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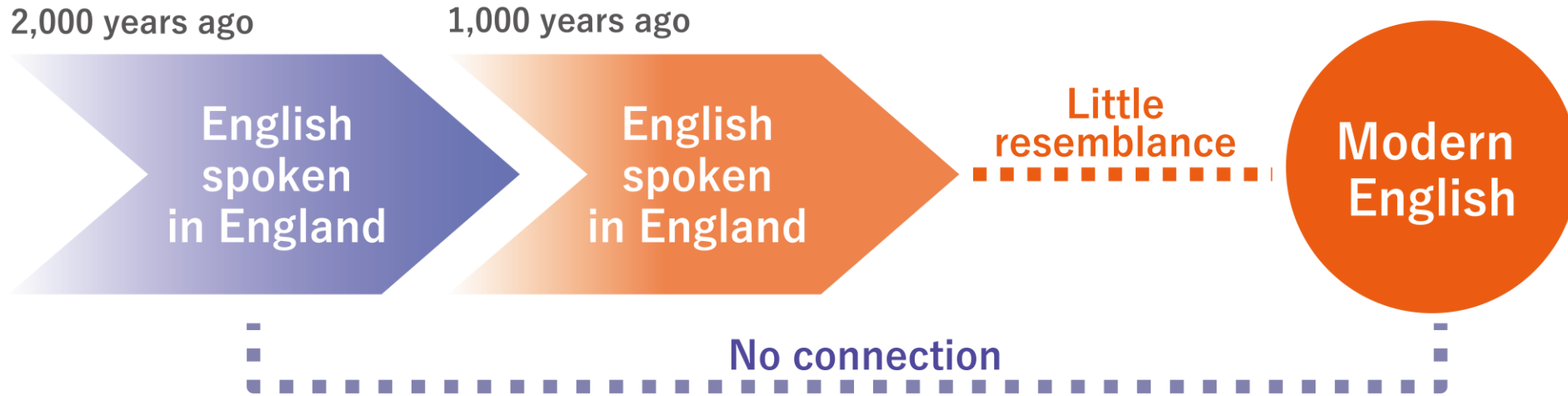
Main aims of this lecture is to understand...

- The spread of English as a global language
- The global ownership of English



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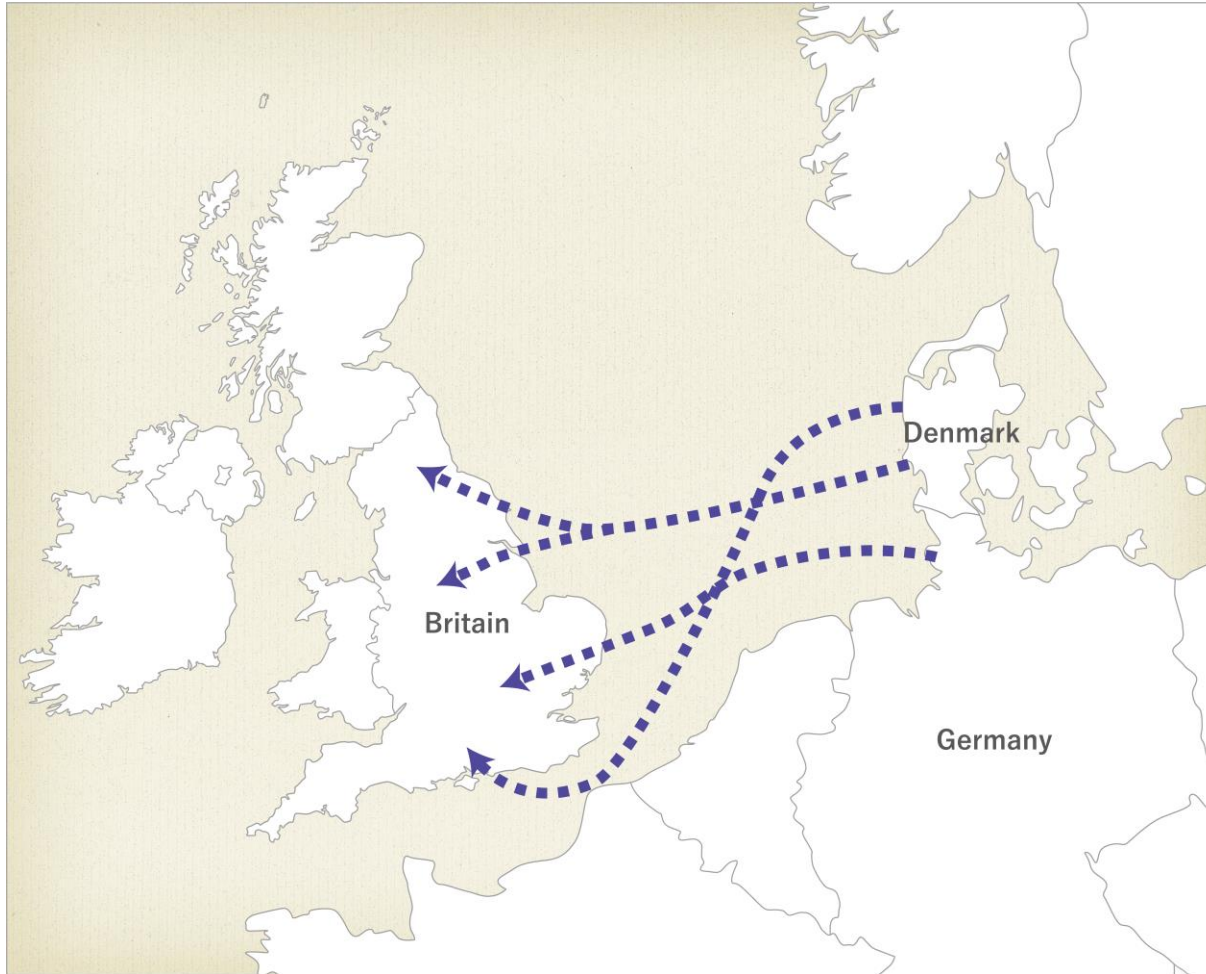
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The Ancient Britons

