

Language World

English Language

1.132 Million Speakers

Native speakers : 379 million

Non-native speakers : 753 million

Like Latin or Greek back in the days, English is today's universal language. It is the default language in international business, tourism, technology etc.

Official language in : Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Brunei, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Dominica, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somaliland, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, UK, United States, Vanuatu, Zambia

Regional language in : Honduras in the Bay Islands, Micronesia except for Kosrae, Netherlands in Saint Maarten, Saint Eustatius and Saba islands

Widely spoken in : Cyprus, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Israel, Palestine, Switzerland

Mandarin Chinese

1.3 Billion Speakers

Native speakers : 918 million

Non-native speakers : 199 million

When native and non-native speakers are added together, Mandarin is the second most spoken language in the world. However, it is the first if only native speakers are taken into account. Mandarin is not really a language, but a set of dialects of the Chinese language. The fact that unifies these dialects under one name is that their speakers can understand each other.

Although 20% of those who connect to the Internet speak Chinese, little more than 1% of the content available on the web is in that language.

Official language in : China, Singapore, Taiwan Widely spoken in: Malaysia

Spanish Language

534 Million Speakers

Native speakers : 460 million

Non-native speakers : 74 million

It is the second most spoken language in the world in terms of the number of native speakers. It is also the third most used on the Internet. Its enormous colonial expansion took it not only to America but also to Africa and Asia. Due to migration, the United States is the country with the second-largest number of Spanish speakers in the world.

Official language in : Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela

Minority language in : Andorra

Regional language in : Belize

Widely spoken in : Philippines, United States

Hindi Language

615 Million Speakers

Native speakers : 341 million

Non-native speakers : 274 million

Hindi is, along with English, one of the 22 official languages of India, the second-most-populous country in the world. The linguistic diversity of the region (more than 1,600 languages coexist) explains the high rate of non-native speakers who use it as a lingua franca.

Official language in : Fiji and India

Arabic Language

274 Million Speakers

Native speakers : 245 million

Non-native speakers : 29 million

Arabic is the official language of 26 countries. Due to this territorial dispersion, it is actually a collection of dialects.

It is not only the language that treasures the enormous cultural legacy of the Arab world, but also a necessary tool for business in this part of the world.

Official language in : Algeria, Bahrain, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Somaliland, Sudan, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Regional language in : Israel

National language in : Cyprus (Cypriot Arabic), Niger, South Sudan, Tunisia

Widely spoken in : Eritrea, Indonesia, Philippines

French Language

280 Million Speakers

Native speakers : 77 million

Non-native speakers : 203 million

Colonialism allowed the French to spread throughout the world. Today it is the official language of 29 countries on different continents. If English is the language of business, French was considered the language of culture. Its enormous importance is also reflected in the fact that it is the language with the third-largest number of non-native speakers.

Official language in : Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gabon, Guinea, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Monaco, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Switzerland, Togo, Vanuatu

Regional language in : Belgium, Italy (in Aosta Valley), Spain, UK (Guernsey and Jersey)

Minority language in : Andorra, Spain

National language in : Mauritius

Widely spoken in : Algeria, Mauritania

Portuguese Language

234 Million Speakers

Native speakers : 221 million

Non-native speakers : 13 million

Portuguese is another of the languages that expanded during the European colonial period. Today it is the official language of 9 countries divided between Europe, America, Africa, and Asia. The greatest exponent in terms of territorial extension and number of speakers is Brazil. It is also the most widely spoken language in the southern hemisphere.

Official language in : Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, East Timor, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Macau, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe

Minority language in : Andorra, Spain

Russian Language

258 Million Speakers

Native speakers : 154 million

Non-native speakers : 104 million

Less surprising is the inclusion of Russian among the world's most widely spoken languages if we consider its territorial extension. It is the official language of four countries but is also spoken in all those that were part of the former Soviet Union. It is the language with the largest number of native speakers in Europe.

Official language in : Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Transnistria

Regional language in : Moldova

Minority language in : Poland

Widely spoken in : Israel, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Latvia, Estonia



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German Language

129 Million Speakers

- German** :
- Official language in** : Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Switzerland
- Regional language in** : Belgium, Brazil, Italy, Namibia, Romania
- Minority language in** : Denmark, Hungary, Poland
- National language in** : Czech Republic
- German has been enormously influential; English, for one, has its roots in Germanic languages. As seen on the map, it's also a language with extensive reach.

Korean Language

77 Million Speakers

- Official language in** : North Korea, South Korea
- No surprise here: South Korea, with 48 million people, and North Korea, with 24 million people, are home to the vast majority of Korean speakers. Immigrants have also taken the language, which dates back to the 15th century, to nearby China and Japan, as well as across the United States, although it's not considered a major language in any of those countries.

Japanese Language

129 Million Speakers

- Official language in** : Japan
- Regional language in** : Palau
- In addition to (obviously!) being the official language of Japan, Japanese is spoken in the state of Angaur in Palau. It's also spoken quite a lot — though not enough to earn it a spot on the map — in the U.S., specifically in the state of Hawaii, and in Brazil, where there are sizable Japanese immigrant communities.
- Fun fact** : Japanese includes a grammatical system to express politeness!

Persian Language

121 Million Speakers

- Official language in** : Iran, Afghanistan, Tajikistan
- National language in** : Kuwait
- Also known as Farsi, Persian heavily influenced the Arabic language. In Afghanistan, the official language is a variety of Persian called Dari; in Tajikistan, it's a variety called Tajik.

Italian Language

87 Million Speakers

- Official language in** : Italy, Malta, San Marino, Switzerland, Vatican City
- Minority language in** : Slovenia
- National language in** : Croatia
- Widely spoken in** : Albania, Eritrea
- A Romance language, Italian was used as a collective means of communication to bridge the gap between many regional dialects. Its speakers include 800,000 inhabitants of Albania, making it the most spoken foreign language in that country.
- Turkish language** : Turkish Language belongs to the Altay branch of the Ural-Altaic linguistic family, Same as Finnish and Hungarian languages. It is the westernmost of the Turkic languages spoken across Central Asia, It is generally classified as a member of the South-West group, also known as the Oguz group. Other Turkic languages, all of which are closely related, include Azerbaijani (Azeri), Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Tatar, Turkmen, Uighur, Uzbek, and many others spoken from the Balkans across Central Asia into northwestern China and southern Siberia.

