Common Voice aims to make speech technology accessible to everyone by building an open-sourced dataset of labeled voice data that represents languages, variants, and accents spoken across the world. This infographic helps illustrate the process of Requesting a New Language on Common Voice.

# How to Request a New Language on Common Voice

1. Research & Preparation
2. Language Setup
3. Launch

**Languages**

Are recognised by ISO
- Have a 2 or 3 letter code
  - over 7,000 codes!
- find your code here

**Variants**

A form of a language spoken or written by a distinctive group:
- *Patagonian Welsh (cy-wladfa)*
- *Canadian French (fr-CA)*
- *Serbian in Latin script (sr-Latn)*

**Accents**

You can describe your own accent with free-form tags
- East Coast English
- Pyrenean French
- Okinawan Japanese

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**1**

## Research & Preparation

What to do to verify if your language is already available on Common Voice

**Check if Your Language Already Exists**
- Check Existing Languages: Visit the Common Voice website to see if your language is already available.

- Variant Check: Determine if you're proposing a new variant or accent (e.g., Brazilian Portuguese vs. Iberian Portuguese). Common Voice accepts all languages, including variants.

**1a**

Is it on the Languages page?  Check here to check.

👍 **Yes**

Contribute & build community

👎 **No**

Continue to step 2 (Language Set Up)

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**2**

## Language Set Up

If your language is not available, follow these steps to launch your language on the platform.

**Fill Out the Request New Language Form**
- Submit New Language / Variant Request

**Submit a GitHub Ticket**
- If your language request is approved, **create a ticket** in the Common Voice GitHub Repository.

**Translate the Platform Using Pontoon**
- Sign up on Pontoon and navigate to the Common Voice project to translate the website's interface, including sentences, prompts, buttons, instructions, and other text elements, into your language.

**2a**

Is Translation Completed on Pontoon?

👍 **Yes**

Continue to Step 3 (Launch)

👎 **No**

Return to "Translate the Platform Using Pontoon"

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**3**

## Launch

Your will launch soon!  Here's what to do next:

**Add Sentences or Questions**
- For sentences, review which Language Band your language falls into based on sentence collection requirements. . For Questions, make them easy to respond to.

- Learn more about Language Bands.

**3a**

Did you add the required number of Language Band sentences to your language?

👍 **Yes**

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👎 **No**

Continue adding sentences to your language

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