

## **Using Telephonic Interpreters: Mindfulness & Mastery – HANDOUT #2**

Training for UCP and LOP Networks

- List of Languages, by Country
- List of Indigenous Languages Spoken in Central America
- Pacific Interpreters – Supported Languages and Dialects, by Language
- Pacific Interpreters – Supported Languages and Dialects, by Country

## FIELD LISTING :: LANGUAGES

This entry provides a rank ordering of languages starting with the largest and sometimes includes the percent of total population speaking that language.

COUNTRY	LANGUAGES(%)
<a href="#"><u>Afghanistan</u></a>	Afghan Persian or Dari (official) 50%, Pashto (official) 35%, Turkic languages (primarily Uzbek and Turkmen) 11%, 30 minor languages (primarily Balochi and Pashai) 4%, much bilingualism, but Dari functions as the lingua franca <b>note:</b> the Turkic languages Uzbek and Turkmen, as well as Balochi, Pashai, Nuristani, and Pamiri are the third official languages in areas where the majority speaks them
<a href="#"><u>Akrotiri</u></a>	English, Greek
<a href="#"><u>Albania</u></a>	Albanian 98.8% (official - derived from Tosk dialect), Greek 0.5%, other 0.6% (including Macedonian, Roma, Vlach, Turkish, Italian, and Serbo-Croatian), unspecified 0.1% (2011 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Algeria</u></a>	Arabic (official), French (lingua franca), Berber dialects: Kabylie Berber (Tamazight), Chaouia Berber (Tachawit), Mzab Berber, Tuareg Berber (Tamahaq)
<a href="#"><u>American Samoa</u></a>	Samoan 90.6% (closely related to Hawaiian and other Polynesian languages), English 2.9%, Tongan 2.4%, other Pacific islander 2.1%, other 2% <b>note:</b> most people are bilingual (2000 census)
<a href="#"><u>Andorra</u></a>	Catalan (official), French, Castilian, Portuguese
<a href="#"><u>Angola</u></a>	Portuguese (official), Bantu and other African languages
<a href="#"><u>Anguilla</u></a>	English (official)
<a href="#"><u>Antigua and Barbuda</u></a>	English (official), local dialects
<a href="#"><u>Argentina</u></a>	Spanish (official), Italian, English, German, French, indigenous (Mapudungun, Quechua)
<a href="#"><u>Armenia</u></a>	Armenian (official) 97.9%, Kurdish (spoken by Yezidi minority) 1%, other 1% (2011 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Aruba</u></a>	Papiamentu (a Spanish-Portuguese-Dutch-English dialect) 69.4%, Spanish 13.7%, English (widely spoken) 7.1%, Dutch (official) 6.1%, Chinese 1.5%, other 1.7%, unspecified 0.4% (2010 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Australia</u></a>	English 76.8%, Mandarin 1.6%, Italian 1.4%, Arabic 1.3%, Greek 1.2%, Cantonese 1.2%, Vietnamese 1.1%, other 10.4%, unspecified 5% (2011 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Austria</u></a>	German (official nationwide) 88.6%, Turkish 2.3%, Serbian 2.2%, Croatian (official in Burgenland) 1.6%, other (includes Slovene, official in Carinthia, and Hungarian, official in Burgenland) 5.3% (2001 census)
<a href="#"><u>Azerbaijan</u></a>	Azerbaijani (Azeri) (official) 92.5%, Russian 1.4%, Armenian 1.4%, other 4.7% (2009 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Bahamas, The</u></a>	English (official), Creole (among Haitian immigrants)
<a href="#"><u>Bahrain</u></a>	Arabic (official), English, Farsi, Urdu
<a href="#"><u>Bangladesh</u></a>	Bangla (official, also known as Bengali), English
<a href="#"><u>Barbados</u></a>	English (official), Bajan (English-based creole language, widely spoken in informal settings)
<a href="#"><u>Belarus</u></a>	Belarusian (official) 23.4%, Russian (official) 70.2%, other 3.1% (includes small Polish- and Ukrainian-speaking minorities), unspecified 3.3% (2009 est.)

<a href="#"><u>Belgium</u></a>	Dutch (official) 60%, French (official) 40%, German (official) less than 1%, legally bilingual (Dutch and French)
<a href="#"><u>Belize</u></a>	Spanish 46%, Creole 32.9%, Mayan dialects 8.9%, English 3.9% (official), Garifuna 3.4% (Carib), German 3.3%, other 1.4%, unknown 0.2% (2000 census)
<a href="#"><u>Benin</u></a>	French (official), Fon and Yoruba (most common vernaculars in south), tribal languages (at least six major ones in north)
<a href="#"><u>Bermuda</u></a>	English (official), Portuguese
<a href="#"><u>Bhutan</u></a>	Sharchhopka 28%, Dzongkha (official) 24%, Lhotshamkha 22%, other 26% (includes foreign languages) (2005 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Bolivia</u></a>	Spanish (official) 60.7%, Quechua (official) 21.2%, Aymara (official) 14.6%, Guarani (official), foreign languages 2.4%, other 1.2% <b>note:</b> Bolivia's 2009 constitution designates Spanish and all indigenous languages as official; 36 indigenous languages are specified, including some that are extinct (2001 census)
<a href="#"><u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u></a>	Bosnian (official), Croatian (official), Serbian (official)
<a href="#"><u>Botswana</u></a>	Setswana 78.2%, Kalanga 7.9%, Sekgalagadi 2.8%, English (official) 2.1%, other 8.6%, unspecified 0.4% (2001 census)
<a href="#"><u>Brazil</u></a>	Portuguese (official and most widely spoken language) <b>note:</b> less common languages include Spanish (border areas and schools), German, Italian, Japanese, English, and a large number of minor Amerindian languages
<a href="#"><u>British Virgin Islands</u></a>	English (official)
<a href="#"><u>Brunei</u></a>	Malay (official), English, Chinese
<a href="#"><u>Bulgaria</u></a>	Bulgarian (official) 76.8%, Turkish 8.2%, Roma 3.8%, other 0.7%, unspecified 10.5% (2011 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Burkina Faso</u></a>	French (official), native African languages belonging to Sudanic family spoken by 90% of the population
<a href="#"><u>Burma</u></a>	Burmese (official) <b>note:</b> minority ethnic groups have their own languages
<a href="#"><u>Burundi</u></a>	Kirundi 29.7% (official), Kirundi and other language 9.1%, French (official) and French and other language 0.3%, Swahili and Swahili and other language 0.2% (along Lake Tanganyika and in the Bujumbura area), English and English and other language 0.06%, more than 2 languages 3.7%, unspecified 56.9% (2008 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Cabo Verde</u></a>	Portuguese (official), Crioulo (a blend of Portuguese and West African words)
<a href="#"><u>Cambodia</u></a>	Khmer (official) 96.3%, other 3.7% (2008 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Cameroon</u></a>	24 major African language groups, English (official), French (official)
<a href="#"><u>Canada</u></a>	English (official) 58.7%, French (official) 22%, Punjabi 1.4%, Italian 1.3%, Spanish 1.3%, German 1.3%, Cantonese 1.2%, Tagalog 1.2%, Arabic 1.1%, other 10.5% <b>note:</b> shares sum to more than 100% because some respondents gave more than one answer on the census (2011 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Cayman Islands</u></a>	English (official) 90.9%, Spanish 4%, Filipino 3.3%, other 1.7%, unspecified 0.1% (2010 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Central African Republic</u></a>	French (official), Sangho (lingua franca and national language), tribal languages
<a href="#"><u>Chad</u></a>	

