# Language List by Country and Place

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| **Country** | **Language** |
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| Afghanistan | Pashtu, Farsi, Dari, Hazaragi, other Turkic and minor languages |
| Albania | Albanian (Tosk is the official dialect), Greek |
| Algeria  | Arabic, French, Berber dialects |
| Andorra | Catalán, French, Castilian, Portuguese |
| Angola | Portuguese, Bantu and other African languages |
| Antigua and Barbuda | English, local dialects |
| Argentina | Spanish, English, Italian, German, French |
| Armenia | Armenian, Russian |
| Australia | English, Indigenous languages |
| Austria | German, Slovene, Croatian, Hungarian |
| Azerbaijan | Azerbaijani Turkic, Russian, Armenian, other |
| Bahamas | English, Creole |
| Bahrain | Arabic, English, Farsi, Urdu |
| Bangladesh | Bangla, English |
| Barbados | English |
| Belarus | Belorussian (White Russian), Russian, other |
| Belize | English, Spanish, Mayan, Garifuna (Carib), Creole |
| Benin | French, Fon, Yoruba, tribal languages |
| Bhutan | Dzongkha, Tibetan and Nepalese dialects |
| Bolivia | Spanish, Quechua, Aymara |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian (all formerly known as Serbo-Croatian); written languages use Latin and Cyrillic script |
| Botswana | English, Setswana |
| Brazil | Portuguese, Spanish, English, French  |
| Brunei Darussalam | Malay, English, Chinese |
| Bulgaria | Bulgarian; secondary ethnic languages |
| Burkina Faso | French, Indigenous African (Sudanic) languages |
| Burundi | Kirundi, French, Swahili |
| Cambodia | Khmer, French, English |
| Cameroon | French, English; 24 major African language groups |
| Canada | English, French; Indigenous languages |
| Cape Verde | Portuguese, Criuolo |
| Central African Republic | French, Sangho, Arabic, Hansa, Swahili |
| Chad | French, Arabic, Sara, more than 120 languages and dialects |
| Chile | Spanish |
| China (PRC) | Cantonese, Mandarin, also local dialects (Daur, Kalmyk-Oirat, Lu, Peripheral Mongolian, Central Tibetan, Uyghur, Xibe, Zhuang) |
| Colombia | Spanish |
| Comoros | Arabic and French, Shikomoro (Swahili/Arabic blend) |
| Congo, Republic of | French, Lingala, Monokutuba, Kikongo, many local languages and dialects |
| Congo (DRC) | French, Lingala, Kingwana, Kikongo, Tshiluba |
| Costa Rica | Spanish, English |
| Côte d’Ivoire | French, African languages (Diaula esp.) |
| Croatia | Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian (all formerly known as Serbo-Croatian), Italian, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, German, and other languages |
| Cuba | Spanish |
| Cyprus | Greek, Turkish, English |
| Czech Republic | Czech |
| Denmark  | Danish, Faeroese, Greenlandic (Inuit dialect), German, English |
| Djibouti | French, Arabic, Somali, Afar Dominica: English, French patois |
| Dominican Republic | Spanish |
| East Timor | Tetum, Portuguese, Bahasa Indonesian, English, other Indigenous languages, including Tetum, Galole, Mambae, and Kemak |
| Ecuador | Spanish, Quechua, other Amerindian languages |
| Egypt | Arabic, English, French |
| El Salvador | Spanish, Nahua (among some Amerindians) |
| Equatorial Guinea | Spanish, French, pidgin English, Fang, Bubi, Ibo |
| Eritrea | Afar, Arabic, Tigre and Kunama, Tigrinya, other Cushitic languages |
| Estonia | Estonian, Russian, Ukrainian, Finnish, other |
| Ethiopia | Amharic, Tigrigna, Orominga, Guaragigna, Somali, Arabic, English, 70 others |
| Fiji | English, Fijian, Hindustani |
| Finland | Finnish, Swedish, small Sami (Lapp), Russian |
| France | French regional dialects (Provençal, Breton, Alsatian, Corsican, Catalan, Basque, Flemish) |
| Gabon | French, Fang, Myene, Bateke, Bapounou/Eschira, Bandjabi Gambia, The: English, Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, Serer-Sine, Sarahole, Pulaar, Maninkakan, Mandjaque, Mandingo, Jola-Fonyi, Creole |
