

The study of English Language as Lingua Franca in Pakistan

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ABSTRACT: *This research aims to study the English language as a Lingua Franca in Pakistan. The focus area of this research is to study English language perception, future perspective, current academic, and advantages and disadvantages of a language. The theoretical framework of Language power (2005) by Houston. There are two components of Language power: 1) Ability to speak and understood, 2) Ability to listen and understand. Progression through the stages is aimed at the understanding of the English language. How this language is taking place in the Pakistan educational system. The representation of this research will contribute to the future of the English Language in Pakistan and Pakistan soon to be a small English valley.*

KEYWORDS: Lingua Franca, language, perceptive, failures, and future perspective.

INTRODUCTION

Ever since the birth of a child, there is an insatiable desire to be accustomed to the surroundings beyond the limits of one's self. An embryo familiarizes itself with its environment through the pulses of its mother and the way she responds to the external stimulus. When it reaches the phase of being a toddler a child recognizes the emotions and facial expression of its guardian or consoler. Through its adolescence and towards being an adult, a human is well equipped to understand and interoperate various shapes, sounds, tempos in the human vocal cord, and gestures to make sense of this physical world it lives in. These influencers are known as the mediums to our cognitive decision making. Our brain is a super illusionist trapped inside a box known as a skull. It tries its best to decrypt these external signals and creates an illusion, and the illusion which is most common among every group, norm, or custom of human life, is perceived as reality. My research is based on the languages these mediums combine to make,

which shapes our perception about this tangible universe and beyond. The plectra of Languages these mediums create and with each language opens a door towards a realm of the new, novel, and subtle reality.

Among all this, right now our world is getting quite fond of a doctrine called the Lingua Franca. A hypothesis that the English language is exponentially taking over the niche of education, business, innovation, and research. English is a language itself that designs the perception of its users. As the world is progressing to be more mature by each decade and obsoleting the past, the English language is sustaining itself as the core medium of communication. Though human of the z generation today is more in concert with each other than our prior generations. This also introduces the threat of halted information, innovation, and discoveries, the progress of humankind.

The term Lingua Franca is basely used as a foreign term and in plurals, it is used as Linguae France. A language which is commonly used by both native speaker and bilingual speaker. Lingua Franca is adopted by people all around the world for different purposes like trading, education and cultural, religious diplomatic and administrative convenience, and as a means of exchanging information between scientists and other scholars of different nationalities. This term Lingua Franca from Romance-based pidgin language basely used for trading. It also performed globally among different people with different mother languages. Lingua Franca performed different functions one as a mixed language between groups of language, it can be native for on nation Lingua Franca is used for any linguistic history or language structure. It is often a pre-existing language, it can also be pidgin or code language for any region and context. Pidgin language is a fully complex language adaption by the subsequent generation. Lingua Frances also uses for political matters. It is more utilized and complex in structure, grammar, and vocabulary, as well as having substantial communities of native speakers.

In Pakistan English played a very important role. Due to this language, people are divided into two groups one are those in favor of English, according to English is very important for the development of the county. If Pakistan wants to be a successful country so it's important to move with the world and adopt English as a language and should have a full hold on this language.

And others are against this language according to them when Pakistan was not separated from India British rule us for 200 years and the English language give as the feelings of slavery. Pakistan as its own language Urdu so why we learn any other language we have to become a successful country on the bases of our language like china use to do.

In the present time to learn English is very important. Nowadays learning English is not a fashion it's a need. Without learning English we can't take a single step. In Pakistan from the education system to office work, everything is in English. But in the race of learning English, we don't have full hold in the target language and native. Because in Pakistan we don't have proper sources to teach English. In the private sector, there are advanced tools and higher qualified staff but in government, there are lacks of sources. At the academic level, we can see

two types of students one those who have full command of the English language and the other are those who have insufficient command of the English language as well as in Urdu.

LITERATURE REVIEW

There are many articles on lingua franca. In different areas like there is an article it's focusing on English: its role as a Lingua Franca in the Techno-Scientific Field of Medicine (M.A. Alcaraz Ariza, F.Navarro, 2006). There is another article which focus on the area of English as a Lingua Franca in written discourse (M.Anna, 18 January 2018). Another research also talks on Lingua Franca but its focus on the different area its focus on English as a Lingua Franca: Perspective and Prospects (Marie-Luise Pitzl and Ruth Osimk-Teasdale 2016).

This research is about "The study of English Language as a Lingua Franca in Pakistan". This research doesn't talk about any controversy about language or try to degrade any language. It just takes about the role of English as lingua franca and how Pakistani carry English in their daily life.