	French (official), Arabic (official), Sara (in south), more than 120 different languages and dialects
<u><a href="#">Chile</a></u>	Spanish 99.5% (official), English 10.2%, indigenous 1% (includes Mapudungun, Aymara, Quechua, Rapa Nui), other 2.3%, unspecified 0.2% <b>note:</b> shares sum to more than 100% because some respondents gave more than one answer on the census (2012 est.)
<u><a href="#">China</a></u>	Standard Chinese or Mandarin (official; Putonghua, based on the Beijing dialect), Yue (Cantonese), Wu (Shanghainese), Minbei (Fuzhou), Minnan (Hokkien-Taiwanese), Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects, minority languages (see Ethnic groups entry) <b>note:</b> Zhuang is official in Guangxi Zhuang, Yue is official in Guangdong, Mongolian is official in Nei Mongol, Uighur is official in Xinjiang Uygur, Kyrgyz is official in Xinjiang Uygur, and Tibetan is official in Xizang (Tibet)
<u><a href="#">Christmas Island</a></u>	English (official), Chinese, Malay
<u><a href="#">Cocos (Keeling) Islands</a></u>	Malay (Cocos dialect), English
<u><a href="#">Colombia</a></u>	Spanish (official)
<u><a href="#">Comoros</a></u>	Arabic (official), French (official), Shikomoro (a blend of Swahili and Arabic)
<u><a href="#">Congo, Democratic Republic of the</a></u>	French (official), Lingala (a lingua franca trade language), Kingwana (a dialect of Kiswahili or Swahili), Kikongo, Tshiluba
<u><a href="#">Congo, Republic of the</a></u>	French (official), Lingala and Monokutuba (lingua franca trade languages), many local languages and dialects (of which Kikongo is the most widespread)
<u><a href="#">Cook Islands</a></u>	English (official) 86.4%, Cook Islands Maori (Rarotongan) (official) 76.2%, other 8.3% (2011 est.)
<u><a href="#">Costa Rica</a></u>	Spanish (official), English
<u><a href="#">Cote d'Ivoire</a></u>	French (official), 60 native dialects of which Dioula is the most widely spoken
<u><a href="#">Croatia</a></u>	Croatian (official) 95.6%, Serbian 1.2%, other 3% (including Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, and Albanian), unspecified 0.2% (2011 est.)
<u><a href="#">Cuba</a></u>	Spanish (official)
<u><a href="#">Curacao</a></u>	Papiamentu (a Spanish-Portuguese-Dutch-English dialect) 81.2%, Dutch (official) 8%, Spanish 4%, English 2.9%, other 3.9% (2001 census)
<u><a href="#">Cyprus</a></u>	Greek (official) 80.9%, Turkish (official) 0.2%, English 4.1%, Romanian 2.9%, Russian 2.5%, Bulgarian 2.2%, Arabic 1.2%, Filipino 1.1%, other 4.3%, unspecified 0.6% (2011 est.)
<u><a href="#">Czech Republic</a></u>	Czech 95.4%, Slovak 1.6%, other 3% (2011 census)
<u><a href="#">Denmark</a></u>	Danish, Faroese, Greenlandic (an Inuit dialect), German (small minority) <b>note:</b> English is the predominant second language
<u><a href="#">Dhekelia</a></u>	English, Greek
<u><a href="#">Djibouti</a></u>	French (official), Arabic (official), Somali, Afar
<u><a href="#">Dominica</a></u>	English (official), French patois
<u><a href="#">Dominican Republic</a></u>	Spanish (official)
<u><a href="#">Ecuador</a></u>	Spanish (Castillian) 93% (official), Quechua 4.1%, other indigenous 0.7%, foreign 2.2% <b>note:</b> (Quechua and Shuar are official languages of intercultural relations; other indigenous languages are in official use by indigenous peoples in the areas they inhabit) (2010 est.)

<a href="#"><u>Egypt</u></a>	Arabic (official), English and French widely understood by educated classes
<a href="#"><u>El Salvador</u></a>	Spanish (official), Nahua (among some Amerindians)
<a href="#"><u>Equatorial Guinea</u></a>	Spanish (official) 67.6%, other (includes French (official), Fang, Bubi) 32.4% (1994 census)
<a href="#"><u>Eritrea</u></a>	Tigrinya (official), Arabic (official), English (official), Tigre, Kunama, Afar, other Cushitic languages
<a href="#"><u>Estonia</u></a>	Estonian (official) 68.5%, Russian 29.6%, Ukrainian 0.6%, other 1.2%, unspecified 0.1% (2011 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Ethiopia</u></a>	Oromo (official working language in the State of Oromiya) 33.8%, Amharic (official national language) 29.3%, Somali (official working language of the State of Sumale) 6.2%, Tigrayan (official working language of the State of Tigray) 5.9%, Sidamo 4%, Wolaytta 2.2%, Guragiegna 2%, Afar (official working language of the State of Afar) 1.7%, Hadiyya 1.7%, Gamo 1.5%, other 11.7%, English (major foreign language taught in schools), Arabic (2007 census)
<a href="#"><u>European Union</u></a>	Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Gaelic, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish, Swedish <b>note:</b> only the 24 official languages are listed; German, the major language of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, is the most widely spoken mother tongue - about 18% of the EU population; English is the most widely spoken foreign language - about 38% of the EU population is conversant with it (2013)
<a href="#"><u>Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)</u></a>	English 89%, Spanish 7.7%, other 3.3% (2006 est.)
<a href="#"><u>Faroe Islands</u></a>	Faroese (derived from Old Norse), Danish
<a href="#"><u>Fiji</u></a>	English (official), Fijian (official), Hindustani
<a href="#"><u>Finland</u></a>	Finnish (official) 94.2%, Swedish (official) 5.5%, other (small Sami- and Russian-speaking minorities) 0.2% (2012 est.)
<a href="#"><u>France</u></a>	French (official) 100%, rapidly declining regional dialects and languages (Provençal, Breton, Alsatian, Corsican, Catalan, Basque, Flemish) <b>overseas departments:</b> French, Creole patois, Mahorian (a Swahili dialect)
<a href="#"><u>French Polynesia</u></a>	French (official) 61.1%, Polynesian (official) 31.4%, Asian languages 1.2%, other 0.3%, unspecified 6% (2002 census)
<a href="#"><u>Gabon</u></a>	French (official), Fang, Myene, Nzebi, Bapounou/Eschira, Bandjabi
<a href="#"><u>Gambia, The</u></a>	English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, other indigenous vernaculars
<a href="#"><u>Gaza Strip</u></a>	Arabic, Hebrew (spoken by many Palestinians), English (widely understood)
<a href="#"><u>Georgia</u></a>	Georgian (official) 71%, Russian 9%, Armenian 7%, Azeri 6%, other 7% <b>note:</b> Abkhaz is the official language in Abkhazia
<a href="#"><u>Germany</u></a>	German
<a href="#"><u>Ghana</u></a>	Asante 14.8%, Ewe 12.7%, Fante 9.9%, Boron (Brong) 4.6%, Dagomba 4.3%, Dangme 4.3%, Dagarte (Dagaba) 3.7%, Akyem 3.4%, Ga 3.4%, Akuapem 2.9%, other (includes English (official)) 36.1% (2000 census)
<a href="#"><u>Gibraltar</u></a>	English (used in schools and for official purposes), Spanish, Italian, Portuguese
<a href="#"><u>Greece</u></a>	Greek (official) 99%, other (includes English and French) 1%
<a href="#"><u>Greenland</u></a>	Greenlandic (East Inuit) (official), Danish (official), English
<a href="#"><u>Grenada</u></a>	English (official), French patois

<u>Guam</u>	English 43.6%, Filipino 21.2%, Chamorro 17.8%, other Pacific island languages 10%, Asian languages 6.3%, other 1.1% (2010 est.)
<u>Guatemala</u>	Spanish (official) 60%, Amerindian languages 40% <b>note:</b> there are 23 officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca
<u>Guernsey</u>	English, French, Norman-French dialect spoken in country districts
<u>Guinea</u>	French (official) <b>note:</b> each ethnic group has its own language
<u>Guinea-Bissau</u>	Portuguese (official), Crioulo, African languages
<u>Guyana</u>	English, Amerindian dialects, Creole, Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), Urdu
<u>Haiti</u>	French (official), Creole (official)
<u>Holy See (Vatican City)</u>	Italian, Latin, French, various other languages
<u>Honduras</u>	Spanish (official), Amerindian dialects
<u>Hong Kong</u>	Cantonese (official) 89.5%, English (official) 3.5%, Putonghua (Mandarin) 1.4%, other Chinese dialects 4%, other 1.6% (2011 est.)
<u>Hungary</u>	Hungarian 84.6%, other or unspecified 16.4% (2011 est.)
<u>Iceland</u>	Icelandic, English, Nordic languages, German widely spoken
<u>India</u>	Hindi 41%, Bengali 8.1%, Telugu 7.2%, Marathi 7%, Tamil 5.9%, Urdu 5%, Gujarati 4.5%, Kannada 3.7%, Malayalam 3.2%, Oriya 3.2%, Punjabi 2.8%, Assamese 1.3%, Maithili 1.2%, other 5.9% <b>note:</b> English enjoys the status of subsidiary official language but is the most important language for national, political, and commercial communication; Hindi is the most widely spoken language and primary tongue of 41% of the people; there are 14 other official languages: Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, Gujarati, Malayalam, Kannada, Oriya, Punjabi, Assamese, Kashmiri, Sindhi, and Sanskrit; Hindustani is a popular variant of Hindi/Urdu spoken widely throughout northern India but is not an official language (2001 census)
<u>Indonesia</u>	Bahasa Indonesia (official, modified form of Malay), English, Dutch, local dialects (of which the most widely spoken is Javanese) <b>note:</b> more than 700 languages are used in Indonesia
<u>Iran</u>	Persian (official) 53%, Azeri Turkic and Turkic dialects 18%, Kurdish 10%, Gilaki and Mazandarani 7%, Luri 6%, Balochi 2%, Arabic 2%, other 2%
<u>Iraq</u>	Arabic (official), Kurdish (official), Turkmen (a Turkish dialect) and Assyrian (Neo-Aramaic) are official in areas where they constitute a majority of the population), Armenian
<u>Ireland</u>	English (official, the language generally used), Irish (Gaelic or Gaeilge) (official, spoken mainly in areas along the western coast)
<u>Isle of Man</u>	English, Manx Gaelic (about 2% of the population has some knowledge)
<u>Israel</u>	Hebrew (official), Arabic (used officially for Arab minority), English (most commonly used foreign language)
<u>Italy</u>	Italian (official), German (parts of Trentino-Alto Adige region are predominantly German-speaking), French (small French-speaking minority in Valle d'Aosta region), Slovene (Slovene-speaking minority in the Trieste-Gorizia area)
<u>Jamaica</u>	English, English patois
<u>Japan</u>	Japanese

