

The History of Standard Singaporean English

Rank the events of the history of Standard Singaporean English (SSE) in chronologically order and add the missing dates.

_____ English was the administrative language of the British colonial government and when Singapore gained self-government in _____ and then independence in _____.

_____ Since _____, Singapore's language policy requires everyone to speak English and their own mother tongue. This policy is know as "English + 1."

_____ Singapore decided to keep English as the main language to maximize economic development. In addition, English is also the lingua franca among the diverse ethnic groups in Singapore.

_____ The population of Singapore grew rapidly after it was established as a British settlement in _____. Many immigrants from Chinese provinces and India came to Singapore.

_____ The local character of SSE developed in the _____ and _____ centuries though English-medium schools where many of the teachers were from India, Europe and the U.S.

