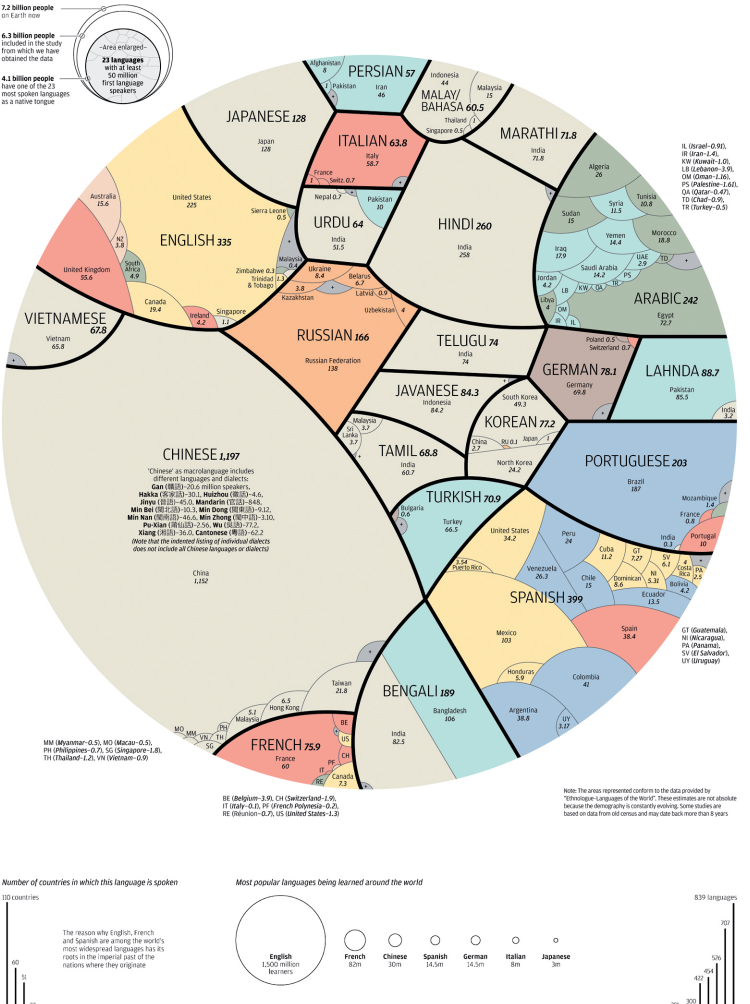
# A world of languages

There are at least 7,102 known languages alive in the world today. Twenty-three of these languages are a mother tongue for more than 50 million people. The 23 languages make up the native tongue of 4.1 billion people. We represent each language within black borders and then provide the numbers of native speakers (in millions) by country. The colour of these countries shows how languages have taken root in many different regions




Note: The areas represented conform to the data provided by "Ethnologue–Languages of the World". These estimates are not absolute because the demography is constantly evolving. Some studies are based on data from old census and may date back more than 8 years

*Number of countries in which this language is spoken*


110 countries
60
51
33
31
29
14
16
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English
Arabic
French
Hindi
Spanish
Russian
German
Portuguese
Malay
Turkish
Urdu
Lahnda
Vietnamese
Japanese
Telugu
Marathi
839 languages
707
576
454
422
300
282
229
193
146
111
126
94
89
86
82
78
72
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Ewepiki
Arabic
Hausa
Igbo
Yoruba
Swahili
Fulani
Kanuri
Amharic
Tigrinya
Oromo
Kinyarwanda
Rundi
Luganda
Lingala
Kongo
Tshiluba
Kikongo
Chiluba
Bemba
Nyanja
Tonga
Lozi
Kaonde
Luvale
Nyakyusa
Ndebele
Shona
Ndau
Tsonga
Chopi
Tswana
Sotho
Xhosa
Zulu
Swati
Afrikaans
Dutch
Frisian
Afar
Somali
Gedeo
Sidamo
Wolaytta
Hadiya
Kambata
Tulu
Gamo
Gofa
Dawro
Konta
Koorete
Amharic
Gurage
Harari
Oromo
Arbore
Gawwada
Dirayta
Dhaasanach
Konso
Tsamai
Burji
Karo
Hamer
Banna
Bashkir
Tatar
Chuvash
Kalmyk-Oirat
Kyrgyz
Kazakh
Uzbek
Uyghur
Tajik
Turkmen
Azerbaijanian
Gagauz
Crimean Tatar
Karakalpak
Kumyk
Nogai
Karachay-Balkar
Crimean Tatar
Tuvan
Khakas
Shor
Altai
Chulym
Yakut
Dolgan
Evenki
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Nenets
Nganasan
Enets
Selkup
Ket