



*A representation of English in the world*

This map distinguishes between three different types of English-speaking country: those in which English is used predominantly as a 'mother tongue'; those in which it is a second language with official or semi-official status; and those in which mother-tongue use co-exists with one or more additional languages. The map provides a useful context for discussion in the chapters that follow but the information needs to be interpreted with caution: for instance, countries categorized as 'mother tongue' will also have speakers of additional languages. You will see from Chapter 1 that categorizing different groups of speakers, or different English-speaking contexts, is by no means straightforward.

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