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Entry type Biography Classification msc 01A55 Classification msc 01A60 Giuseppe Peano (1858 - 1932) Italian mathematician, linguist and author, perhaps best known for the Peano curve.

Born in Piedmont, Peano studied at the university in Turin. After graduating, Peano ghostwrote a calculus textbook for Angelo Genocchi. In his first book published under his own name, Peano introduced our modern symbols for set union and set intersection. Work on a *Formulario*, a comprehensive encyclopedia of mathematical formulas, led him to invent a new language in which he sought to do for Latin what Ludwig Zamenhof was trying to do with Esperanto. The final edition of *Formulario* was written in the language he invented.