<u>Jersey</u>	English 94.5% (official), Portuguese 4.6%, other 0.9% (2001 census)
<u>Jordan</u>	Arabic (official), English (widely understood among upper and middle classes)
<u>Kazakhstan</u>	Kazakh (Qazaq, state language) 64.4%, Russian (official, used in everyday business, designated the "language of interethnic communication") 95% (2001 est.)
<u>Kenya</u>	English (official), Kiswahili (official), numerous indigenous languages
<u>Kiribati</u>	I-Kiribati, English (official)
<u>Korea, North</u>	Korean
<u>Korea, South</u>	Korean, English (widely taught in junior high and high school)
<u>Kosovo</u>	Albanian (official), Serbian (official), Bosnian, Turkish, Roma
<u>Kuwait</u>	Arabic (official), English widely spoken
<u>Kyrgyzstan</u>	Kyrgyz (official) 64.7%, Uzbek 13.6%, Russian (official) 12.5%, Dungun 1%, other 8.2% (1999 census)
<u>Laos</u>	Lao (official), French, English, various ethnic languages
<u>Latvia</u>	Latvian (official) 56.3%, Russian 33.8%, other 0.6% (includes Polish, Ukrainian, and Belarusian), unspecified 9.4% (2011 est.)
<u>Lebanon</u>	Arabic (official), French, English, Armenian
<u>Lesotho</u>	Sesotho (official) (southern Sotho), English (official), Zulu, Xhosa
<u>Liberia</u>	English 20% (official), some 20 ethnic group languages few of which can be written or used in correspondence
<u>Libya</u>	Arabic (official), Italian, English (all widely understood in the major cities); Berber (Nafusi, Ghadamis, Suknah, Awjilah, Tamasheq)
<u>Liechtenstein</u>	German 94.5% (official) (Alemannic is the main dialect), Italian 1.1%, other 4.3% (2010 est.)
<u>Lithuania</u>	Lithuanian (official) 82%, Russian 8%, Polish 5.6%, other 0.9%, unspecified 3.5% (2011 est.)
<u>Luxembourg</u>	Luxembourgish (official administrative language and national language (spoken vernacular)), French (official administrative language), German (official administrative language)
<u>Macau</u>	Cantonese 83.3%, Mandarin 5%, Hokkien 3.7%, English 2.3%, other Chinese dialects 2%, Tagalog 1.7%, Portuguese 0.7%, other 1.3% <b>note:</b> Chinese and Portuguese are official languages (2011 est.)
<u>Macedonia</u>	Macedonian (official) 66.5%, Albanian (official) 25.1%, Turkish 3.5%, Roma 1.9%, Serbian 1.2%, other 1.8% (2002 census)
<u>Madagascar</u>	French (official), Malagasy (official), English
<u>Malawi</u>	English (official), Chichewa (common), Chinyanja, Chiyao, Chitumbuka, Chilomwe, Chinkhonde, Chingoni, Chisena, Chitonga, Chinyakyusa, Chilambya
<u>Malaysia</u>	Bahasa Malaysia (official), English, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai <b>note:</b> in East Malaysia there are several indigenous languages; most widely spoken are Iban and Kadazan
<u>Maldives</u>	Dhivehi (official, dialect of Sinhala, script derived from Arabic), English (spoken by most government officials)

<u><a href="#">Mali</a></u>	French (official), Bambara 46.3%, Peul/foulfoulbe 9.4%, Dogon 7.2%, Maraka/soninke 6.4%, Malinke 5.6%, Sonrhai/djerma 5.6%, Minianka 4.3%, Tamacheq 3.5%, Senoufo 2.6%, unspecified 0.6%, other 8.5% <b>note:</b> Mali has 13 national languages in addition to its official language
<u><a href="#">Malta</a></u>	Maltese (official) 90.1%, English (official) 6%, multilingual 3%, other 0.9% (2005 est.)
<u><a href="#">Marshall Islands</a></u>	Marshallese (official) 98.2%, other languages 1.8% (1999 census) <b>note:</b> English (official), widely spoken as a second language
<u><a href="#">Mauritania</a></u>	Arabic (official and national), Pulaar, Soninke, Wolof (all national languages), French, Hassaniya (a variety of Arabic)
<u><a href="#">Mauritius</a></u>	Creole 86.5%, Bhojpuri 5.3%, French 4.1%, two languages 1.4%, other 2.6% (includes English, the official language, which is spoken by less than 1% of the population), unspecified 0.1% (2011 est.)
<u><a href="#">Mexico</a></u>	Spanish only 92.7%, Spanish and indigenous languages 5.7%, indigenous only 0.8%, unspecified 0.8% <b>note:</b> indigenous languages include various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional languages (2005)
<u><a href="#">Micronesia, Federated States of</a></u>	English (official and common language), Chuukese, Kosrean, Pohnpeian, Yapese, Ulithian, Woleaian, Nukuoro, Kapingamarangi
<u><a href="#">Moldova</a></u>	Moldovan (official, virtually the same as the Romanian language), Russian, Gagauz (a Turkish dialect)
<u><a href="#">Monaco</a></u>	French (official), English, Italian, Monegasque
<u><a href="#">Mongolia</a></u>	Khalkha Mongol 90% (official), Turkic, Russian (1999)
<u><a href="#">Montenegro</a></u>	Serbian 42.9%, Montenegrin (official) 37%, Bosnian 5.3%, Albanian 5.3%, Serbo-Croat 2%, other 3.5%, unspecified 4% (2011 est.)
<u><a href="#">Montserrat</a></u>	English
<u><a href="#">Morocco</a></u>	Arabic (official), Berber languages (Tamazight (official), Tachelhit, Tarifit), French (often the language of business, government, and diplomacy)
<u><a href="#">Mozambique</a></u>	Emakhuwa 25.3%, Portuguese (official) 10.7%, Xichangana 10.3%, Cisena 7.5%, Elomwe 7%, Echuwabo 5.1%, other Mozambican languages 30.1%, other 4% (1997 census)
<u><a href="#">Namibia</a></u>	English (official) 7%, Afrikaans (common language of most of the population and about 60% of the white population), German 32%, indigenous languages (includes Oshivambo, Herero, Nama) 1%
<u><a href="#">Nauru</a></u>	Nauruan 93% (official, a distinct Pacific Island language), English 2% (widely understood, spoken, and used for most government and commercial purposes), other 5% (includes I-Kiribati 2% and Chinese 2%) <b>note:</b> percentages represent main language spoken at home; Nauruan is spoken by 95% of the population, English by 66%, and other languages by 12% (2011 est.)
<u><a href="#">Nepal</a></u>	Nepali (official) 44.6%, Maithali 11.7%, Bhojpuri 6%, Tharu 5.8%, Tamang 5.1%, Newar 3.2%, Magar 3%, Bajjika 3%, Urdu 2.6%, Avadhi 1.9%, Limbu 1.3%, Gurung 1.2%, other 10.4%, unspecified 0.2% <b>note:</b> 123 languages reported as mother tongue in 2011 national census; many in government and business also speak English (2011 est.)
<u><a href="#">Netherlands</a></u>	Dutch (official), Frisian (official)
<u><a href="#">New Caledonia</a></u>	French (official), 33 Melanesian-Polynesian dialects
<u><a href="#">New Zealand</a></u>	



