## УДК 81-13 THE INFLUENCE OF CULTURAL FACTORS ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

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The influence of cultural factors on any language is a complex phenomenon that attracts significant attention in linguistics and cultural studies. This article examines how prominent cultural institutions, such as the Hollywood film industry and the BBC, impact language features. These organizations not only reflect but also shape cultural values and norms, which, in turn, affect the language use.

Hollywood, with its global reach, has become a powerful force in shaping popular culture, while the BBC is known for its role in promoting British culture and language standards. Both institutions have contributed to the globalization of English, influencing its vocabulary, grammar, and idioms worldwide.

Since the 1920s, the technology has played a crucial role in films, particularly through the use of the sound of English. The sound has strengthened the influence of the language, and soon English came to dominate the film industry. From the very beginning of the cinema industry, the technology has been used to create sound effects. Furthermore, the spread of the English language has contributed to the increase in the number of annual TV series aimed at wide audiences. English has become a powerful driver in the industry, making Hollywood movies successful worldwide.

American films are watched not only in the United States but also around the world, and the audience for Hollywood movies has grown significantly. Most films resonate easily with viewers due to their engaging storytelling. This phenomenon has greatly contributed to the spread of American culture, making it a key source of promoting the English language globally. The cinema industry is seen as a medium that delivers a single message to a vast audience. In this way, films have the ability to capture imagination and foster creativity, as they combine moving images and sound.

The BBC has a significant impact on British English. It helps maintain traditional standards while also showcase diverse regional accents and dialects across the UK. This diversity is reflected in its programming, which contributes to the rich linguistic landscape of Britain.

Globally, the BBC's broadcasts spread British English and influence formal communication styles. Programs like "BBC World News" serve as models for how to use standard British English effectively around the world.

Hollywood has a strong impact on language, mainly by spreading American English through movies and TV shows. As one of the biggest entertainment industries in the world, Hollywood reaches people from different cultures and language backgrounds. This constant exposure to American media introduces viewers to new words, slang, idioms, and even ways of speaking that often become a part of local languages.

For example, phrases like "break a leg" (used to wish someone good luck) or "call it a day" (meaning to stop working) were originally American but are now used worldwide. Similarly, famous lines from movies and TV shows – like "May the Force be with you" (from Star Wars) or "I'll be back" (from The Terminator) – often become a part of everyday speech, sometimes are even translated into other languages.

Beyond words, Hollywood also influences how people communicate and what they consider normal in conversation. Characters in American films and TV shows often speak directly, confidently, and assertively, reflecting American cultural values. As a result, audiences around the world may start to adopt similar ways of speaking, becoming more direct, expressive, or informal. This is especially true for younger people, who often copy the speech, slang, and humor of their favorite characters.

While Hollywood spreads American English globally, the BBC plays a key role in maintaining and sharing British English. As a respected media organization, the BBC sets high standards for the language as well as showcases the variety of accents and dialects found in the UK.

Programs like "BBC World News" serve as examples of clear and formal communication, promoting standard British grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary. As a result, non-native English speakers who watch BBC content are more likely to use British spelling (e.g., "colour" instead of "color," "theatre" instead of "theater") and follow British grammar rules.

So, both Hollywood and the BBC are powerful forces in shaping language and culture. By sharing their versions of English with the world, they not only influence how people communicate but also contribute to the ongoing evolution of language itself.

Moreover, both Hollywood's film industry and the BBC play a major role in shaping language by spreading specific forms of English around the world. Their influence goes beyond just entertainment or news; they affect cultural values and how people speak globally.

Understanding these influences is a key to improving communication between cultures and preserving linguistic diversity in the face of globalization. As the media continue to change with new technologies, recognizing these dynamics will remain important for navigating complex intercultural interactions.

The role of Hollywood movies in spreading English as a global language is significant because most Hollywood films are produced and distributed in English worldwide. The technology has helped Hollywood improve media, communication, and entertainment, using English as a tool to share both language and culture. Hollywood has recognized the importance of art by making English the primary language in its productions.

Hollywood has achieved a dominant position in the film industry largely because it uses English, which is widely accepted as a global language. No other language has attracted such a large audience for Hollywood movies as English has since its rise. The features of Hollywood films, especially the use of English, make them appealing to audiences worldwide.

Additionally, Hollywood films like X-Men, The Lord of the Rings, Toy Story, Harry Potter Series, and Transformers, along with English-language video content, have contributed to the global spread of English. The language used in these movies encourages people to learn English because of its easy-to-understand vocabulary, common idioms, and relatable slang. These films often show traits of humor, sociability, and even moments of silliness, making the language more engaging. They also expose viewers to different varieties of English spoken by characters, further enriching the audience's understanding of the language.

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