- The original inhabitants of England
- NOT speakers of English
- Speakers of a Celtic language



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**Where, then,
does English come from?**

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- Heptarchy (Seven kingdoms in England)

① East Anglia

② Mercia

③ Northumbria

④ Wessex

⑤ Essex

⑥ Kent

⑦ Sussex

- Different dialects spoken in each kingdom:
Welsh (far west), Scottish Gaelic (far north),
Cornish (far southwest), etc.

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Old Norse

- North Germanic language spoken by ancient Scandinavians
- Influenced many parts of Britain due to Nordic invasions
- Impacted the language used throughout the whole region

Old English

- Emerged by the 10th century
- Unintelligible to today's English speakers

The emergence of a standard English language in the early 1400s

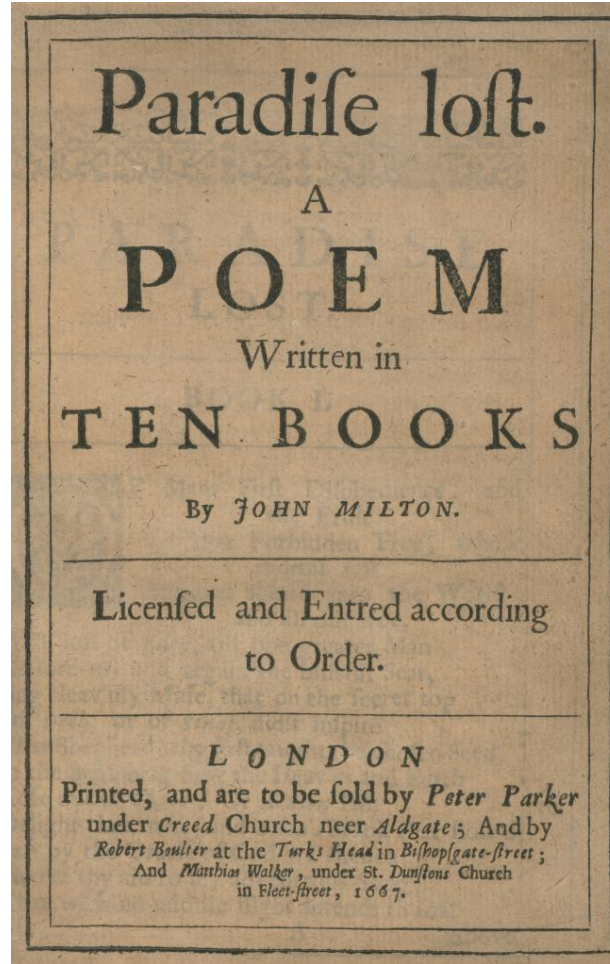
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- *‘not only because the Midlands are located in the middle but also because its language was not as extreme as that of the innovative North or as conservative as in the South’* (Gramley, 2012, p. 104)

