

English is a polyglot of many languages that melded together from ancient European tribes, words and phrases adopted from around the world by mariners, and a great deal of invention and adaptation. Rosie Drifill, in her *Guardian* piece, “From Seaspeak to English: celebrating other kinds of English,” takes a brief look at new English variants around the world. Her examples include “Irish English,” “Singlish,” and “Seaspeak.”

As you approach the beginning of your own career uses of English, how do *you* view the future of English? What do you believe English will look like in the next 50 years, particularly in the field of engineering, and what are your plans for adapting your speaking and writing skills? Which areas of English (e.g., mechanics such as grammar and syntax, or usage) do you feel you need most to improve to become fluent in the engineering English of the 21st-century?