Theoretical framework

This research is based on the theory of Language Power Theory (LPT) (Houston 2005). This theory focus on language power the study of actual communication ability. Communication ability is the competence to speaking to be understood and listening to understand. When non-native speakers listen to a secondary language, they need to be capable of interpreting and processing words that are spoken at real world rates of speech in the manner spoken by native speakers of that language.

Perceptions

If we talk about the role of the English language in Pakistan, so it plays a very important role. Pakistan is a multilingual country. People use to speak more than one language in Pakistan but Urdu and English are major languages. In Pakistan from official work to education systems, everything is in English, and the education syllabus of Pakistan English use to teach as a compulsory subject until or unless the student doesn't clear English there are not supposed to promote to next class. In Pakistan, people use to carry two languages side by side. Most of the users communicate in their mother tongue. Most people use Urdu with English words, to impress lesser souls. Such is the love of the common man to learn English.

It's a common line if you want to bring harmony among any two nations, it only comes from language and in Pakistan its Urdu but for the development and progress of a country, it's important to adopt the English language as your first language. We are living in 21 century and the world is changing rapidly and if we want to match with the footstep of the world it's important to learn English. Because language use to play the role of power in the development of the country.

Research

English used to play the role of lingua franca all around the world. Somehow every country around the world uses to speak or teach English in their country. English has become an international language and the language of development. Words from different languages add in English to increase its variety.

The aim of this research is to focus on English as lingua France. The common language used by people all around the world. It's the common language of communication among the people. In Pakistan from childhood, children use to study English. They watch English programs and read English newspapers. The power of language is stronger and affected than any war ornaments. Language helps to unity and people and make them think on one platform. And newspaper and T.V are the best sources. The language of the newspaper was chosen as it represents the language in use. English daily the Dawn was selected for the purpose as it is the most circulated newspaper in Pakistan. The paper elucidates that there are a large number of Urdu words that are part of English. Through the newspaper, people can read and understand the English language, and later on, it can help to communicate in English.

This paper also talks about the future impact of this research and the advantages and disadvantages of English as a lingua franca in Pakistan. There is a very famous line 'coin has two sides' so we are going to discuss this paper from both sides. But the main purpose of this research is in coming up time Pakistan going to be a small village of English. As in article The linguistic Relativity Hypothesis (Baghramian, Maria and j.adam Carter 2020).

Talking about the same thing that we already discuss early the power of language. That language can change anything from the progress of men's to the development of the country. If anyone knows the game of language he can give this world under his shoes. If we talk about the role of the English language in Pakistan, so it plays a very important role. Pakistan is a multilingual country. People use to speak more than one language in Pakistan but Urdu and English are major languages. In Pakistan from official work to education systems, everything is in English, and the education syllabus of Pakistan English use to teach as a compulsory subject until or unless the student doesn't clear English there are not supposed to promote to next class. In Pakistan, people use to carry two languages side by side. Most of the users communicate in their mother tongue. Most people use Urdu with English words, to impress lesser souls. Such is the love of the common man to learn English.

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Current academic

If we talk about the education system in Pakistan so every single thing is in English. According to research by [Ajay Pinjani](#) | [Minha Khan](#) they are talking about the journey of student educational struggle in their article “ the understanding of the linguistic journey of Pakistani’s children 14 July 2020). This journey of learning will require that children have access to the media through which they can receive what the world wants to share with them and express what they want to share with the world. Language is one of the most vital media through which we communicate, question, explore, and learn. This means that it is our responsibility to equip children with the language skills necessary for their learning and adopt language policies within schools that support and encourage children in their journeys.

If we talk about our current education curriculum there are two sectors as discuss earlier, the government sector and the private sector. And both have different curriculum if we talk about government and rural area their textbooks are all in Urdu and only English textbook is in English and in that area teachers are not highly qualified and they don’t have advanced technology. On the other hand, private and urban area textbooks are in English and student got highly qualified and trained teachers and they use advanced technology either to learn a language or something else that is the main reason why a student from the rural area don’t have access on the English language as well as on advance tools and applications.

Failures

The causes of failure in the English subject, analyze the causes of English language skills. The majority of the English teachers are unqualified, technically ill-equipped, and inexperienced. Language laboratories are not available on campus. Teachers use the Grammar translation method where the mother tongue is dominant. English teachers do not arrange such practical activities that can either improve their language skills or give students exposure to the English language. Classrooms are overcrowded which hamper students’ performance in the English subject because there is a lack of teacher-student interaction and participation. The syllabus is found lengthy and the time for the English period is not sufficient. Monthly or unit tests are not given to students. Principals do not supervise or supplement teachers and students regarding the English language. All these related factors lead to academic failure. Their many students cannot have access to language or advanced technology. In Pakistan there is still such school which introduces computer 4 or 7 years backs and still today they don’t have the complete access to computer .it’s just not about a student, teachers don’t have computer skill and they also do not have experts in this field more teachers attitudes towards new technology is not positive they don’t want to leave their traditional way on teaching. They feel learning computer is waste of time and it make to depend on it and with this student stop working hard he just take help from computer. In this way, students stop learning and exploring new things.