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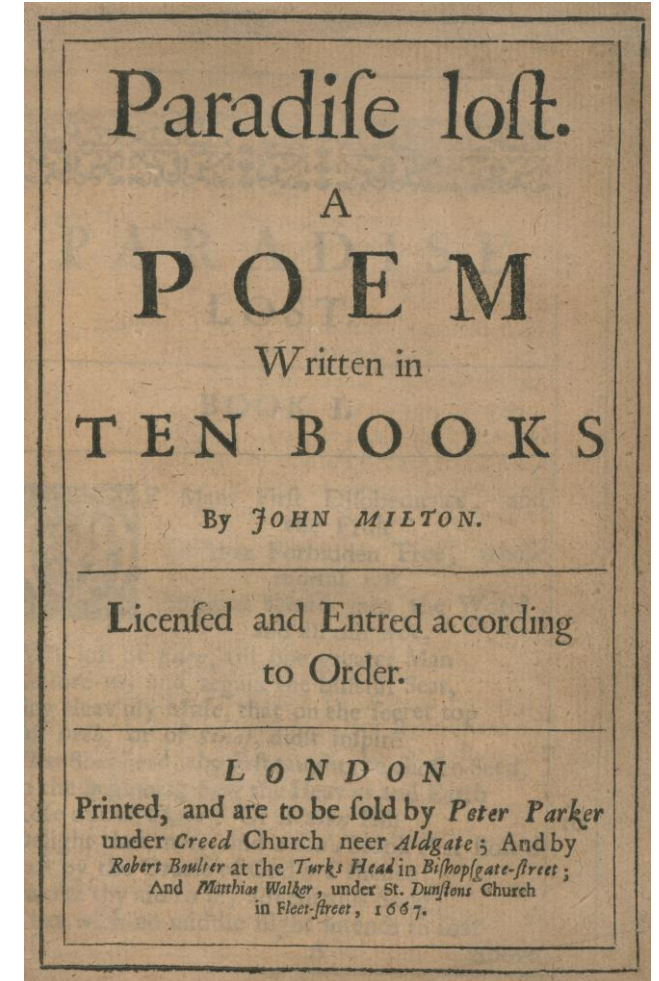
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Emergence of a modern English by the late 1600s

- Language that could be understood by an English speaker today

Mass dispersal around the world ever since

- English as a global language

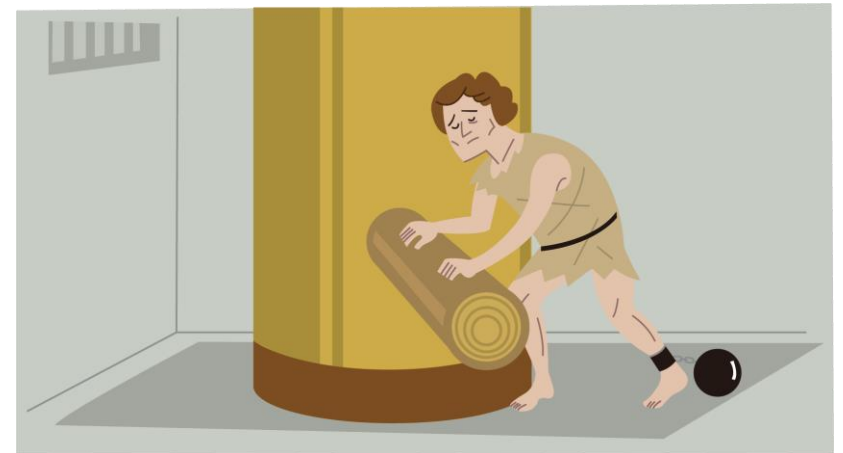


Examining the spread of English

Four channels:

1. Settler colonies
2. Slavery
3. Trade and exploitation colonies
4. Globalisation (recent spread)

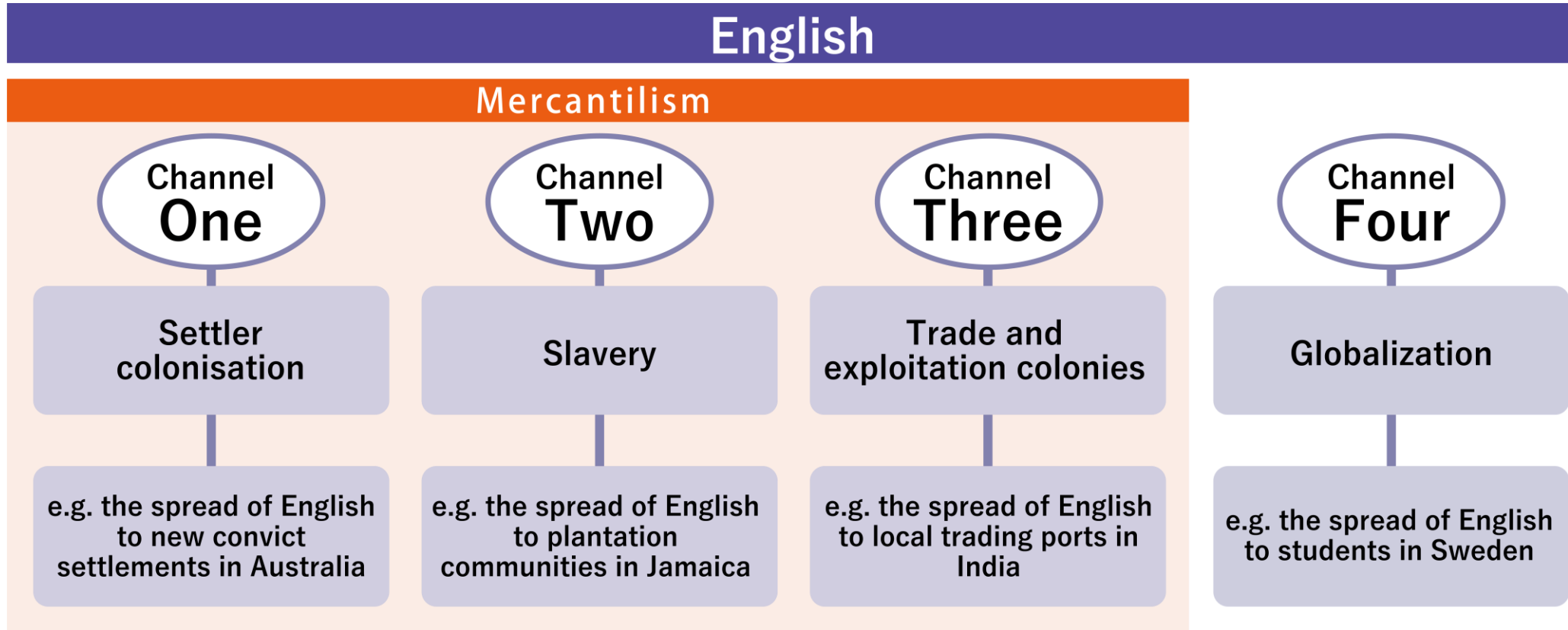
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