	English (de facto official) 89.8%, Maori (de jure official) 3.5%, Samoan 2%, Hindi 1.6%, French 1.2%, Northern Chinese 1.2%, Yue 1%, Other or not stated 20.5%, New Zealand Sign Language (de jure official) <b>note:</b> shares sum to 120.8% due to multiple responses on census (2013 est.)
<u>Nicaragua</u>	Spanish (official) 95.3%, Miskito 2.2%, Mestizo of the Caribbean coast 2%, other 0.5% <b>note:</b> English and indigenous languages found on the Caribbean coast (2005 est.)
<u>Niger</u>	French (official), Hausa, Djerma
<u>Nigeria</u>	English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani, over 500 additional indigenous languages
<u>Niue</u>	Niuean (official) 46% (a Polynesian language closely related to Tongan and Samoan), Niuean and English 32%, English (official) 11%, Niuean and others 5%, other 6% (2011 est.)
<u>Norfolk Island</u>	English (official) 67.6%, other 32.4% (includes Norfolk Island 23.7%, which is a mixture of 18th century English and ancient Tahitian) (2011 est.)
<u>Northern Mariana Islands</u>	Philippine languages 32.8%, Chamorro (official) 24.1%, English (official) 17%, other Pacific island languages 10.1%, Chinese 6.8%, other Asian languages 7.3%, other 1.9% (2010 est.)
<u>Norway</u>	Bokmal Norwegian (official), Nynorsk Norwegian (official), small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities <b>note:</b> Sami is an official language in nine municipalities
<u>Oman</u>	Arabic (official), English, Baluchi, Urdu, Indian dialects
<u>Pakistan</u>	Punjabi 48%, Sindhi 12%, Saraiki (a Punjabi variant) 10%, Pashtu (alternate name, Pashtu) 8%, Urdu (official) 8%, Balochi 3%, Hindko 2%, Brahui 1%, English (official; lingua franca of Pakistani elite and most government ministries), Burushaski, and other 8%
<u>Palau</u>	Palauan (official on most islands) 66.6%, Carolinian 0.7%, other Micronesian 0.7%, English (official) 15.5%, Filipino 10.8%, Chinese 1.8%, other Asian 2.6%, other 1.3% <b>note:</b> Sonsoral (Sonsoralese and English are official), Tobi (Tobi and English are official), and Angaur (Angaur, Japanese, and English are official) (2005 est.)
<u>Panama</u>	Spanish (official), English 14% <b>note:</b> many Panamanians are bilingual
<u>Papua New Guinea</u>	Tok Pisin (official), English (official), Hiri Motu (official), some 836 indigenous languages spoken (about 12% of the world's total); most languages have fewer than 1,000 speakers <b>note:</b> Tok Pisin, a creole language, is widely used and understood; English is spoken by 1%-2%; Hiri Motu is spoken by less than 2%
<u>Paraguay</u>	Spanish (official), Guarani (official)
<u>Peru</u>	Spanish (official) 84.1%, Quechua (official) 13%, Aymara (official) 1.7%, Ashaninka 0.3%, other native languages (includes a large number of minor Amazonian languages) 0.7%, other 0.2% (2007 Census)
<u>Philippines</u>	Filipino (official; based on Tagalog) and English (official); eight major dialects - Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinan
<u>Pitcairn Islands</u>	English (official), Pitkern (mixture of an 18th century English dialect and a Tahitian dialect)
<u>Poland</u>	Polish (official) 96.2%, Polish and non-Polish 2%, non-Polish 0.5%, unspecified 1.3% (2011 est.)

<u>Portugal</u>	Portuguese (official), Mirandese (official, but locally used)
<u>Puerto Rico</u>	Spanish, English
<u>Qatar</u>	Arabic (official), English commonly used as a second language
<u>Romania</u>	Romanian (official) 85.4%, Hungarian 6.3%, Romany (Gypsy) 1.2%, other 1%, unspecified 6.1% (2011 est.)
<u>Russia</u>	Russian (official) 96.3%, Dolgang 5.3%, German 1.5%, Chechen 1%, Tatar 3%, other 10.3% <b>note:</b> shares sum to more than 100% because some respondents gave more than one answer on the census (2010 est.)
<u>Rwanda</u>	Kinyarwanda only (official, universal Bantu vernacular) 93.2%, Kinyarwanda and other language(s) 6.2%, French (official) and other language(s) 0.1%, English (official) and other language(s) 0.1%, Swahili (or Kiswahili, used in commercial centers) 0.02%, other 0.03%, unspecified 0.3% (2002 est.)
<u>Saint Barthelemy</u>	French (primary), English
<u>Saint Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha</u>	English
<u>Saint Kitts and Nevis</u>	English (official)
<u>Saint Lucia</u>	English (official), French patois
<u>Saint Martin</u>	French (official), English, Dutch, French Patois, Spanish, Papiamento (dialect of Netherlands Antilles)
<u>Saint Pierre and Miquelon</u>	French (official)
<u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</u>	English, French patois
<u>Samoa</u>	Samoan (Polynesian) (official), English
<u>San Marino</u>	Italian
<u>Sao Tome and Principe</u>	Portuguese 98.4% (official), Forro 36.2%, Cabo Verdian 8.5%, French 6.8%, Angolar 6.6%, English 4.9%, Lunguie 1%, other (including sign language) 2.4% <b>note:</b> shares sum to more than 100% because some respondents gave more than one answer on the census (2012 est.)
<u>Saudi Arabia</u>	Arabic (official)
<u>Senegal</u>	French (official), Wolof, Pulaar, Jola, Mandinka
<u>Serbia</u>	Serbian (official) 88.1%, Hungarian 3.4%, Bosnian 1.9%, Romany 1.4%, other 3.4%, undeclared or unknown 1.8% <b>note:</b> Serbian, Hungarian, Slovak, Romanian, Croatian, and Rusyn all official in Vojvodina (2011 est.)
<u>Seychelles</u>	Seychellois Creole (official) 89.1%, English (official) 5.1%, French (official) 0.7%, other 3.8%, unspecified 1.4% (2010 est.)
<u>Sierra Leone</u>	English (official, regular use limited to literate minority), Mende (principal vernacular in the south), Temne (principal vernacular in the north), Krio (English-based Creole, spoken by the descendants of freed Jamaican slaves who were settled in the Freetown area, a lingua franca and a first language for 10% of the population but understood by 95%)
<u>Singapore</u>	Mandarin (official) 36.3%, English (official) 29.8%, Hokkien 8.1%, Tamil (official) 4.4%, Cantonese 4.1%, Teochew 3.2%, Malay (official) 1.2%, other Chinese dialects 1.1%, other 1.7% (2010 est.)
<u>Sint Maarten</u>	

