

The Historical Development of Modern English Teaching

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Abstract: With the development of culture and economy, the communication between different countries is becoming more frequent, and the leaders of all countries communicate in English, which makes it increasingly crucial in international exchange. English is the second language for most people in our country. In our daily life and work, English is often used and even required to communicate with each other. It is obvious that the using English in our country is very common. Most people are very skillful in English grammar as well as oral English. However, how English has been developed so far is rarely understood. This paper is to mainly introduce the historical development of modern English, analyze its development trends so that more people understand its development.

1. Introduction

After the two world wars, Anglo-American culture has made great strides. The English vocabulary is getting richer, and the popularization is becoming wider. English has become an international language, playing an important role in the international exchange. It was a language only for the Germanic tribes at the very beginning, with the development of 1500 years, it has absorbed a large number of foreign words and eventually become mature. As an international language, English has its own uniqueness. English grammar and phrases are simple, making it easier for people to learn. The development of English has gone through three periods, namely the late mediaeval English period, the early modern English period and the post-revolutionary period of the British bourgeoisie. These three periods have witnessed the gradual maturation of English and will be analyzed as follows.

2. The Development Periods of Modern English

The influential works during the late mediaeval English period were all written in English, meaning that it had become a representative language in this period. English did not replace Latin and French in the very beginning, but with more British important characters publishing some announcements in English, it started to catch more attention. Edward III stipulated that court trials must use English. As a result, English has become a common language for schools, courts, parliaments and the like in the process of gradual development. The establishment of a language requires a basic skeleton and basic vocabulary. In the late mediaeval English period, English grammar and vocabulary had been initially refined and become the national language of Britain and the foundation of modern English. Before the late mediaeval English period, the grammar of English was disorganized and non-standardized, and it was so complicated that it was not easy for people to learn. After the late mediaeval English period, English grammar was simplified. Therefore, it is said that this period is a simplification phase for English grammar, laying a solid foundation for the widespread use of English. It is also during this period that English grammar spelling had been uniformed and the core vocabulary had been established, contributing to the continuous improvement and development of English.

The most prominent feature of early modern English period is that English words are not spelled properly, as after the late mediaeval English period, although English grammar and words order were basically settled, many English words were still spelled in old forms. In order to meet the demand of printing, the spelling of English words was unified. Though some words were still

controversial, the standardization of English word spelling had been greatly improved compared with the previous situation. After the late mediaeval English period, English grammar had been initially established, so it later mostly focused on the supplement of the vocabulary. The division of modern English usually takes year 1700 as the boundary, and it is found that after this year the spelling and grammar of English articles do not have any significant change afterwards, but the vocabulary has been growing by leaps and bounds, especially after the Renaissance, that is, the early modern English period. The purpose of the Renaissance was to counter the feudal culture of the Middle Ages, so during this period, the ancient Greek culture and the Roman culture had a great impact on people, and the words in ancient Greek culture and Roman culture were applied to English, such as Latin word "consultare" was simplified to "consult", "exclusionem" into "exclusion" and so on. Many English words are transformed from other cultures, and we say the Renaissance period is a time of English development.

At that time, the British feudal despotism was deeply rooted, and people's life was full of crushing and inequality, and poor cultural circulation. The development of a language requires the exchange of culture and the improvement of scholars, but at that time, Britain did not have the conditions for further development of English. After the native culture was completely integrated into English, the development of English stopped as it could not absorb other cultures. However, after the British bourgeois revolution, people's thoughts were liberated to a certain extent. With the fall of feudal autocracy, British industrial revolution had been promoted, the British economy started a new development, and the British culture began to circulate with other countries. Many cultures began to infuse the United Kingdom, so English was given an opportunity for development. Through interpretation with other national languages, it was supplemented with many new vocabularies, among which French had the longest impact on English because of the closer relations between France and the United Kingdom and their frequent cultural exchanges. It can be seen that some French spelling and pronunciation remain in English. During this period, English was divided into plenty of branches, because people in other countries modified English and infused the local language and culture into it. English began to be widely used.