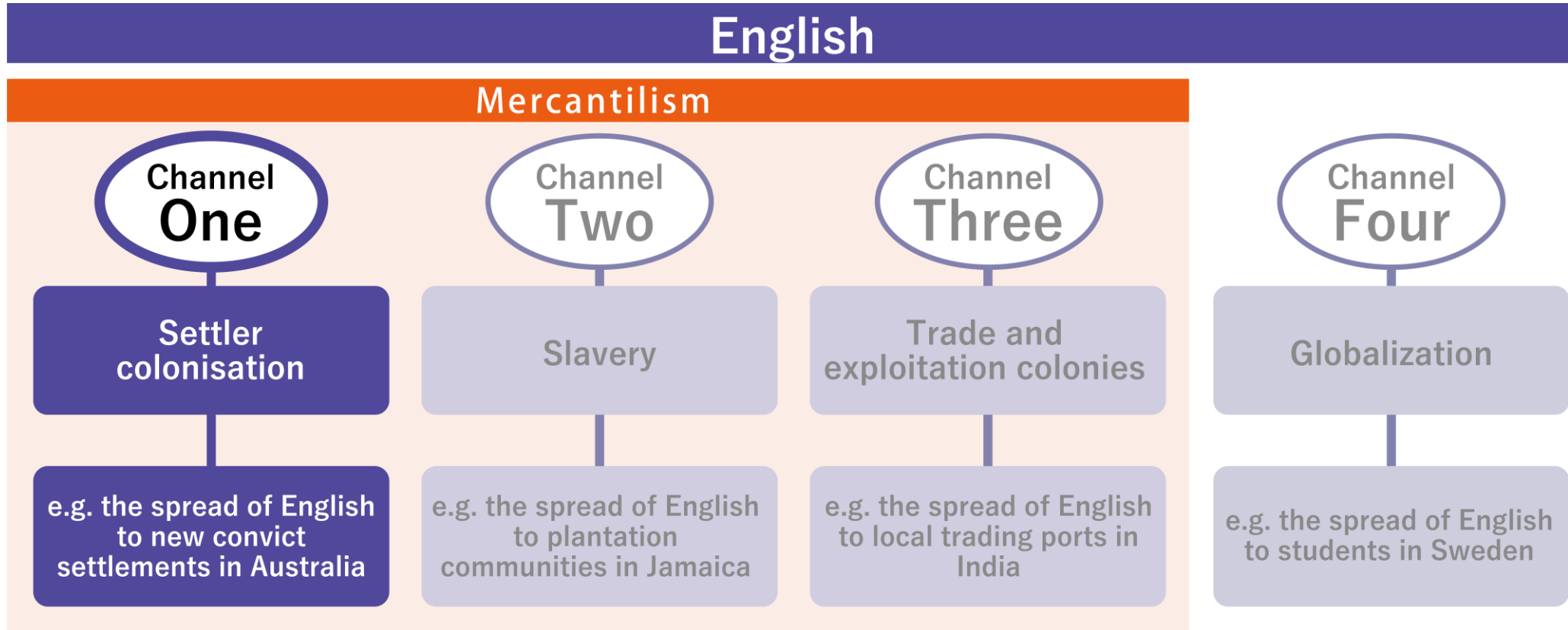
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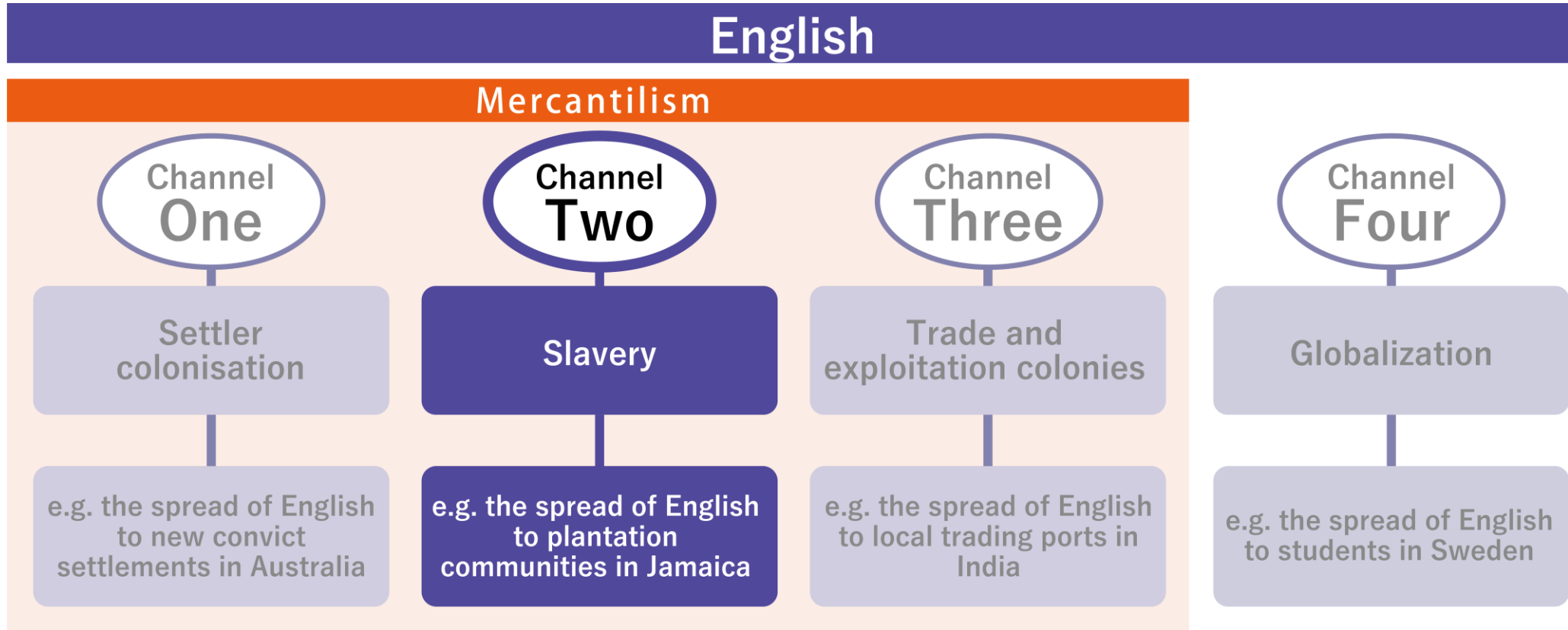