| Georgia | Georgian, Russian, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Abkhaz |
| Germany | German |
| Ghana | English, Indigenous languages (Brong Ahafo, Twi, Fanti, Ga, Ewe, Dagbani) |
| Greece | Greek, English, French |
| Grenada | English, French patois |
| Guatemala | Spanish, Amerindian languages (23 officially recognised Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca) |
| Guinea | French, Indigenous languages (Malinké, Susu, Fulani) |
| Guinea-Bissau | Portuguese, Criolo, African languages |
| Guyana | English, Amerindian dialects, Creole, Hindi, Urdu |
| Haiti | Creole, French |
| Honduras | Honduras: Spanish, Amerindian dialects, English |
| Hong Kong Special Administration Region (SAR) | Cantonese, Mandarin |
| Hungary | Magyar (Hungarian), other |
| Iceland | Icelandic, English, Nordic languages, German |
| India | Hindi, English, Bengali, Gujarati, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Kannada, Assamese, Sanskrit, Sindhi, and 1600+ dialects |
| Indonesia | Bahasa Indonesia, English, Dutch, Javanese, and 580+ languages/dialects |
| Iran | Farsi (Persian), Azari, Kurdish, Arabic  |
| Iraq | Arabic, Kurdish, Assyrian Neo Aramaic  |
| Ireland | English, Irish Gaelic |
| Israel | Hebrew, Arabic, English, Russian |
| Italy | Italian, German, French, Slovene |
| Iran | Farsi (Persian), Azari, Kurdish, Arabic  |
| Iraq  | Arabic, Kurdish, Assyrian Neo Aramaic  |
| Ireland | English, Irish Gaelic |
| Israel | Hebrew, Arabic, English, Russian |
| Italy | Italian, German, French, Slovene |
| Iran  | Farsi (Persian), Azari, Kurdish, Arabic  |
| Jamaica | English, Jamaican Creole |
| Japan | Japanese |
| Jordan | Arabic, English |
| Kazakhstan | Kazak (Qazaq), Russian |
| Kenya | English, Swahili, 25 ethnic group languages |
| Kiribati | English, I-Kiribati (Gilbertese) |
| Korea, North | Korean, South: Korean Kuwait: Arabic, English |
| Kyrgyzstan | Kyrgyz, Russian |
| Laos | Lao, French, English |
| Latvia | Latvian, Russian |
| Lebanon  | Arabic, French, English  |
| Lesotho | English, Sesotho, Zulu, Xhosa  |
| Liberia | English, tribal dialects |
| Libya | Arabic, Italian, English |
| Liechtenstein  | German, Alemmanic dialect Lithuania: Lithuanian, Polish, Russian  |
| Luxembourg | Luxermbourgish, French, German |
| Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of | Macedonian (uses the Cyrillic alphabet), Albanian, Turkish, other |
| Madagascar | Malagasy, French |
| Malawi | English, Chichewa |
| Malaysia | Malay, Chinese, Tamil, English  |
| Maldives  | Dhivehi, Arabic, Hindi, English  |
| Mali | French, African languages |
| Malta | Maltese, English |
| Marshall Islands | Marshallese, English |
| Mauritania | Arabic, Wolof, French |
| Mauritius | English, French, Creole, Hindi, Urdu, Hakka, Bojpoori |
| Mexico: Spanish, Indian languages | Spanish, Indian languages |
| Liberia: English, tribal dialects | English, tribal dialects |
| Libya: Arabic, Italian, English | Arabic, Italian, English |
| Liechtenstein  | German, Alemmanic dialect Lithuania: Lithuanian, Polish, Russian  |
| Micronesia | English, Chukese, Pohnpeian, Yapase, Kosrean |
| Moldova | Moldovan (similar to Romanian), Russian, Gagauz (Turkish dialect) |
| Monaco  | French, English, Italian, Monégasque  |
| Mongolia | Mongolian, Turkic, Russian, Chinese  |
| Morocco  | Arabic, French, Berber dialects, Spanish  |
| Mozambique | Portuguese, Bantu languages |
| Myanmar | The Myanmar language (formerly Burmese), Karen, Chin, Rohingya |
| Namibia | Afrikaans, German, English, several Indigenous languages |
| Nauru | Nauruan, English |
| Mongolia  | Mongolian, Turkic, Russian, Chinese  |
| Morocco | Arabic, French, Berber dialects, Spanish  |
| Nepal:  | Nepali, Newar, Maithali, Bhojpuri, Tharu, Tamang, and others |