	English (official) 67.5%, Spanish 12.9%, Creole 8.2%, Dutch (official) 4.2%, Papiamento (a Spanish-Portuguese-Dutch-English dialect) 2.2%, French 1.5%, other 3.5% (2001 census)
<u><a href="#">Slovakia</a></u>	Slovak (official) 78.6%, Hungarian 9.4%, Roma 2.3%, Ruthenian 1%, other or unspecified 8.8% (2011 est.)
<u><a href="#">Slovenia</a></u>	Slovenian (official) 91.1%, Serbo-Croatian 4.5%, other or unspecified 4.4%, Italian (official, only in municipalities where Italian national communities reside), Hungarian (official, only in municipalities where Hungarian national communities reside) (2002 census)
<u><a href="#">Solomon Islands</a></u>	Melanesian pidgin (in much of the country is lingua franca), English (official but spoken by only 1%-2% of the population), 120 indigenous languages
<u><a href="#">Somalia</a></u>	Somali (official), Arabic (official, according to the Transitional Federal Charter), Italian, English
<u><a href="#">South Africa</a></u>	IsiZulu (official) 22.7%, IsiXhosa (official) 16%, Afrikaans (official) 13.5%, English (official) 9.6%, Sepedi (official) 9.1%, Setswana (official) 8%, Sesotho (official) 7.6%, Xitsonga (official) 4.5%, siSwati (official) 2.5%, Tshivenda (official) 2.4%, isiNdebele (official) 2.1%, sign language 0.5%, other 1.6% (2011 est.)
<u><a href="#">South Sudan</a></u>	English (official), Arabic (includes Juba and Sudanese variants), regional languages include Dinka, Nuer, Bari, Zande, Shilluk
<u><a href="#">Spain</a></u>	Castilian Spanish (official) 74%, Catalan 17%, Galician 7%, and Basque 2% <b>note:</b> Catalan is official in Catalonia, the Balearic Islands, and the Valencian Community (where it is known as Valencian); in the northwest corner of Catalonia (Vall d'Aran), Aranese is official along with Catalan; Galician is official in Galicia; Basque is official in the Basque Country and in the Basque-speaking area of Navarre
<u><a href="#">Sri Lanka</a></u>	Sinhala (official and national language) 74%, Tamil (national language) 18%, other 8% <b>note:</b> English, spoken competently by about 10% of the population, is commonly used in government and is referred to as the link language in the constitution
<u><a href="#">Sudan</a></u>	Arabic (official), English (official), Nubian, Ta Bedawie, Fur <b>note:</b> program of "Arabization" in process
<u><a href="#">Suriname</a></u>	Dutch (official), English (widely spoken), Sranang Tongo (Surinamese, sometimes called Taki-Taki, is native language of Creoles and much of the younger population and is lingua franca among others), Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), Javanese
<u><a href="#">Svalbard</a></u>	Norwegian, Russian
<u><a href="#">Swaziland</a></u>	English (official, used for government business), siSwati (official)
<u><a href="#">Sweden</a></u>	Swedish (official), small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities
<u><a href="#">Switzerland</a></u>	German (official) 64.9%, French (official) 22.6%, Italian (official) 8.3%, Serbo-Croatian 2.5%, Albanian 2.6%, Portuguese 3.4%, Spanish 2.2%, English 4.6%, Romansch (official) 0.5%, other 5.1% <b>note:</b> German, French, Italian, and Romansch are all national and official languages; totals more than 100% because some respondents indicated more than one main principal language (2012 est.)
<u><a href="#">Syria</a></u>	Arabic (official), Kurdish, Armenian, Aramaic, Circassian (widely understood); French, English (somewhat understood)
<u><a href="#">Taiwan</a></u>	Mandarin Chinese (official), Taiwanese (Min), Hakka dialects
<u><a href="#">Tajikistan</a></u>	Tajik (official), Russian widely used in government and business
<u><a href="#">Tanzania</a></u>	

	<p>Kiswahili or Swahili (official), Kiunguja (name for Swahili in Zanzibar), English (official, primary language of commerce, administration, and higher education), Arabic (widely spoken in Zanzibar), many local languages</p> <p><b>note:</b> Kiswahili (Swahili) is the mother tongue of the Bantu people living in Zanzibar and nearby coastal Tanzania; although Kiswahili is Bantu in structure and origin, its vocabulary draws on a variety of sources including Arabic and English; it has become the lingua franca of central and eastern Africa; the first language of most people is one of the local languages</p>
<u>Thailand</u>	<p>Thai (official) 90.7%, Burmese 1.3%, other 8%</p> <p><b>note:</b> English is a secondary language of the elite (2010 est.)</p>
<u>Timor-Leste</u>	<p>Tetum (official), Portuguese (official), Indonesian, English</p> <p><b>note:</b> there are about 16 indigenous languages; Tetum, Galole, Mambae, and Kemak are spoken by a significant portion of the population</p>
<u>Togo</u>	<p>French (official, the language of commerce), Ewe and Mina (the two major African languages in the south), Kabye (sometimes spelled Kabiye) and Dagomba (the two major African languages in the north)</p>
<u>Tokelau</u>	<p>Tokelauan 93.5% (a Polynesian language), English 58.9%, Samoan 45.5%, Tuvaluan 11.6%, Kiribati 2.7%, other 2.5%, none 4.1%, unspecified 0.6%</p> <p><b>note:</b> shares sum to more than 100% because some respondents gave more than one answer on the census (2011 ests.)</p>
<u>Tonga</u>	<p>English and Tongan 87%, Tongan (official) 10.7%, English (official) 1.2%, other 1.1%, unspecified 0.03% (2006 est.)</p>
<u>Trinidad and Tobago</u>	<p>English (official), Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), French, Spanish, Chinese</p>
<u>Tunisia</u>	<p>Arabic (official, one of the languages of commerce), French (commerce), Berber (Tamazight)</p>
<u>Turkey</u>	<p>Turkish (official), Kurdish, other minority languages</p>
<u>Turkmenistan</u>	<p>Turkmen (official) 72%, Russian 12%, Uzbek 9%, other 7%</p>
<u>Turks and Caicos Islands</u>	<p>English (official)</p>
<u>Tuvalu</u>	<p>Tuvaluan (official), English (official), Samoan, Kiribati (on the island of Nui)</p>
<u>Uganda</u>	<p>English (official national language, taught in grade schools, used in courts of law and by most newspapers and some radio broadcasts), Ganda or Luganda (most widely used of the Niger-Congo languages, preferred for native language publications in the capital and may be taught in school), other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic</p>
<u>Ukraine</u>	<p>Ukrainian (official) 67%, Russian (regional language) 24%, other (includes small Romanian-, Polish-, and Hungarian-speaking minorities) 9%</p> <p><b>note:</b> 2012 legislation enables a language spoken by at least 10% of an oblast's population to be given the status of "regional language," allowing for its use in courts, schools, and other government institutions; Ukrainian remains the country's only official nationwide language</p>
<u>United Arab Emirates</u>	<p>Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu</p>
<u>United Kingdom</u>	<p>English</p> <p><b>note:</b> the following are recognized regional languages: Scots (about 30% of the population of Scotland), Scottish Gaelic (about 60,000 in Scotland), Welsh (about 20% of the population of Wales), Irish (about 10% of the population of Northern Ireland), Cornish (some 2,000 to 3,000 in Cornwall) (2012)</p>
<u>United States</u>	<p>English 82.1%, Spanish 10.7%, other Indo-European 3.8%, Asian and Pacific island 2.7%, other 0.7% (2000 census)</p> <p><b>note:</b> the US has no official national language, but English has acquired official</p>

	status in 28 of the 50 states; Hawaiian is an official language in the state of Hawaii
<u>Uruguay</u>	Spanish (official), Portuguese, Brazilerio (Portuguese-Spanish mix on the Brazilian frontier)
<u>Uzbekistan</u>	Uzbek (official) 74.3%, Russian 14.2%, Tajik 4.4%, other 7.1%
<u>Vanuatu</u>	local languages (more than 100) 63.2%, Bislama (official; creole) 33.7%, English (official) 2%, French (official) 0.6%, other 0.5% (2009 est.)
<u>Venezuela</u>	Spanish (official), numerous indigenous dialects
<u>Vietnam</u>	Vietnamese (official), English (increasingly favored as a second language), some French, Chinese, and Khmer, mountain area languages (Mon-Khmer and Malayo-Polynesian)
<u>Virgin Islands</u>	English 74.7%, Spanish or Spanish Creole 16.8%, French or French Creole 6.6%, other 1.9% (2000 census)
<u>Wallis and Futuna</u>	Wallisian (indigenous Polynesian language) 58.9%, Futunian 30.1%, French (official) 10.8%, other 0.2% (2003 census)
<u>West Bank</u>	Arabic, Hebrew (spoken by Israeli settlers and many Palestinians), English (widely understood)
<u>Western Sahara</u>	Standard Arabic (national), Hassaniya Arabic, Moroccan Arabic
<u>World</u>	<p>Mandarin Chinese 12.44%, Spanish 4.85%, English 4.83%, Arabic 3.25%, Hindi 2.68%, Bengali 2.66%, Portuguese 2.62%, Russian 2.12%, Japanese 1.8%, Standard German 1.33%, Javanese 1.25% (2009 est.)</p> <p><b>note 1:</b> percents are for "first language" speakers only; the six UN languages - Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Russian, and Spanish (Castilian) - are the mother tongue or second language of about half of the world's population, and are the official languages in more than half the states in the world; some 150 to 200 languages have more than a million speakers</p> <p><b>note 2:</b> all told, there are an estimated 7,100 languages spoken in the world; approximately 80% of these languages are spoken by less than 100,000 people; about 50 languages are spoken by only 1 person; communities that are isolated from each other in mountainous regions often develop multiple languages; Papua New Guinea, for example, boasts about 836 separate languages</p> <p><b>note 3:</b> approximately 2,300 languages are spoken in Asia, 2,150, in Africa, 1,300 in the Pacific, 1,060 in the Americas, and 280 in Europe</p>
<u>Yemen</u>	Arabic (official)
<u>Zambia</u>	<p>Bembe 33.4%, Nyanja 14.7%, Tonga 11.4%, Chewa 4.5%, Lozi 5.5%, Nsenga 2.9%, Tumbuka 2.5%, Lunda (North Western) 1.9%, Kaonde 1.8%, Lala 1.8%, Lamba 1.8%, English (official) 1.7%, Luvale 1.5%, Mambwe 1.3%, Namwanga 1.2%, Lenje 1.1%, Bisa 1%, other 9.4%, unspecified 0.4%</p> <p><b>note:</b> Zambia is said to have over 70 languages, although many of these may be considered dialects; all of Zambia's major languages are members of the Bantu family (2010 est.)</p>
<u>Zimbabwe</u>	English (official), Shona, Sindebele (the language of the Ndebele, sometimes called Ndebele), numerous but minor tribal dialects

## INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN CENTRAL AMERICA<sup>1</sup>

### Belize

Language Name	Dialect & Alternate Names
Kekchí	Cacché ; Kekch ; Kekchi ; Kekchí ; Ketchí ; Quecchí
Maya, Mopán	Mopane ; Maya Mopán ; Maya, Mopán
Maya, Yucatán	Maya, Yucatán ; Yucateco

### Costa Rica

Language Name	Dialect & Alternate Names
* Boruca	Boruca ; Borunca ; Borunka ; Brunca ; Brunka ; Burnca ; Burunca
Bribri	Amubre-Katsi ; Bribri ; Coroma ; Salitre-Cabagra ; Talamanca ; Viceíta
Cabécar	Cabécar ; Chirripó ; Chirripó ; Estrella ; Telire ; Tucurrique ; Ujarrás
Maléku Jaíka	Guatuso ; Guetar ; Maléku Jaíka ; Watuso ; Watuso-Wétar
Ngäbere	Guaymí ; gymimí ; Mobe ; Move ; Ngäbere ; Ngawbere ; Norteño ; Penonomeño
Teribe	Terraba ; Teribe

### El Salvador

Language Name	Dialect & Alternate Names
Kekchí	Kekchí ; Quecchí ; Cacché
* Lenca	Lenca
* Pipil	Nahuate ; Nahuat ; Nawat ; Pipil
Pogomam	Pokomam, Central

### Guatemala

Language Name	Dialect & Alternate Names
Achi', Cubulco	Achi', Cubulco
Achi', Rabinal	Rabinal K'iche' ; Achi', Rabinal
Aguacateco	Aguacatec ; Awakateko
Ch'orti'	Apay ; Ch'orti ; Ch'orti' ; Chorti
Chuj, Ixtatán	Chuj, Ixtatán ; Chuje ; Chuh ; Chuj de San Mateo Ixtatán ; Chuhe
Chuj	Chuj, San Sebastián Coatán
* Itza'	Icaiche Maya ; Itz ; Itzá ; Itza' ; Maya ; Petén Itzá Maya ; Yucatec Maya
Ixil, Chajul	Ixil, Chajul ; Ilom
Ixil, Nebaj	Ixil, Nebaj
Ixil	Ixil, San Juan Cotzal
Jacalteco, Western	Popti' ; Jakalteco, Western ; Western Jacalteco
K'iche', Cunén	Chuil Quiché ; K'iche', Cunén ; Northern Quiché ; Cunén Quiché ; Cunenteco Quiché ; Cunenteco K'iche'

<sup>1</sup> Linguist List, *Languages of Central America*. Retrieved August 11, 2008 from <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/central-america.cfm>

\* Denotes a language that is near extinction.

<b>Language Name</b>	<b>Dialect &amp; Alternate Names</b>
K'iche', Eastern	East Central Quiché ; Eastern Quiché ; K'iche', Eastern ; Chichicastenango Eastern Quiché
K'iche', Joyabaj	K'iche', Joyabaj ; Joyabaj Quiché
K'iche', San Andrés	San Andrés Sajcabajá Quiché ; K'iche', San Andrés
K'iche', West Central	K'iche', West Central ; Coastal K'iche' ; Western K'iche' ; Southwestern Quiché ; Cantel Quiché
Kanjobal, Western	Western Q'anjob'al ; Akateko ; Acatec ; San Miguel Acatán Kanjobal ; Acateco ; Western Kanjobal ; Conob
Kaqchikel, Akatenango Southwestern	Kaqchikel, Akatenango Southwestern ; Acatenango Southwestern Cakchiquel
Kaqchikel, Eastern	Kaqchikel, Eastern ; Eastern Cakchiquel
Kaqchikel, Northern	Northern Cakchiquel ; Kaqchikel, Northern
Kaqchikel, Santa María de Jesús	Santa María de Jesús Cakchiquel ; Kaqchikel, Santa María de Jesús ; Kach'ab'al
Kaqchikel, Santo Domingo Xenacoj	Santo Domingo Xenacoj Cakchiquel ; Xenacoj ; Kaqchikel, Santo Domingo Xenacoj
Kaqchikel, South Central	Kaqchikel, South Central ; South Central Cakchiquel
Kaqchikel, Southern	Southern Cakchiquel ; Kaqchikel, Southern
Kaqchikel, Western	Western Cakchiquel ; Kaqchikel, Western
Kaqchikel, Yepocapa Southwestern	Kaqchikel, Yepocapa Southwestern ; Yepocapa Southwestern Cakchiquel
Kekchí	Q'eqchi' ; Cacche' ; Ketchi' ; Kekchi' ; Quecchi'
Mam, Central	Comitancillo Mam ; Mam, Central ; Western Mam ; San Marcos Comitancillas Mam ; Mam Marquense ; Mam Occidental
Mam,	Huehuetenango Mam ; Mam, Northern
Mam, Southern	Mam Quetzalteco ; San Martín Chile Verde Mam ; San Martín Sacatepéquez Mam ; Quetzaltenango Mam ; Ostuncalco Mam ; San Juan Ostuncalco Mam ; Mam, Southern
Mam, Tajumulco	Mam, Tajumulco
Mam, Todos Santos	Mam de Todos Santos Cuchumatán ; Mam, Todos Santos Cuchumatán
Maya, Mopán	Maya Mopán ; Maya, Mopán ; Mopane
Poqomam	Poqomam, Central ; Pokomam ; Central Pocomam ; Pocomán
Poqomam, Eastern	Poqomam, Eastern ; Pocomam Oriental ; Eastern Pokomam
Poqomam, Southern	Poqomam, Southern ; Palín Pocomam ; Southern Pokomam
Poqomchi',	Poqomchi', Eastern ; Pocomchí ; Poconchí ; Pokonchí ; Tactic Pokomchí ; Eastern Pokomchí
Poqomchi', Western	Western Pokomchí ; Santa Cruz Verapaz Poqomchi' ; Western Pocomchí ; Pocomchí ; Poqomchi', Western ; Poqomchi'
Q'anjob'al	Conob ; Eastern Kanjobal ; Kanjobal ; Q'anjob'al, Eastern ; Qanjobal ; Santa Eulalia Kanjobal
Quiché	Cachabel ; Central Quiché ; Chiquel ; K'iche', Central ; Quiche ; Quiché

<b>Language Name</b>	<b>Dialect &amp; Alternate Names</b>
Sacapulteco	Sacapulteco ; Sakapulteko ; Sacapulas K'iche'
Sipacapense	Sipakapense ; Sipacapense ; Sipacapa Quiché ; Sipacapeño
Tacanec	Tacanec ; Tacaná Mam ; Tiló ; Mamé ; Western Mam
Tektiteko	Tektiteko ; Tectitán Mam ; Teco ; Maya-Tekiteko ; Tectiteco ; Teko
Tz'utujil,	Tz'utujil, Eastern ; Tzutujil Oriental ; Santiago Atitlán Tzutujil ; Tzutuhil
Tz'utujil, Western	Tz'utujil, Western
Uspanteco	Uspanteco ; Uspanteko

### Honduras

<b>Language Name</b>	<b>Dialect &amp; Alternate Names</b>
Ch'orti'	Ch'orti'
Chinese, Yue	Chinese, Yue
* Lenca	Lenca ; Lenca Proper
Mískito	Marquito ; Mísquito ; Mískitu ; Mískito ; Mosquito
Pech	Bayano ; Paya ; Pech ; Seco ; Taia ; Towka
Sumo Tawahka	Sumo ; Soumo ; Sumu ; Sumoo ; Sumo Tawahka
Tol	Cicaque ; Hicaque ; Ikake ; Jicaque ; Taguaca ; Tauhca ; Tol ; Tolpan ; Torrupan ; Xicaque

