

This index lists all the languages that are discussed in the text. The language names as we have used them are listed alphabetically. Common alternative names or spellings are provided in parentheses, as are dialects mentioned in the text. Next, a brief indication of the genetic affiliation of the language is given; this lists the largest reasonably uncontroversial family to which the language belongs. For languages of the Americas this tends to be a relatively small family, but in other parts of the world less cautious classifications are followed. In the second column there is an indication of the country or region in which the language is principally spoken.

Language (alternate names or spellings) and genetic affiliation	Principal location(s)
Abkhaz. North Caucasian.	Georgia
Abua. Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Acehnese. Austronesian.	Indonesia
Achang. Tibeto-Burman.	China
Acoma (Western Keres). Keresan.	New Mexico, USA
Adyghe (Shapsug dialect). North Caucasian.	Russia and Turkey
Afar. Afro-Asiatic.	Ethiopia
Agui (Burkikhian dialect). North Causasian.	Russia
Akan (Akyem and Akwapem Twi and Fante dialects). Niger-Kordofanian.	Ghana

Afro-Asiatic.	Africa
Archi. North Caucasian.	Russia
Armenian (Eastern and Western dialects).	Armenia
Indo-European.	
Arrernte, Eastern (Aranda). Australian.	Australia
Assamese. Indo-European.	India
Avokaya. Nilo-Saharan.	Sudan, Zaire.
Axluxlay (Chulupf). Mataco-Guaicuru.	Paraguay
Badaga. Dravidian.	India
Barasano. Tucanoan.	Columbia
Bardi. Australian.	Australia
Beembe (Bembe). Niger-Kordofanian.	Zaire
Bella Coola. <i>See</i> Nuxalk.	
Bondei. Niger-Kordofanian.	Tanzania
Breton. Indo-European.	France
Bulgarian. Indo-European.	Bulgaria
Bumö. Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Bura. Afro-Asiatic.	Nigeria
Burmese Tibeto-Burman.	Myanmar
Catalan. Indo-European.	Spain
Chechen-Ingush (Nakh, Nax. Chechen, Ingush dialects). North Caucasian.	Russia
Chemehuevi (?Dialect of Ute language). Uto-Aztecán.	California, USA
Chinantec. <i>See</i> Palantla Chinantec.	
Chinese, including the following languages or dialects:	China
Yue (Cantonese), Jiaonan, Standard Mandarin (Pekingese, Putonghua), Quingdao, Rongcheng, Shandong, Zhongshan. Sinitic.	
Chipewyan. Na-Dene.	Canada
Chumburung. Niger-Kordofanian.	Ghana
Cofan. Classification uncertain.	Ecuador and Colombia
Columbian Salish (Wenatchi). Salishan.	Washington, USA
Comanche. Uto-Aztecán.	Oklahoma, USA

Dholuo (Luo). Nilo-Saharan.	Kenya
Diegueno. Hokan.	California, USA and Mexico
Diyari (Dieri). Australian.	Australia
Djapu. Australian.	Australia
Djauan (Jawon, Jawony). Australian.	Australia
Djingili. Australian.	Australia
Dutch. Indo-European.	The Netherlands
Edo (Bini). Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Eggon. Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
English (including Californian, Southern British, Scottish, South African dialects). Indo-European	USA, Canada, UK, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Jamaica, Guyana, etc.
Estonian. Uralic.	Estonia
Even. Altaic.	Russia
Ewe (Vhe, Gbe). Niger-Kordofanian.	Ghana
Faroese. Indo-European.	Faroe Islands
Farsi. Indo-European.	Iran
Fijian. Austronesian.	Fiji
FiniJish. Uralic.	Finland
French. Indo-European.	France, Belgium, Canada, etc.
Fula (Fulani, Peul). Niger-Kordofanian.	West Africa
Gaelic. Indo-European.	Scotland
Garawa. Australian.	Australia
Gbeaya. Niger-Kordofanian.	Central African Republic
Georgian (Kartvelian). South Caucasian.	Georgia
German. Indo-European.	Germany, Austria, Switzerland, etc.
Ghotuo. Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Gimi. Papuan.	Papua New Guinea