3. The Analysis of the Historical Development Trends of Modern English Teaching

In the whole process of development, English, as a reference common language, is the basis for exchanges between different countries, and its emergence provides the trade conditions for each country. English is not only a bridge of communication among people and nations, but also a cultural connotation. It brings more convenience for friendly exchanges within the world. This cultural characteristic manifest in the political field, cultural field, economic field and the like. As a carrier of ideological action, language is a kind of behavioral consciousness activity. Through concise language, it clearly expresses the meaning that it intends to and then conveys the profound idea of language through human facial expressions. The development of the modern English language is favorable. It has been widely adopted and won the recognition and acceptance by various countries in the world. Compared with other national languages, modern English is simple to learn and allows one to grasp it in a relatively short period of time. In addition, the English language is more convenient and accurate in the process of communication, while Chinese is quite difficult to learn with various ways. For a simple Chinese character, there are multiple tones. Therefore, it is not practical to take it as a common language in the worldwide. Besides, a lot of idioms in Chinese are used in the process of expression, which is unique and adds the difficulties to its translation. Even if the translation is accurate, the true meaning of these idioms still cannot be exactly comprehended. Clearly the common use of modern English language is an inevitable trend of global economic globalization, strengthening the trade exchanges among countries in the world and providing favorable conditions for the cultural blending. The development of English is bound to bring more economic value to the society, and this communicative trend has accelerated the exchange and development of economy, culture and politics in various countries.

Since the reform and opening up, tremendous changes have taken place in the economic field of our country. With the economic globalization, each country starts frequent trade exchanges and has

broken the limitations of previous language barriers. English can provide favorable conditions for the exchanges in economic, political and cultural fields among various countries. The development of social productive forces will also be influenced by the development of linguistics because they share some similarities on certain issues. The formation of language is due to the great social changes which cannot be altered. The development of English language cannot be separated from the influence of linguistics. From the point of view of English form and study objects, the development of linguistics is affected by many factors. English also has a certain relationship with psychology and sociology, which are key focuses in the development process of current linguistics. Such cross-border has a direct impact on the development and popularization of English language. The modern English language is oriented around the world, involving all countries with enormous social influence. Its development has promoted the social advances. On the one hand, the emergence of English has altered the limitations of the previous language barrier so that people can communicate in a good environment, and the English learning is relatively easy, individuals can communicate ideologically in the same language environment. On the other hand, the development of English allows different countries to study and share different knowledge and skills. For example, an enterprise that wants to employ excellent management talents in the world can turn to the world's talents management platform and it would need to communicate with well-known foreign personnel, so that the actual needs of their own business can be clearly expressed through the conversation and an agreement can be reached eventually on the views. The development of modern English has driven the world environment, promoted the continuous social advances and certainly has the social value of existence.

The time when China began to accept the development of linguistics was during the period of reform and opening up. The study on linguistics in China and abroad during that time was rather popular and Chinese linguists started to explore and study the applied linguistics. The "Collected Translation of Linguistics" at that time greatly stimulated the rapid development of Chinese English linguistics and systematically studied and promoted the translation of English Linguistics. During the period of reform and opening up, China carried out a deep analysis of applied linguistics, and many social linguistics theories emerged, which also played a catalytic role in the development of linguistics education. Viewed from the development of linguistics, the modern English linguistics blossoms very well, and the construction of English linguistics system is also constantly improving and adjusting, based on which, the modern social linguistics communication viewpoint system is established, motivating the rapid development of Chinese linguistics to a certain extent. The hot topics such as structural linguistics, psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics have played a very important role in the linguistics education and of great significance in the research process of modern English linguistics. The development of modern English linguistics has promoted the continuous advances of the world's linguistics. The study of English linguistics has a crucial relationship with the world economic development environment and the status of international exchanges. Under the influence of each other, modern English linguistics has entered a new area. It also follows the principles of keeping pace with the times, reflecting the progress and development of one era and one country, and involves the fields of culture, economy and politics. The pace of development is affected by the demands of society. In the current world development environment, English linguistics research and development have irreplaceable status and influence.

4. Conclusion

In summary, the development of English linguistics has gone through plenty periods, and it is determined by the demands of social development. The continuous development of society and frequent exchanges among all countries in the world have promoted the construction of English linguistics system and the continuous development in the field of linguistics education. With different disciplines blending with each other, English language, as a cultural product of ideology, has boosted the development of the world.

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