### Nicaragua

<b>Language Name</b>	<b>Dialect &amp; Alternate Names</b>
Garifuna	Garifuna ; Moreno ; Garifuna ; Caribe ; Central American Carib ; Black Carib
Mískito	Tauira ; Tawira ; Baldam ; Mosquito ; Mískitu ; Cabo ; Kabo ; Wangki ; Mam ; Mískito ; Baymuna ; Marquito ; Honduran Mískito ; Wanki ; Baymunana ; Mísquito
* Rama	Boto ; Melchora ; Rama ; Voto
Sumo Tawahka	Sumoo ; Ulwa ; Woolwa ; Panamahka ; Soumo ; Sumu ; Taguaca ; Nicaraguan Tawahka ; Sumo ; Sumo Tawahka ; Bawihka ; Sumo-Mayangna ; Kukra

### Panama

<b>Language Name</b>	<b>Dialect &amp; Alternate Names</b>
Buglere	Bobota ; Veraguas Sabanero ; Murire ; Nortenyo ; Bokota ; Bofota ; Bukueta ; Bogota ; Bocota ; Buglere ; Bokotá ; Sabanero
Emberá, Northern	Dariena ; Eerã ; Empera ; Darien ; Atrato ; Emberá, Northern ; Cholo ; Ebera Bedea ; Panama Embera
Emberá-Catío	Emberá-Catío ; Epera ; Katio ; Embena ; Catío
Epena	Emberá-Saija ; Epena Saija ; Saija ; Southern Empera ; Southern Embera ; Cholo ; Epena ; Basurudo ; Epéna Pedée
Kuna, Border	Long Hair Cuna ; Colombia Cuna ; Kuna, Border ; Paya-Pucuro Kuna ; Kuna de la Frontera ; Cuna ; Caiman Nuevo
Kuna, San Blas	Kuna, San Blas ; Maje ; Bayano ; Alto Bayano ; San Blas Cuna ; Cueva ; Chuana
Ngäbere	Guaymí ; Ngobere ; Chiriqui ; Valiente ; Valiente ; Chiriquí ; Ngäbere ; Eastern Guaymí ; Tolé
Teribe	Tirribi ; Terraba ; Quequexque ; Nortenyo ; Tiribi ; Naso ; Teribe
Woun Meu	Chanco ; Nonama ; Chocama ; Woun Meu ; Noenama ; Waun Meo ; Wounmeu ; Wounaan ; Noanama ; Waunana ; Waumeo





**pacificinterpreters**

*We understand.*

## Supported Languages and Dialects by Language

- Acholi** – Uganda, Sudan  
**Afrikaans** – South Africa, Namibia  
**Akan** – Ghana, Ivory Coast  
**Akateko** – Guatemala  
**Albanian** – Albania  
**Algerian Arabic** – Algeria  
**Amharic** – Ethiopia  
**Arabic** – Widely Distributed  
**Armenian** – Armenia  
**Ashanti (Asante Twi)** – Ghana  
**Assyrian** – Iraq  
**Azerbaijani** – Azerbaijan  
**Azorean Portuguese** – Azores Islands  
**Bahnar** – Vietnam  
**Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian)** – Indonesia  
**Bambara** – Mali  
**Belarusian** – Belarus  
**Bengali** – Bangladesh, India  
**Bosnian** – Bosnia & Herzegovina  
**Brazilian Portuguese** – Brazil  
**Bulgarian** – Bulgaria  
**Burmese** – Myanmar (former Burma)  
**Cambodian (Khmer)** – Cambodia  
**Cantonese** – China  
**Cape Verdean (Portuguese Creole)** – Cape Verde  
**Catalan** – Andorra, Spain  
**Cebuano** – Philippines  
**Chaldean** – Iraq  
**Chamorro** – Guam  
**Chaozhou (Teochew)** – China  
**Chin** – Myanmar (former Burma)  
**Chinese (var. languages/dialects)** – China  
**Chuukese (Trukese)** – Micronesia  
**Croatian** – Croatia  
**Czech** – Czech Republic  
**Danish** – Denmark  
**Dari (Afgan Farsi)** – Afghanistan  
**Dene** – Canada  
**Dewoin** – Liberia  
**Dinka** – Sudan  
**Duala** – Cameroon  
**Dutch** – Netherlands  
**Egyptian Arabic** – Egypt  
**Estonian** – Estonia  
**Ewe** – Ghana  
**Fante** – Ghana  
**Farsi (Persian)** – Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan  
**Fijian** – Fiji  
**Filipino (Tagalog)** – Philippines  
**Finnish** – Finland  
**Flemish** – Belgium  
**French** – Africa, Canada, France, Tunisia, et al.  
**French Creole** – Caribbean  
**Fukienese** – China  
**Fulani (Fulfulde, Fula)** – Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal  
**Fuzhou** – China  
**Ga** – Ghana  
**Gen (Mina)** – Togo, Benin  
**German** – Germany  
**Gokana (Khana)** – Nigeria  
**Greek** – Greece  
**Gujarati** – India  
**Haitian Creole** – Haiti  
**Haka Burmese** – Myanmar (former Burma)  
**Hakka** – China  
**Hausa** – Niger, Nigeria  
**Hebrew** – Israel  
**Hindi** – India  
**Hmong** – China, Vietnam, Laos  
**Hungarian** – Hungary  
**Ibo (Igbo)** – Nigeria  
**Ilocano** – Philippines  
**Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia)** – Indonesia  
**Iraqi Arabic** – Iraq  
**Italian** – Italy  
**Japanese** – Japan  
**Jarai** – Vietnam  
**Javanese** – Indonesia  
**Jordanian Arabic** – Jordan  
**Juba Arabic** – Sudan  
**Kanjolal (Q'anjob'al)** – Guatemala  
**Kannada** – India  
**Kapampangan** – Philippines  
**Karen (Pa'o, S'gaw)** – Myanmar (former Burma)  
**Kayah** – Myanmar (former Burma)  
**Khmer (Cambodian)** – Cambodia  
**Kinyarwanda** – Rwanda  
**Kirundi** – Burundi  
**Koho** – Vietnam  
**Korean** – Korea  
**Kpele** – Guinea, Liberia  
**Krahn** – Liberia, Ivory Coast  
**Krio** – Sierra Leone  
**Kunama** – Eritrea  
**Kurdish [Kurmanji, Sorani]** – Iraq, Turkey, Iran  
**Kurmanji (Northern Kurdish)** – Turkey  
**Kuwaiti Arabic** – Kuwait  
**Lao** – Laos  
**Latvian** – Latvia  
**Lebanese Arabic** – Lebanon  
**Lingala** – Congo, Republic of the  
**Lithuanian** – Lithuania  
**Luganda** – Uganda  
**Luo** – Kenya  
**Maay (Af Maay, Rahanween, Bantu)** – Somalia  
**Macedonian** – Macedonia  
**Malay** – Malaysia  
**Malayalam** – India  
**Malinke** – Senegal  
**Mam** – Guatemala  
**Mandarin** – China  
**Mandinka (Mandingo)** – Senegal  
**Marathi** – India  
**Marshallese** – Marshall Islands  
**Mayan [Akateko, Kanjobal]** – Guatemala, Mexico  
**Mien** – China, Laos, Thailand  
**Mina (Gen)** – Togo, Benin  
**Minangkabau** – Indonesia  
**Mixteco Alto** – Mexico  
**Mixteco Bajo** – Mexico  
**Mnong** – Vietnam  
**Mongolian** – Mongolia  
**Moroccan Arabic** – Morocco  
**Nahuatl** – Mexico  
**Navajo** – U.S.A. (Southwest)  
**Nepalese** – Nepal, India  
**Nuer** – Sudan  
**Oromo** – Ethiopia  
**Palestinian Arabic** – Israel, Jordan  
**Pangasinan** – Philippines  
**Papiamentu** – Netherlands Antilles  
**Pashto (Pushto)** – Pakistan, Afghanistan  
**Persian (Farsi)** – Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan  
**Polish** – Poland  
**Portuguese** – Portugal, Brazil, et al.  
**Portuguese Creole (Cape Verdean)** – Cape Verde  
**Pulaar** – Senegal  
**Punjabi (Panjabi)** – Pakistan, India  
**Quechua** – Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru  
**Quiche (K'iche)** – Guatemala  
**Rade** – Vietnam  
**Romanian** – Romania  
**Russian** – Russia  
**Samoan** – Samoa  
**San Miguel** – Mexico  
**Santa Eulalia** – Guatemala  
**Saraiki** – Pakistan, India  
**Serbian** – Serbia, Montenegro  
**Serbo-Croatian** – Balkans  
**Shanghainese** – China  
**Sichuan (Szechuan)** – China  
**Sinhalese** – Sri Lanka  
**Slovak** – Slovakia  
**Somali** – Somalia  
**Soninke (Serahule)** – Mali  
**Sorani (Central Kurdish)** – Iraq  
**Spanish** – Spain, Latin America, et al.  
**Sudanese Arabic** – Sudan  
**Susu** – Guinea  
**Swahili** – Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania, et al.  
**Swedish** – Sweden  
**Syrian Arabic** – Syria  
**Tagalog (Filipino)** – Philippines  
**Tai Dam** – Vietnam  
**Taiwanese** – Taiwan  
**Tamil** – India  
**Telugu** – India  
**Teochew (Chaozhou)** – China  
**Thai** – Thailand  
**Tibetan** – China  
**Tigrigna (Tigrinya)** – Ethiopia, Eritrea  
**Toishanese** – China  
**Tongan** – Tonga  
**Trukese (Chuukese)** – Micronesia  
**Tunisian Arabic** – Tunisia  
**Turkish** – Turkey  
**Twí** – Ghana  
**Tzotzil** – Mexico  
**Ukrainian** – Ukraine  
**Urdu** – Pakistan, India  
**Vietnamese** – Vietnam  
**Wolof** – Senegal  
**Xhosa** – South Africa  
**Yemeni Arabic** – Yemen  
**Yiddish** – Israel  
**Yoruba** – Nigeria  
**Yup'ik** – U.S.A. (Alaska)  
**Zulu** – South Africa  
**Zarma** – Niger



