



English builds foundation for success

Staff editorial

eternally be stuck in a primitive state, comparable to the Neanderthals.

Written English, however, is completely different from spoken English. English is a language abundant with rules and exceptions to those rules. It is a language of loopholes. Words in English can sound the same and have multiple spellings, or they can sound completely different and have precisely the same meaning.

But as a generation, we depend heavily on programs such as autocorrect and spell-check to right our wrongs. In most ways, written English is invariably more important than the spoken variety.

In the business world, English is still the most widely used language, and over the course of the past couple decades, as communication has taken a much more technological path,

English. It's our language. It's how we communicate. Communication. It's how we interact, advance, and grow as a society. Without the ability to communicate, we would

written communication is becoming increasingly more important. The sad truth is that people often judge your intelligence on your ability to communicate with written word, before they even meet you.

Under the Indiana Core 40 standards, students are required to take one English class per year. Some argue that the amount of English classes required is excessive, and that there cannot be anything more to learn. What many do not see is the importance of an extensive knowledge of English. Along with the basic knowledge of grammar and spelling, important skills are ingrained in the curriculum. Through reading and literature we also are taught skills like critical thinking, effective communication and organization, all skills that will be invaluable in the "real world." Through reading and literature, we gather information about both history and current events.

Behind Mandarin Chinese, English is a the most spoken language in the world. In almost every subject, writing and communication are intrinsic components. English classes are irreplaceable in our curriculum. A sufficient English education can and will give us the skills to succeed.