

## What will happen to the Lithuanian language in the future?

The Lithuanian language is one of the oldest languages that still exist and throughout the years it kept changing the way people have spoken it and wrote it, so there are many possible outcomes for our language. One of the possibilities could be that our language goes extinct from everyone speaking different, more mainstream languages. Another way our language could stop being used is from human extinction, could be a meteor, or global warming, but in this text, we are going to look into the first possible outcome.

Every language evolves through time, that is no different for Lithuanian. The pronunciation of words and discovery of new ones. And by ages, people are starting to incorporate more different languages into their vocabulary and as the time goes, the language slowly starts being used less. This is what's happening to our language now. You might be wondering why we do this? Well, we have a few ideas why it's happening. One of them is because of the Internet. Although the internet has been made in Switzerland, English still rules one of the top most used languages on the web. It's more convenient searching for information in English, as you can find more results for the things that you are actually looking for. Languages like Lithuanian suffer from the problem where you look for a certain thing, but you don't usually find the information that you are looking for.

Many teenagers grow up with English as their second language and usually find it more convenient to use. Lithuanian has complicated grammar and has difficult words, that's why when people talk in Lithuanian they usually switch to English for better ease of speaking, or maybe even writing. The use of English has been seen more from the pandemic of Covid-19. Many people are staying in home and, of course – using the Internet. Talking to people from other countries, or being entertained by programs like YouTube or social platforms like Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, which of course use English as their primary interface language.

As you can see - every generation has it easier than the one before it, the internet is being used to entertain babies. The earlier they start using it - the quicker they learn English and use our language less. Children are starting to use the internet at around 4-5, and they begin learning to speak English, but of course, without proper lessons, they make lots of mistakes. Every generation will use more of English less of Lithuanian, and this is one of the possibilities why our language could fall.