Hawaiian. Austronesian.	Hawaii, USA
Hebrew (Ashkenazic dialect). Afro-Asiatic.	Israel
Hindi. Indo-European.	India
Hmar. Tibeto-Burman.	India
Hmong (Hmong Daw, White Hmong). Hmong-Mien.	Thailand
Hungarian. Uralic.	Hungary
Hupa. Na-Dene.	California, USA
Iaai. Austronesian.	New Caledonia
Ibibio. Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Icelandic. Indo-European.	Iceland
Idoma. Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Igbo. Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Ik (Teuso). Nilo-Saharan.	Uganda
Ilwana (Elwana, Malakote). Niger-Kordofanian.	Kenya
Ingush. <i>See</i> Chechen-Ingush.	
Iraqw. Afro-Asiatic.	Tanzania
Irish (Gaelic, Erse). Indo-European.	Ireland
Isoko (Uzere dialect). Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Italian. Indo-European.	Italy
Izon (Ijo). Niger-Kordofanian	Nigeria
Jalapa Mazatec. Oto-Manguean.	Mexico
Japanese. (Classification uncertain, possibly Altaic).	Japan
Jaqaru. Aymaran.	Peru
Javanese. Austronesian.	Indonesia
Jeh. Austro-Asiatic.	Vietnam
Jingpho (Jinghpoo). Tibeto-Burman.	Myanmar and China
Jino. Tibeto-Burman.	China
K'ekchi. Mayan.	Guatemala
Kabardian. North Caucasian.	Russia
Kaingang. Macro-Ge.	Brazil
Kaititj (Kayteyt). Australian.	Australia
Kalahari. Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Kanite. Papuan.	Papua New Guinea
Karok. Hokan.	California, USA

Klamath. Penutian.	Oregon, USA
Kom. Niger-Kordofanian.	Cameroon
Komi. Uralic.	Russia
Konda. Dravidian.	India
Korean. (Classification uncertain, possibly Altaic).	Korea
Kotoko. Afro-Asiatic.	Cameroon
Kurti. Austronesian.	Papua New Guinea
Kurtjar. Australian.	Australia
Kuteb. Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Kuvi. Dravidian.	India
Kuy. Dravidian.	India
Kwakw'ala (Kwakiutl). Wakashan.	Canada
Kwarnbi. Niger-Kordofanian.	Namibia
Kwangali. Niger-Kordofanian.	Namibia
Kwanyama. Niger-Kordofanian.	Namibia
Lak. North Caucasian.	Russia
Lakkia (Laka). Daic.	China
Lame. Afro-Asiatic.	Cameroon
Lardil. Australian.	Australia
Late. Niger-Kordofanian.	Ghana
Latin (extinct except for special purposes).	Former Roman Empire
Indo-European.	Zaire
Lendu. Nilo-Saharan.	China
Liangshang Yi. Tibeto-Burman.	Sierra Leone
Limba. Niger-Kordofanian.	Ghana
Logba. Niger-Kordofanian.	Chad
Lua (Niellim). Niger-Kordofanian.	Uganda
LuGanda. Niger-Kordofanian.	Uganda
Lugbara. Nilo-Saharan.	California, USA
Luiseno. Uto-Aztecán.	Vietnam and China
Lungchow (Longzhou, Nung). Daic.	China
Luquan Yi. Tibeto-Burman.	California, USA
Maidu. Penutian.	India
Maithili. Indo-European.	

Melpa. Papuan.	Papua New Guinea
Mid-Waghi. Papuan.	Papua New Guinea
Mien (Yao). Hmong-Mien.	China and Vietnam
Mixe. Mixe-Zoque	Mexico
Mixtec (dialect cluster). Oto-Manguean.	Mexico
Montana Salish (Flathead). Salishan.	Montana, USA
Mpi. Tibeto-Burman.	Thailand
Muinane. Witotoan.	Colombia
Mundari. Austro-Asiatic.	India
Murinhpatha. Australian.	Australia
Na?ahai. Austronesian.	Vanuatu
Nama. Central Khoisan.	Namibia and South Africa
Nambiquara. Nambiquaran.	Brazil
Naron. Central Khoisan.	Botswana
Nasioi. Papuan.	Papua New Guinea
Navajo (Navaho). Na-Dene.	New Mexico, USA
Ndonga. Niger-Kordofanian.	Namibia and Angola
Nepali. Indo-European.	Nepal
Newari. Tibeto-Burman.	Nepal
Nez Perce. Penutian.	Idaho, USA
Ngizim. Afro-Asiatic.	Nigeria
Ngwo. Niger-Kordofanian.	Cameroon
Niaboua (Nyabwa). Niger-Kordofanian.	Cote d'Ivoire
Nias. Austronesian.	Indonesia
Nimboran. Papuan.	Indonesia
Nivkh (Gilyak). Language isolate.	Russia
Nunggubuyu. Australian.	Australia
Nuxalk (Bella Coola). Salishan.	Canada
Nweh (Ngwe). Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Nzema. Niger-Kordofanian.	Ghana
Occitan (Languedoc, Provencal). Indo-European.	France
Ojibwa, Eastern. Algic.	Canada
Olgolo. Australian.	Australia

