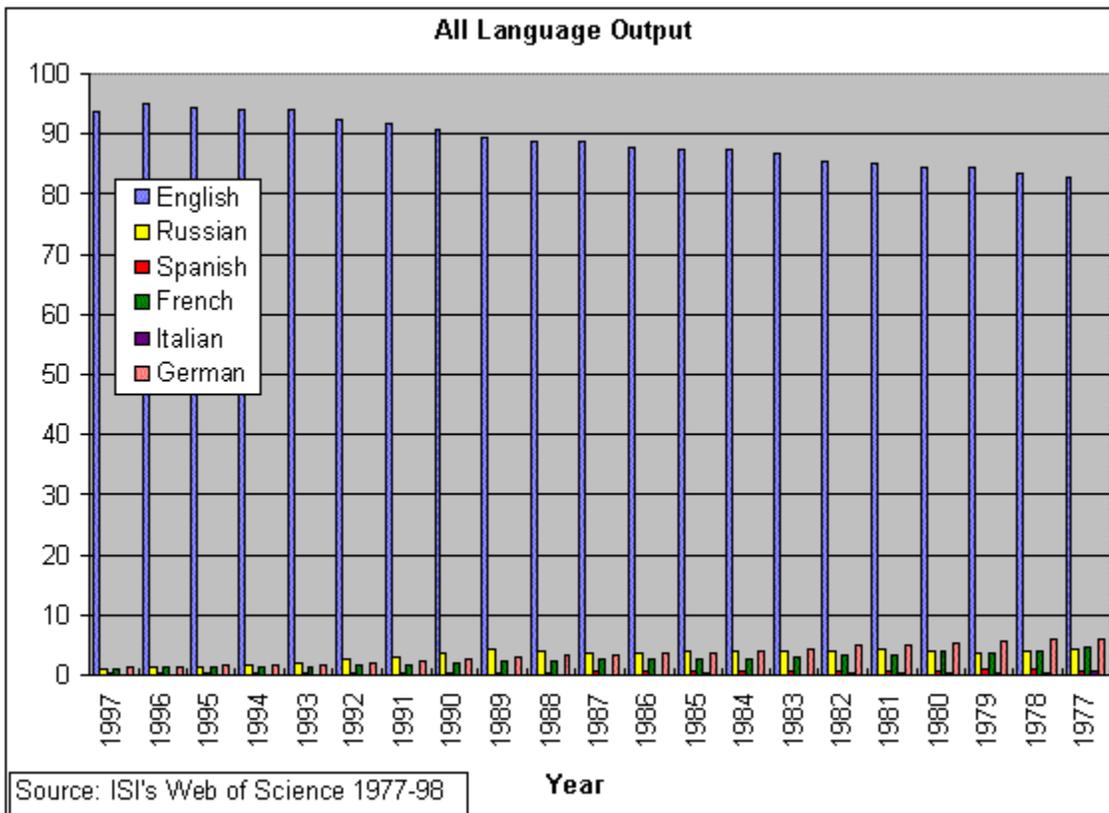


Language Chart

The chart below shows how English has become the lingua franca of science. This trend began after World War II and has accelerated over the past 20 years. For 1997, 95 percent of the articles indexed in the Science Citation Index (SCI) were published in English. Of the 925,000 articles in the 1997 SCI on the Web of Science, half are from the English-speaking countries, like the United States, United Kingdom, and Australia. The remaining half are from other countries where English is not the native language. Only 5 percent of the SCI-indexed articles are published in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, and Russian. Today European and other non-U.S. scientists publish more in English than in any of these languages.



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