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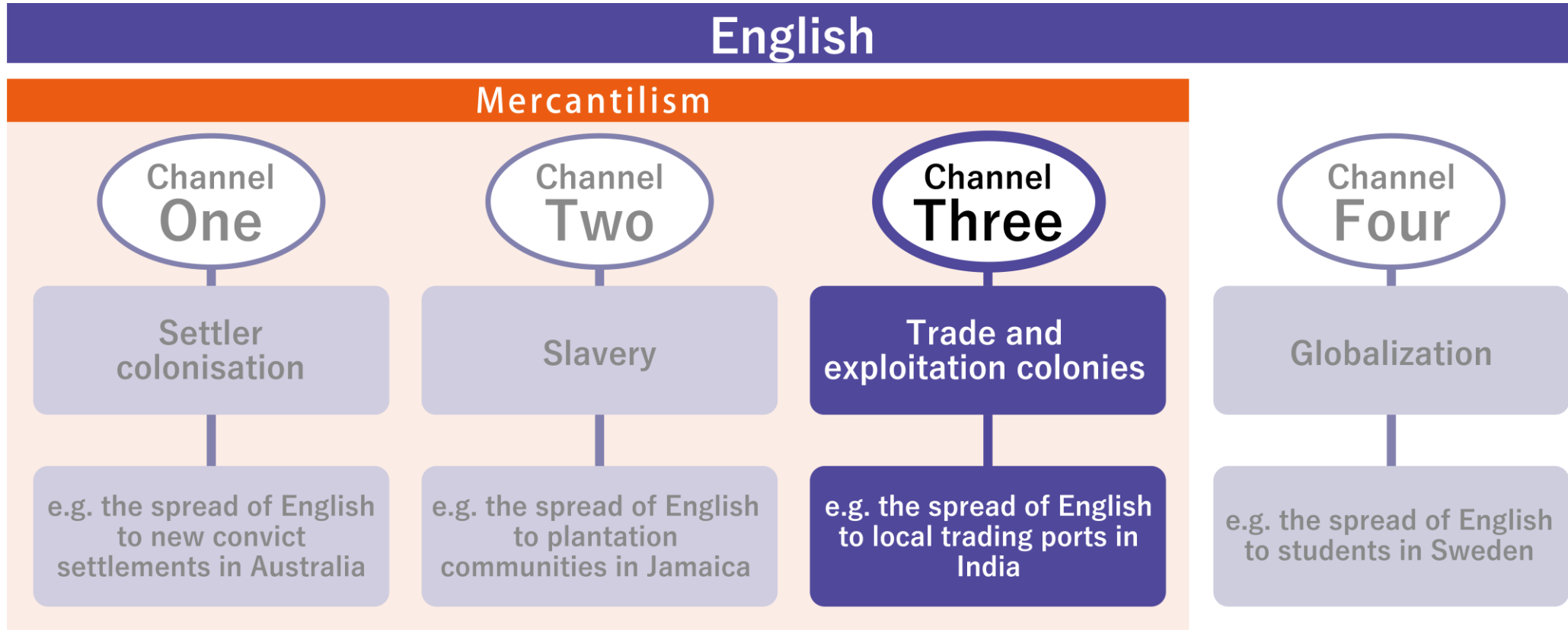
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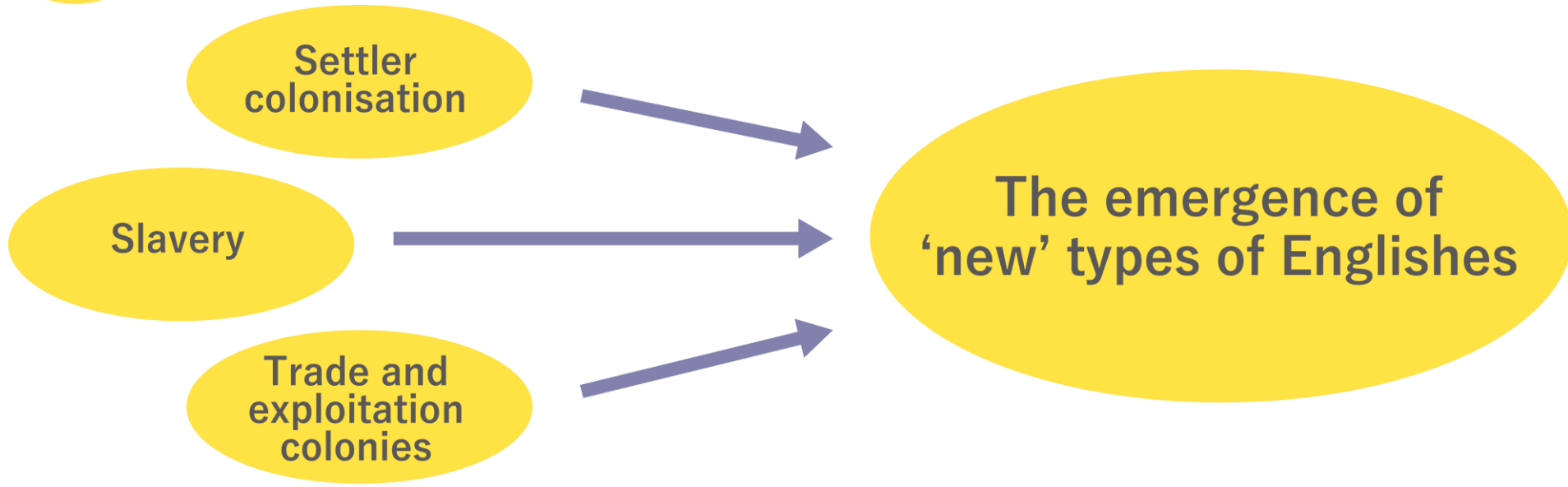