| The Netherlands  | Dutch, Frisian  |
| New Zealand | English, Maori Nicaragua: Spanish |
| Niger | French, Hausa; Songhai; Arabic |
| Nigeria | English, Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo, 200+ others |
| Norway | Bokmål, Nynorsk (forms of Norwegian) |
| Oman | Arabic, English, Indian languages |
| Pakistan | Punjabi, Sindhi, Siraiki (Punjabi variant), Pashtu, Urdu, Balochi, Hindko, Brahui, English, Burushaski, and others |
| Palau | Palau |
| Palestinian territories | Arabic, Hebrew, English, French |
| Spanish, English | Spanish, English |
| Papua New Guinea:  | English, Tok Pisin (Melanesian Creole English), Hiri Motu, and 717 distinct Indigenous languages |
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| Paraguay | Spanish, Guaraní |
| Peru | Spanish, Quéchua, Aymara, and other Indigenous languages |
| The Philippines | Filipino (based on Tagalog), English, regional languages: Tagalog, Ilocano, Cebuano, others |
| Poland | Polish |
| Portugal | Portuguese |
| Qatar | Arabic, English |
| Romania | Romanian, Hungarian, German |
| Russia | Russian, others |
| Rwanda | Kinyarwanda, French, English |
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| Poland |  Polish |
| St. Kitts and Nevis | English |
| St. Lucia | English, Patois |
| St. Vincent/the Grenadines:  | English, French patois |
| Samoa | Samoan, English |
| San Marino | Italian |
| São Tomé and Príncipe: | Portuguese |
| Saudi Arabia | Arabic, English widely spoken |
| Senegal | French, Wolof, Serer, other ethnic dialects |
| Serbia and Montenegro | Serbian, Albanian (once known as Serbo-Croatian); written language uses Latin and Cyrillic script |
| Seychelles  | English, French, Seselwa (a creole)  |
| Sierra Leone | English, Mende, Temne, Krio |
| Singapore | Malay, Chinese (Mandarin), Tamil, English |
| Slovakia | Slovak, Hungarian |
| Slovenia | Slovenian; Serbo-Croatian |
| Solomon Islands | English, Solomon Pijin (an English pidgin), 60 Indigenous Melanesian languages |
| Somalia | Somali, Arabic, English, Italian |
| South Africa | Xhosa, Zulu, English, Afrikaans, Ndebele, Sesotho sa Leboa, Sesotho, Swati, Xitsonga, Setswana, Tshivenda |
| South Sudan | English, Arabic, Dinka, Nuer, Zande |
| Spain | Castilian Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque Sri Lanka: Sinhala, Tamil, English |
| Sudan | Arabic, English, Dinka, tribal dialects |
| Suriname | Dutch, Surinamese (lingua franca), English widely spoken |
| Swaziland | English, Swazi |
| Sweden | Swedish |
| Switzerland | German, French, Italian, Romansch |
| Syria | Arabic, Kurdish, French and English widely understood |
| Taiwan | Chinese (Mandarin) |
| Tajikistan | Tajik, Russian, Uzbek |
| Tanzania | Swahili, English, local languages |
| Thailand | Thai (Siamese), Chinese, English |
| Togo | French, Ewé, Mina (south), Kabyé, Cotocoli (north), and many dialects |
| Tonga  | Tongan (an Austronesian language), English  |
| Trinidad and Tobago | English, Hindi, French, Spanish  |
| Tunisia | Arabic, French |
| Turkey: Turkish, Kurdish | Turkish, Kurdish |
| Turkmenistan | Turkmen, Russian, Uzbek |
| Tuvalu | Tuvaluan, English |
| Uganda | English, Swahili, Luganda, Ateso, Luo |
| Ukraine | Ukrainian |
| United Arab Emirates | Arabic, English as a second language |
| United Kingdom | English, Welsh, Scots Gaelic |
| United States | English, sizable Spanish-speaking minority |
| Uruguay | Spanish |
| Uzbekistan | Uzbek, Russian, Tajik, other |
| Vanuatu | Bislama (a Melanesian pidgin English), English, French |
| Vatican City | Latin, Italian, and various other languages |
| Venezuela | Spanish, various Indigenous languages in the remote interior |
| Vietnam | Vietnamese, French, English, Khmer, Chinese |
| Western Sahara region | Hassaniya Arabic, Moroccan Arabic |
| Yemen | Arabic |
| Zambia | English, local dialects |