

“BELF is the use of English as the medium of communication among speakers of different first languages in an emergent, variable and hybrid manner that is appropriate to the demands and (multilingual) resources of the specific business context.”

Komori-Glatz
(2018, 53)

“Thus, due to its lingua franca nature, BELF is essentially different from any NSE (Native Speaker English) in many ways. It is a simultaneously simplified and complexified mode of communication as well as a highly variable, dynamic and hybrid code.”

Ehrenreich (2017, 137)

Cogo & Yanaprasart (2018, 101)

BELF is a dynamic medium of communication with multilingual resources coming to play in and within English in the professional workplace.”

Ehrenreich
(2017)

There is general agreement that communication via BELF is an intercultural hybrid, i.e. discourse and pragmatic features of BELF are negotiated within speaker communities and coloured by their speakers’ linguacultural backgrounds.”

Ehrenreich (2017, 151)

BELF Definitions

“The concept of BELF was developed to grasp three imperative qualities that make it distinct within the ‘umbrella discipline’ of ELF (English as a lingua franca): its domain of use (international business), the role of its users (professionals), and the overall goal of the interactions (getting the job done and creating rapport).”

Kankaanranta & Louhiala-Salminen
(2018, 309)