

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. GLOBALIZATION. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. What Do You Understand By The Term Globalization?

I think globalization is this, rapid change that we see around the world where it's becoming easier to go to different countries, to spread ideas, to spread culture. A great example of this is how K-culture we call it. Korean culture has spread around the world so easily and now you can go to a small town in the UK and have Korean food.

Part 1. What Are The Main Benefits Of Globalization?

Of course, one of the main benefits is trade and being able to get new types of products. Perhaps for more reasonable prices nowadays, the spread of culture, the spread of ideas. I think there are so many benefits that we're seeing from globalization and, I certainly enjoy them here in South Korea.

Part 2. Describe How Globalization Has Affected Your Country

I first came to South Korea about 15 years ago. It's been a long time and when I did, it felt so different to back home in England. It was really, you know, Korean culture was so strong and we had all the traditional food, but there was a real lack of things like coffee shops and, sort of Western-influenced food, these kind of family restaurants were not so popular. Wine, coffee, some of these products that were so big back home or in the, in the US were not so prevalent here and that made it a little difficult for me to integrate into Korean society. So I kind of suffered a bit from, culture shock.

Let me tell you a little bit more about globalization in Korea and how it's changed so much. So certainly in the past ten years, it's changed really rapidly and all these things I've just said are now readily available. I see such diversity of products available. I think there's a lot of sort of free trade agreements now available or have been set up. So we're getting more well priced, you know, wines and foods from around the world and it's also affected restaurants as well. A huge number of Mexican, Italian and Spanish restaurants and they're very popular and it's really made Korean food very exciting as well. We see more, combinations of fusion food of Korean and other countries.

VOCABULARY

benefit (noun) - Something good that helps you.

combination (noun) - When two or more things are put together.

diversity (noun) - Having many different kinds of people or things.

fusion (noun) - Mixing different things together to make something new.

influence (noun) - The power to change how someone thinks or acts.

prevalent (adjective) - Happening a lot or found in many places.

rapid (adjective) - Very fast.

reasonable (adjective) - Fair or making sense.