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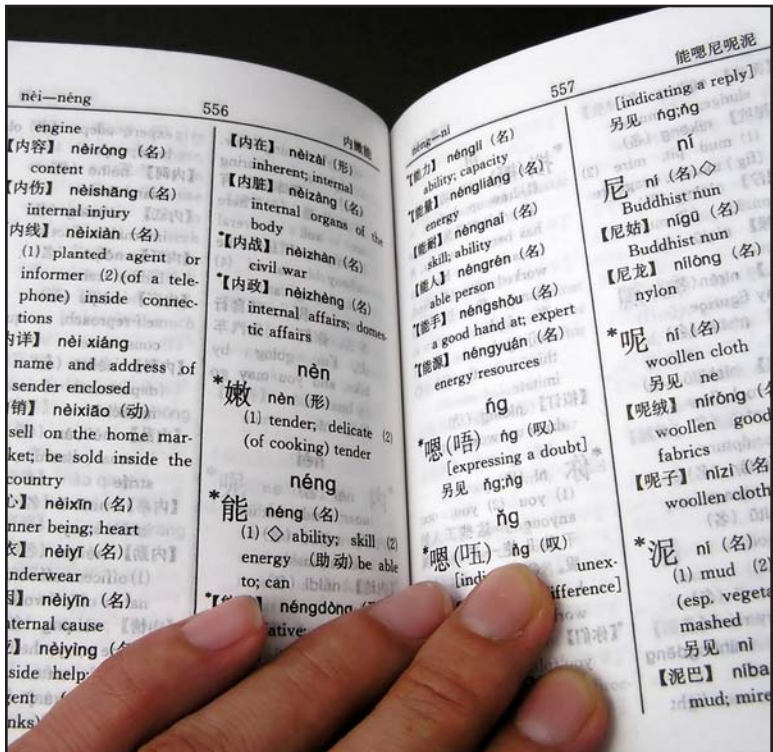
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A person who speaks English and American Sign Language is bilingual.

Introduction

What **language** do you speak?

Do you speak one language
or more than one?

People who speak two languages
are **bilingual**.



French and English

My name is Andre.

I live in Quebec, Canada.

I speak two languages.

I speak French and English.

My teachers use French and English
in many classes, such as reading
and social studies.



Spanish and English

My name is Manuel.

I live in New York.

I am Hispanic, and I speak
two languages.

I speak Spanish and English.



My grandparents moved to
New York City from Spain.
My grandfather taught me to sing
Spanish songs and play guitar.



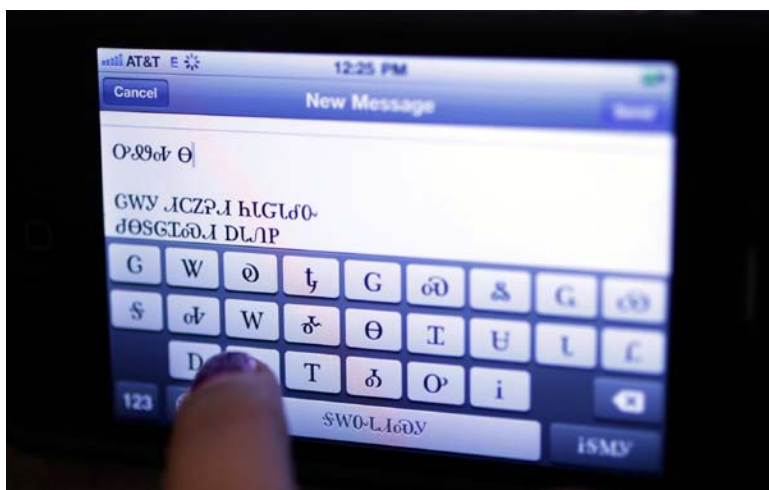
Cherokee and English

My name is Waya,
and I am Cherokee.

Waya means “wolf”
in the Cherokee language.

I speak two languages.

I speak Cherokee and English.



The Cherokees are a
Native American **tribe**.

At home, my family uses special
keyboards. We can write in English
and in Cherokee.



Navajo and English

My name is Doli, and I am Navajo.

Doli means “bluebird” in Navajo.

I speak two languages.

I speak English and Navajo.

My grandfather used the Navajo language to keep U.S. secrets safe during World War II.



Nahuatl and Spanish

My name is Nelli.

Nelli means “truth” in Nahuatl,
the language of the **Aztecs**.

I speak two languages.

I speak Nahuatl and Spanish.

Chocolate was first made by
the Aztecs in Mexico.

Chocolate is a Nahuatl word.



Guarani and Spanish

My name is Itati.

I live in Paraguay.

Itati means “white stone” in Guarani.

I speak two languages.

I speak Guarani and Spanish.



Members of the Guarani tribe play music and sing songs.

Guarani is a Native American language.

It is spoken by most of the people of Paraguay.

Over seven million people in the world speak Guarani.



Quechua and Spanish

My name is Inti, which means “sun” in Quechua.

I speak two languages.

I speak Quechua and Spanish.

Quechua is the language the **Incas** spoke.

My mother, grandmother, and

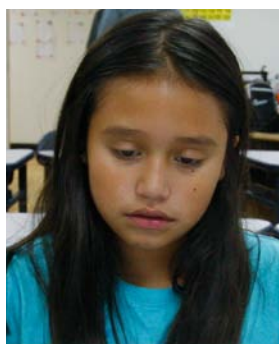
I speak Quechua as we **weave**.



Andre



Manuel



Waya



Doli



Nelli



Itati

Conclusion

We speak two languages.

We are bilingual!

Are you bilingual?

Being bilingual makes you
close to two worlds.



Inti

Glossary

Aztecs (<i>n.</i>)	a group of people of Mexico in the 1300s and 1400s (p. 11)
bilingual (<i>adj.</i>)	able to speak two languages easily (p. 4)
Incas (<i>n.</i>)	a group of people of the Andes Mountains of South America in the 1400s and 1500s (p. 14)
keyboards (<i>n.</i>)	groups of keys laid out in one or more rows that operate a computer
language (<i>n.</i>)	the system used by a culture or country to communicate (p. 4)
tribe (<i>n.</i>)	a group made up of people with a shared culture and land (p. 9)
weave (<i>v.</i>)	to make fabric by interlacing thread or yarn (p. 14)

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Pronunciation guide

bilingual (bye-LIN-gwal)

Hispanic (his-PAN-ik)

Navajo (NAV-eh-ho)

Nahuatl (NAH-wat-l)

Guarani (gwa-rah-NEE)

Quechua (KECH-wa)

Paraguay (PAR-ah-gway)

Quebec (kwi-BEK)

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