Prompt: This is a short essay I wrote in response to a video and article I read about dominant world languages. I would like some feedback on the following elements of my writing:

1. Do my topic sentences all match the content of the paragraphs they head?
2. Can you easily identify the argument(s) that I am making in this essay?
3. Does the content in my paragraphs follow a logical order?
4. Does the concluding paragraph do a good job of summing up my main points.

If any of the answers to these questions is 'no', please give me some suggestions on how to improve in those areas. If you are not sure what I mean at any point in the paper, please point that out and explain why it is unclear.

Claude output (secured account):

Thank you for sharing your essay on the English language. I'll provide feedback based on your specific questions.

1. Do my topic sentences all match the content of the paragraphs they head?

- **First paragraph (Introduction)**: "English has been used widely everywhere in the world." This matches the introductory content, but is very general.
- **Second paragraph**: "The English language has been used since after Christ in that time, by people called the Anglo-Saxons..." This topic sentence matches the historical spread of English discussed in the paragraph, but the historical dating is vague and could be more precise.
- **Third paragraph**: "The English language right now is one of the most used languages in the world as we know it." This matches the discussion about English's current dominance and possible future.
- **Fourth paragraph**: "Moreover, the English language is a big part of education." This matches the content about English in education and related opportunities.
- **Final paragraph (Conclusion)**: "To sum up, with the number of English speakers getting higher day by day..." This appropriately introduces a conclusion that summarizes the future trajectory of English.

2. Can you easily identify the argument(s) that I am making in this essay?

Your main arguments are identifiable but could be stated more clearly:

1. English has become a dominant global language
2. This dominance is related to political, economic, and cultural factors

3. Despite potential for change (like Latin's decline), English will likely continue to be widely used
4. Cultural exchange may alter English from its original form

While these arguments can be identified, they would benefit from being stated more explicitly, particularly in your introduction.

3. Does the content in my paragraphs follow a logical order?

The overall structure has logic to it (history → current dominance → education impact → conclusion), but there are issues with flow within paragraphs:

- In paragraph 2, you jump between historical origins, business connections, American vs. British English, and cultural influences without clear transitions.
- In paragraph 3, the discussion about Latin and then the potential decline of English contains contradictions that make the logical progression unclear.

4. Does the concluding paragraph do a good job of summing up my main points?

The conclusion is very brief and only partially summarizes your main points. It mentions continuing popularity and potential language changes due to cultural exchange, but doesn't tie back to your points about historical spread, political/economic factors, or educational impact.

Suggestions for improvement:

1. **Introduction**: Clearly state your main thesis and outline the key points you'll discuss.
2. **Topic sentences**: Make them more specific and directly related to your main arguments.
3. **Paragraph organization**:
    - Break down complex paragraphs (like paragraph 2) into more focused ones
    - Use clearer transitions between ideas
    - Ensure each paragraph develops a single main idea
4. **Clarity issues**:

    - The sentence "...if these two matters, which is loss of dominance, change, English would continue to be a global language" is confusing—are you saying English would continue or not continue if dominance is lost?
    - "It cannot be called English" in your conclusion needs clarification—are you suggesting the language might evolve so much it becomes something else?
5. **Conclusion**: Expand to briefly mention all your main points and their significance, not just future predictions.
6. **Grammar and phrasing**: Several sentences would benefit from revision for clarity and precision.

Your essay shows good thinking about the topic, but reorganizing your ideas and clarifying your arguments would make it more effective.