**pacificinterpreters**

*We understand.*

## Supported Languages and Dialects by Country

**Afghanistan** – Dari, Farsi (Persian), Pashto (Pushto)  
**Albania** – Albanian  
**Algeria** – Algerian Arabic, French  
**Andorra** – Catalan, French, Spanish  
**Argentina** – Quechua, Spanish  
**Armenia** – Armenian  
**Azerbaijan** – Azerbaijani  
**Azores Islands** – Azorean Portuguese  
**Balkans** – Serbo-Croatian  
**Bangladesh** – Bengali  
**Belarus** – Belarusian  
**Belgium** – Flemish  
**Benin** – Gen, Mina  
**Bolivia** – Quechua, Spanish  
**Bosnia & Herzegovina** – Serbian, Bosnian, Croatian (SBC)  
**Brazil** – Brazilian Portuguese  
**Bulgaria** – Bulgarian  
**Burundi** – Kirundi  
**Cambodia** – Khmer (Cambodian)  
**Cameroon** – Duala, French, Fulani (Fulfulde, Fula)  
**Canada** – Dene, French  
**Cape Verde** – Portuguese Creole (Cape Verdean)  
**Caribbean** – French Creole  
**Chad** – French, Fulfulde (Fulani, Fula)  
**Chile** – Spanish  
**China** – Cantonese, Chaozhou (Teochew), Fukiense, Fuzhou, Hakka, Mandarin, Shanghainese, Sichuan (Szechuan), Tibetan, Toishanese, Mien, Hmong  
**Colombia** – Quechua, Spanish  
**Congo, Republic of the** – French, Lingala  
**Costa Rica** – Spanish  
**Croatia** – Serbian, Bosnian, Croatian (SBC), Serbo-Croatian  
**Cuba** – Spanish  
**Czech Republic** – Czech  
**Denmark** – Danish  
**Dominican Republic** – Spanish  
**Ecuador** – Quechua, Spanish  
**Egypt** – Egyptian Arabic  
**El Salvador** – Spanish  
**Eritrea** – Kunama, Tigrigna (Tigrinya)  
**Estonia** – Estonian  
**Ethiopia** – Amharic, Tigrigna (Tigrinya)  
**Fiji** – Fijian  
**Finland** – Finnish  
**France** – French  
**Germany** – German  
**Ghana** – Akan, Ashanti (Asante Twi), Ewe,

Fante, Ga, Twi  
 Greece – Greek  
**Guam** – Chamorro  
**Guatemala** – Akateko, Kanjobal (Q'anjob'al), Mam, Quiche (K'iche), Santa Eulalia, Spanish  
**Guinea** – Kpele, Susu  
**Haiti** – Haitian Creole  
**Honduras** – Spanish  
**Hungary** – Hungarian  
**India** – Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepalese, Punjabi (Panjabi), Saraiki, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu  
**Indonesia** – Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia), Javanese, Minangkabau  
**Iran** – Farsi (Persian), Kurdish [Kurmanji, Sorani]  
**Iraq** – Assyrian, Chaldean, Farsi (Persian), Iraqi Arabic, Kurdish [Kurmanji, Sorani]  
**Israel** – Hebrew, Palestinian Arabic, Yiddish  
**Italy** – Italian  
**Ivory Coast** – Akan, French, Krahn  
**Japan** – Japanese  
**Jordan** – Jordanian Arabic, Palestinian Arabic  
**Kenya** – Luo, Swahili  
**Korea** – Korean  
**Kuwait** – Kuwaiti Arabic  
**Laos** – Hmong, Lao, Mien  
**Latin America** – Spanish  
**Latvia** – Latvian  
**Lebanon** – Lebanese Arabic  
**Liberia** – Dewoin, Kpele, Krahn  
**Lithuania** – Lithuanian  
**Macedonia** – Macedonian  
**Madagascar** – French  
**Malaysia** – Malay  
**Mali** – Bambara, Soninke (Serahule)  
**Marshall Islands** – Marshallese  
**Mexico** – Mayan [Akateko, Kanjobal], Mixteco Alto, Mixteco Bajo, Nahuatl, San Miguel, Spanish, Tzotzil  
**Micronesia** – Chuukese (Trukese)  
**Mongolia** – Mongolian  
**Montenegro** – Serbian  
**Morocco** – French, Moroccan Arabic  
**Myanmar (former Burma)** – Burmese, Chin, Haka Burmese, Karen (Pa'o, S'gaw), Kayah  
**Namibia** – Afrikaans  
**Nepal** – Nepalese  
**Netherlands** – Dutch  
**Netherlands Antilles** – Papiamentu

**Nicaragua** – Spanish  
**Niger** – French, Fulani (Fulfulde, Fula), Hausa, Zarma  
**Nigeria** – Fulani (Fulfulde, Fula), Gokana (Khana), Hausa, Ibo (Igbo), Yoruba  
**Pakistan** – Farsi (Persian), Pashto (Pushto), Punjabi (Panjabi), Saraiki, Urdu  
**Panama** – Spanish  
**Paraguay** – Spanish  
**Peru** – Quechua, Spanish  
**Philippines** – Cebuano, Ilocano, Kapampangan, Pangasinan, Tagalog (Filipino)  
**Poland** – Polish  
**Portugal** – Portuguese  
**Puerto Rico** – Spanish  
**Romania** – Romanian  
**Russia** – Russian  
**Rwanda** – French, Kinyarwanda  
**Samoa** – Samoan  
**Senegal** – French, Fulani (Fulfulde, Fula), Malinke, Mandinka (Mandingo), Pulaar, Wolof  
**Serbia** – Serbian, Bosnian, Croatian (SBC), Serbo-Croatian  
**Sierra Leone** – Krio  
**Slovakia** – Slovak  
**Somalia** – Maay (Af Maay, Bantu, Rahanween) Somali, Swahili  
**South Africa** – Afrikaans, Xhosa, Zulu  
**Spain** – Catalan, Spanish  
**Sri Lanka** – Sinhalese  
**Sudan** – Acholi, Dinka, Juba Arabic, Nuer, Sudanese Arabic  
**Sweden** – Swedish  
**Syria** – Syrian Arabic  
**Taiwan** – Taiwanese  
**Tanzania** – Swahili  
**Thailand** – Mien, Thai  
**Togo** – Gen (Mina)  
**Tonga** – Tongan  
**Tunisia** – French, Tunisian Arabic  
**Turkey** – Kurdish (Kurmanji, Sorani), Turkish  
**U.S.A.** – Navajo, Yup'ik  
**Uganda** – Acholi, Luganda  
**Ukraine** – Ukrainian  
**Uruguay** – Spanish  
**Venezuela** – Spanish  
**Vietnam** – Bahnar, Hmong, Jarai, Koho, Mnong, Rade, Tai Dam, Vietnamese  
**Yemen** – Yemeni Arabic

*This list represents 98% of all customer requests for interpretation and is subject to change as the arrival of new LEP populations create the demand for additional languages.*

### KEY

( ) = Alternate Language Names & Spellings  
[ ] = Regional Languages & Dialects