Advantages

English has become the international language. commonly use to speak in every single country and it is used as part of their curriculum. The English language played a very important in every institution of Pakistan. English used to be the medium of the education system. Teachers use

to deliver their lecture in English and want their students to ask a question in English and use only the English language in the classroom.

Using English language for conversation provides the student the opportunity to improve their English skill. English speakers have more job opportunities in both government and private sectors as compare to other languages. Society gives more importance to those who can speak English fluently. English is very important for international relations. Due to English speakers and learning Pakistan use to be included in developed countries. English language to develop your personality. From the day when English becomes the medium of education, the stand of education has become better. The causes of failure in the English subject, analyze the causes of English language skills. The majority of the English teachers are unqualified, technically ill-equipped, and inexperienced. Language laboratories are not available on campus. Teachers use the Grammar translation method where the mother tongue is dominant. English teachers do not arrange such practical activities that can either improve their language skills or give students exposure to the English language. Classrooms are overcrowded which hamper students' performance in the English subject because there is a lack of teacher-student interaction and participation. The syllabus is found lengthy and the time for the English period is not sufficient. Monthly or unit tests are not given to students. Principals do not supervise or supplement teachers and students regarding the English language. All these related factors lead to academic failure. Their many students cannot have access to language or advanced technology. In Pakistan there is still such school which introduces computer 4 or 7 years backs and still today they don't have the complete access to computer. it's just not about a student, teachers don't have computer skill and they also do not have experts in this field more teachers' attitudes towards new technology is not positive they don't want to leave their traditional way on teaching. They feel learning computer is waste of time and it make to depend on it and with this student stop working hard he just take help from computer, in this way, students stop learning and exploring new things.

Disadvantages

If the English language has advantages on the other hand it also has disadvantages. There are some peoples those are still touch with roots of Pakistan and Pakistan national language Urdu. People who are in life with the national language are against English. According to them, English is a foreign language or salve language they feel language gives them the feeling of slavery and inferiority complex. And they have a fear that one day English will replace Urdu and Urdu soon going to be a dead language. Moreover, many students face difficulties in learning English. According to them learning both languages sides by sides creating difficulties to focus on both languages. As English is not our national language it's hard to speak fluently. And teacher use to follow Grammar Translation Methods for teaching English in class due to which students unable to learning English without Grammar Translation Methods. Students always translate English into their mother language and understand. In Pakistan, students belong to different educational backgrounds. One of those are belonging to the rural side and the other from the urban side. In rural areas, students were only taught by books no computer if they have a computer they don't have vast access on it but in urban areas, every single thing work with the help of advance technology school, colleges and universities. CALL use to play

a very important role in language .in city teachers use to take help from computer and prepare a lecture on slides. With this student can develop or can prove their English skills. Presenting a lecture on slides very help full for students because what they listen they can see and what they see they can listen.

CONCLUSION

The representation of study this research is based on the power of languages how language can change your life as well as this world language. This paper talks about English as a lingua franca in Pakistan. How Pakistan deal with is language and how English language impact on peoples' life. It can't be wrong if this research says about the future of the English language in Pakistan. In coming up time Pakistan going to be a small village. This article also high light some issues and fear of our elders. We can develop such a tool which help student those are living in a rural area can easily access on the computer and can improve their language skill that it can be help full to make language balanced in Pakistan. And no more be afraid of speaking English properly without any grammar mistake. This research aims to focus on English as lingua France. The common language used by people all around the world. It's the common language of communication among the people. In Pakistan from childhood, children use to study English. They watch English programs and read English newspapers. The power of language is stronger and affected than any war ornaments. English is a language itself that designs the perception of its users. As the world is growing to be more mature by each decade and obsoleting the past, the English language is sustaining itself as the core medium of communication. Language, like culture, that other most human attribute, is notable for its unity in diversity: there are many languages and many cultures, all different but all fundamentally the same, because there is one human nature and because a fundamental property of this human nature is how it allows such diversity in both language and culture. Language, being a human activity, is social; hence, linguistics is usually classified as a *social science*. Because languages can only be studied through human behavior, linguistics, like psychology, is further classified as a *behavioral science*; and because language is essentially mental, linguistics is also a *cognitive science*. If all societies have languages, then we may begin to ask in what ways all these languages differ from one another and in what ways they are similar. There is much more to be said about the languages. All languages are manifestations of the single phenomenon, language that most characteristic of human attributes. We can use these both to show that two languages are related and even to reconstruct what their common ancestor must have sounded like. But all this is because of the regularity of sound change, something that all human languages.

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