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England's territory and the dispersal of English

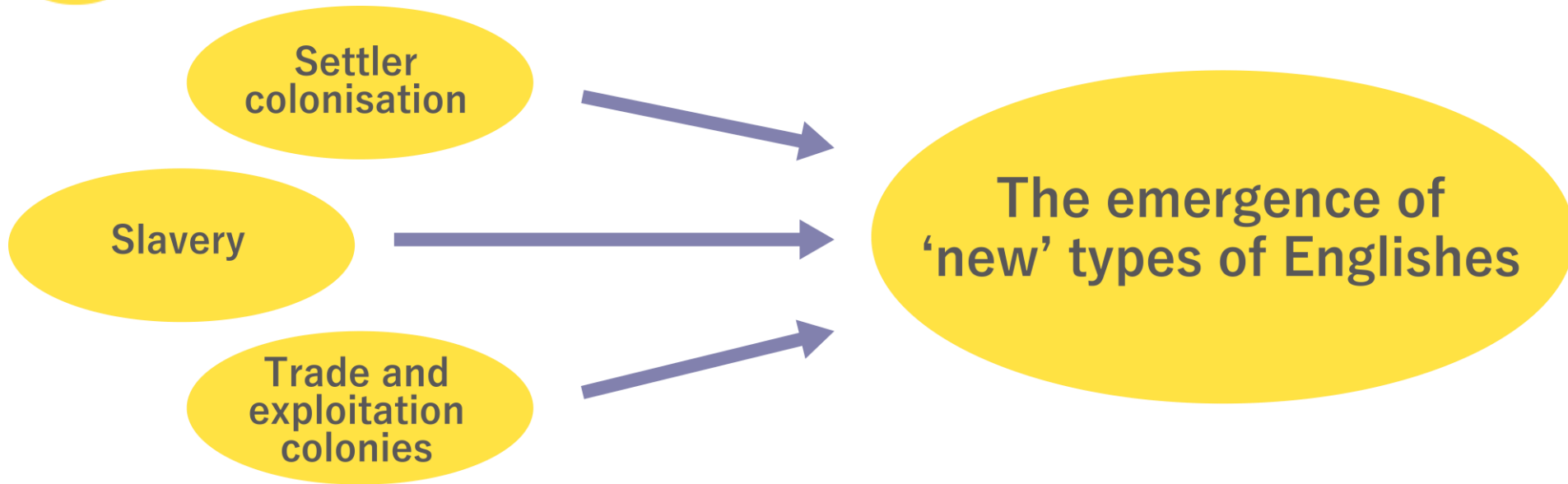


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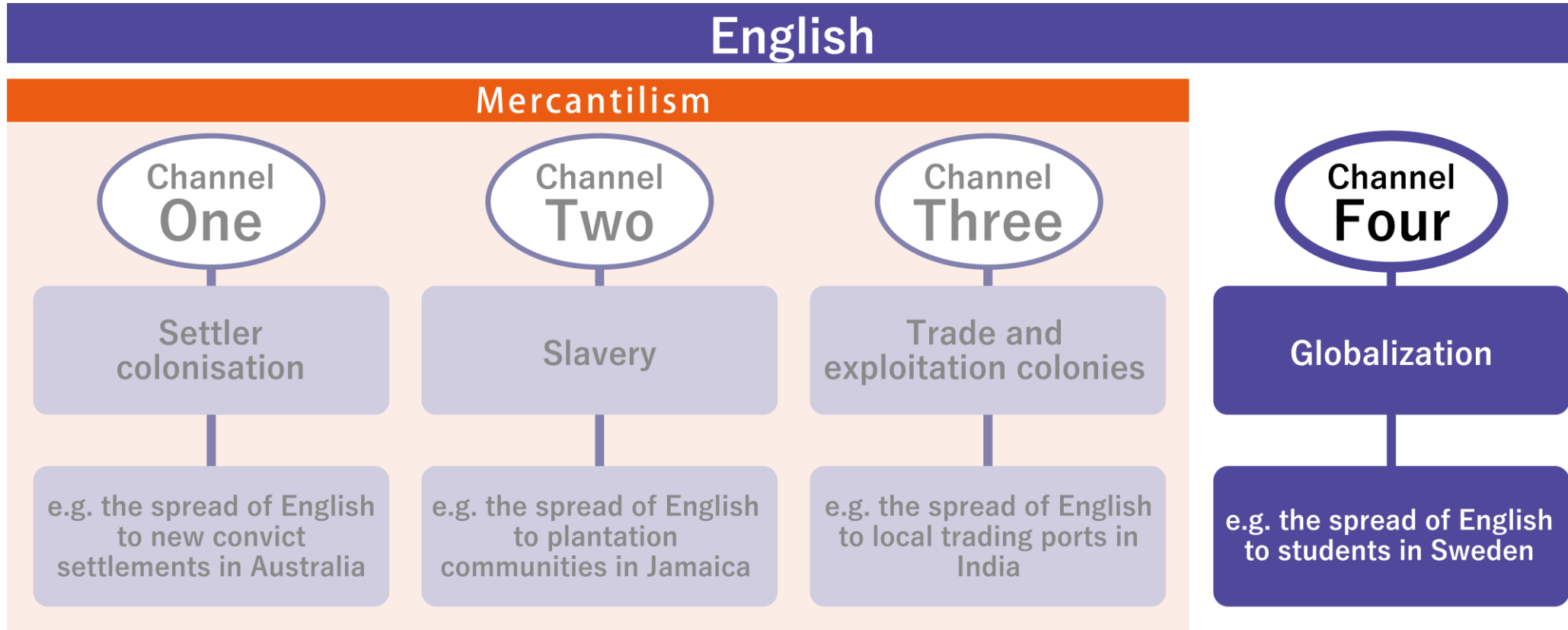


- English in substantial contact with other languages
- Linguistic difference further enhanced when colonies became independent (Strevens, 1992)

