

## Ruby master - Feature #16963

### Remove English.rb from Ruby 2.8/3.0

06/16/2020 12:40 PM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

<b>Status:</b>	Assigned	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b>	hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)	
<b>Target version:</b>		
<b>Description</b>		
English.rb is no longer maintained by ruby core team.		
Can we remove it from our repository? The users can install if from rubygems.org now.		
<b>Related issues:</b>		
Related to Ruby master - Feature #14138: Define English.rb aliases by default...		<b>Closed</b>

#### History

##### #1 - 06/16/2020 12:59 PM - retro (Josef Šimánek)

I'm all in for this since this one will help to "normalize" standard library naming (this one is also having "exotic" file name with capital first letter).

##### #2 - 06/18/2020 04:33 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

- Status changed from Open to Assigned

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name@gem-codesearch:~$ csearch "require 'English'" | wc -l
866
name@gem-codesearch:~$ csearch "require \"English\"" | wc -l
273
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We found the usage of English.rb like capybara that is the famous gem. I have a bit of aware to affect this proposal.

##### #3 - 06/18/2020 07:46 AM - deivid (David Rodríguez)

I'm surprised by the low usage you found anyways, since rubocop and its style guide [recommend English](#) and [enforce it by default](#). Honestly, I'd like all English names to be there by default without having to require anything.

##### #4 - 06/18/2020 09:22 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

- Related to Feature #14138: Define English.rb aliases by default and eliminate the library added

##### #5 - 06/18/2020 09:22 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

[deivid \(David Rodríguez\)](#)

See [#14138](#). We have a plan to remove it at Ruby 3.

##### #6 - 06/18/2020 10:38 AM - deivid (David Rodríguez)

Nice, I didn't know that. Something I don't quite get is, if the functionality of English will be the default (in ruby 2.8, I guess?), what's the point of gemifying it?

##### #7 - 06/18/2020 05:03 PM - Eregon (Benoit Daloze)

I think we should define these aliases in core, and then English.rb does nothing.

Removing it from the standard library seems too incompatible to me.

##### #8 - 06/19/2020 09:48 AM - deivid (David Rodríguez)

Agreed!

We should at least add a warning on top of English.rb for a full release cycle before removing it.