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Language	Prefix inserted after <think> token
English (en)	Okay, the user is asking
Italian (it)	Va bene, l’utente sta chiedendo
Malay (ms)	Baiklah, pengguna sedang bertanya
Chinese (zh)	好的, 用户在问
Russian (ru)	Хорошо, пользователь спрашивает
German (de)	Okay, der Benutzer fragt
Hebrew (iw)	בסדרא, המשתמש שואל
Bulgarian (bg)	Добре, потребителят питат
Danish (da)	Okay, brugeren spørger
Norwegian (no)	Greit, brukeren spør
Swedish (sv)	Okej, användaren frågar
Spanish (es)	De acuerdo, el usuario pregunta
Tagalog (tl)	Sige, nagtatanong ang gumagamit
Occitan (oc)	Bon, l’utilizaire demanda
French (fr)	D’accord, l’utilisateur demande

Figure 5: Prefix translations used for Thinking Language Control.

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Model	Lang	Think-Target (%)	Output-EN (%)
Qwen3-8B	en	100.00	98.29
	non-en	99.88 ± 0.25	98.28 ± 1.31
Qwen3-14B	en	100.00	98.37
	non-en	99.57 ± 1.45	99.50 ± 0.35
Qwen3-32B	en	100.00	100.00
	non-en	99.54 ± 1.47	98.61 ± 0.69
DeepSeek-14B	en	100.00	96.10
	non-en	98.70 ± 2.57	95.32 ± 1.51

Table 4: Sanity-check verification of thinking and output language control. Results for English thinking are reported individually, while results for non-English thinking are averaged over multiple languages and reported as mean ± standard deviation.

## A Appendix

### A.1 Language Control Details

Figure 5 presents the translated prefixes used for Thinking Language Control across 15 languages. By inserting the corresponding prefix immediately after the <think> token, the model is guided to conduct its intermediate thinking in the target language.

Combined with Output Language Control, the model is guided to thinking in a specified language while producing English responses. As a sanity check, we apply an off-the-shelf language identification tool<sup>1</sup> to the thinking content within the <think> ... </think> span, as well as to the final output following </think>.

Table 4 summarizes the averaged results on NOVELTYBENCH and INFINITY-CHAT. Across models, the thinking segments are predominantly detected as the target thinking language, and the output segments are predominantly detected as English. Although language identification may introduce some noise, these results indicate that the intended language control signals are largely reflected in the generated text.

### A.2 Output Quality Evaluation Details

Table 5 shows the complete prompt used for output quality evaluation. The total quality score is computed as the sum of the two evaluation dimensions. For each task instance, all sampled responses are evaluated independently, and we report the average quality score across samples.

<sup>1</sup><https://github.com/pemistahl/lingua-py>