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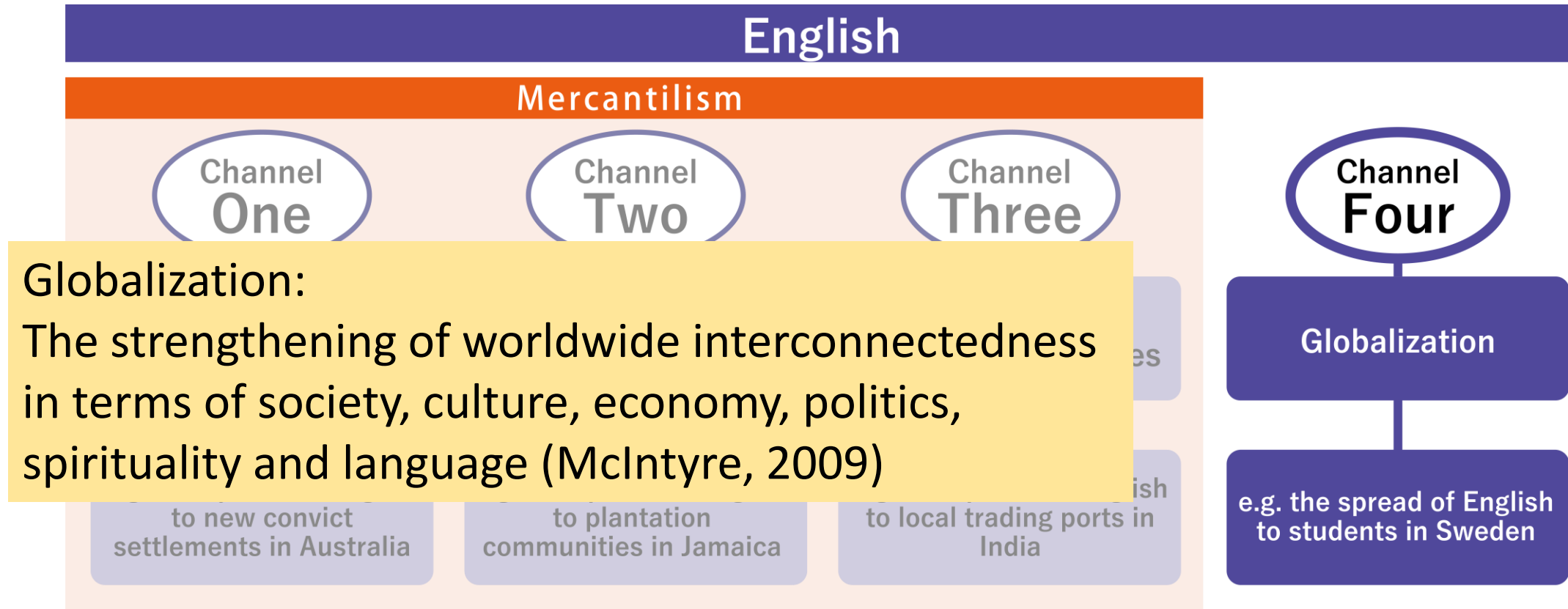
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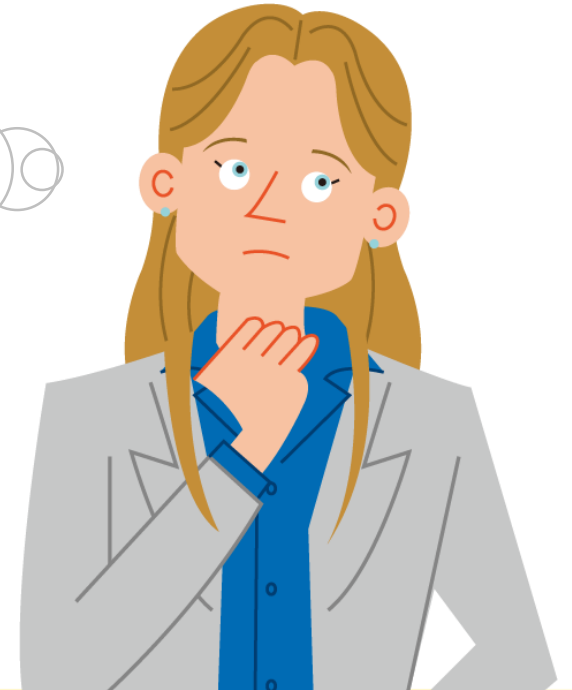


English:

- The world's lingua franca
- Used for various activities
- Spoken as an additional language
- A language of contact with other languages and cultures

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Why has English become the world's lingua franca?



Language-external qualities

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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'in the right place at the right time' (Crystal, 2003, p. 78)

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Recap

- The roots of the English language in the northern areas of Germany and the Jutland peninsula in Denmark
- Emergence of a standard English language in the early 1400s
- Emergence of a modern English by the late 1600s
- The four channels of English spread
- Recent spread driven by globalisation