡḡwij wiʈ vIkeḡ invœʃtinz in tʌ 8ʈ ʊnd 9ʈ sendre . tʌ nʌmin konqest ov iḡḡlind in tʌ 11ʈ sendre gœv rIz tʊ heve borʌweḡz from nʌmin- french , ʊnd vʊkʊbyʊlʌre ʊnd spʊleḡ konvendinz begʊn tʊ giv tʌ soʌʌfishʊl ʌperins ov æ klʊs rilœshinship wiʈ rʊmons Loḡḡwijiz.