Pitta-Pitta. Australian.	Australia
Pohnpeian (Ponapean). Austronesian.	Pohnpei, Micronesia
Pokomo. Niger-Kordofanian.	Kenya
Polish. Indo-European.	Poland
Pomo, South-Eastern. Hokan.	California, USA
Portuguese (Brazilian dialect). Indo-European.	Brazil
Quechua. Quechuan.	Bolivia and Peru
RuGciriku. Niger-Kordofanian.	Namibia and Angola
Russian. Indo-European.	Russia
Saami (Lule dialect) (Lappish). Uralic.	Sweden
Sandawe. Possibly Khoisan.	Tanzania
Sedang (Roteang). Austro-Asiatic.	Vietnam
SePedi (Northern Sotho). Niger-Kordofanian.	South Africa
Serbo-Croatian. Indo-European.	Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia
Serer. Niger-Kordofanian.	Senegal
Shambaa (Shambala). Niger-Kordofanian.	Tanzania
Shilluk. Nilo-Saharan.	Sudan
Shona (Zezuru dialect). Niger-Kordofanian.	Zimbabwe
Shubi. Niger-Kordofanian.	South Africa
SiNdebele (Ndebele). Niger-Kordofanian.	Zimbabwe and South Africa
Sindhi. Indo-European.	India
Sinhala (Sinhalese). Indo-European.	Sri Lanka
Siona. Tucanoan.	Colombia
Siya (Avatime). Niger-Kordofanian.	Ghana
Somali. Afro-Asiatic.	Somalia
Spanish (Peninsular Standard, Mexican, Peruvian, Chicano, etc. dialects). Indo-European.	Spain, USA, Caribbean, Central and South America
Sre (Koho). Austro-Asiatic.	Vietnam
Stieng. Austro-Asiatic.	Vietnam and Cambodia
Sui. Daic.	China

Tiddim Chin. Tibeto-Burman.	Myanmar
Tiwi. Australian.	Australia
Tlingit. Na-Dene.	Alaska, USA
Toda. Dravidian.	India
Tongan. Austronesian.	Tonga
Tsakhur. North Caucasian.	Russia
Tsimshian (Gitskan dialect). Penutian.	Canada
Tsonga. Niger-Kordofanian.	South Africa
Tsou. Austronesian.	Taiwan
Tucano. Tucanoan.	Brazil
Ubykh. North Caucasian.	Turkey
Udi. North Caucasian.	Azerbaijan
Uduk. Nilo-Saharan.	Sudan
UMBUNDU. Niger-Kordofanian.	Angola
Umotina. Macro-Ge.	Brazil
Urhobo. Niger-Kordofanian.	Nigeria
Uripiv. Austronesian.	Vanuatu
V'enen Taut (Thenen Taut, Big Nambas). Austronesian.	Vanuatu
Vao. Austronesian.	Vanuatu
Venda. Niger-Kordofanian.	South Africa
Waffa. Papuan.	Papua New Guinea
Wangganuru. Australian.	Australia
Wangurri. Australian.	Australia
Wantoat. Papuan.	Papua New Guinea
Wapishana. Arawakan.	Guyana
Warlpiri. Australian.	Australia
Welsh (Cymraeg). Indo-European	UK
Wenatchi. <i>See</i> Columbian Salish.	
Wintu. Penutian.	California, USA
Xhosa. Niger-Kordofanian.	South Africa
Yagaria. Papuan.	Papua New Guinea
Yanyuwa. Australian.	Australia
Yavapai. Hokan	USA
Yei. Niger-Kordofanian.	Namibia

±Khomani (extinct). Southern Khoisan.

±H6a. Southern Khoisan.

| Xam (recently extinct). Southern Khoisan.

| | Ani (| | Kanikhoe). Central Khoisan.

Botswana

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South Africa

Namibia

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