I Speak...

Language Identification Guide

This guide assists literate individuals who are not proficient in English to identify a preferred language.

Homeland Security

Language Identification Guide for DHS Personnel and Others

As employees of the Department of Homeland Security you may encounter a broad range of persons in the course of your work, including individuals who have limited English proficiency (LEP). DHS is both committed and legally obligated to take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for these individuals. The DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) offers this "I Speak" guide and similar posters as practical ways to identify which language an individual speaks so that you can obtain the necessary assistance. Consult your office or component for resources, such as translation or over-the-phone interpretation.

Executive Order 13166 requires DHS to take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for persons with limited English proficiency and - as also required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - to ensure that recipients of federal financial assistance do the same.

Contact the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties' CRCL Institute at CRCLTraining@dhs.gov for digital copies of this guide or an "I Speak" poster.

Download copies of the DHS LEP plan and guidance to recipients of financial assistance at www.dhs.gov/crcl.

I speak ...

A

Amharic

እኔ አማረኛ ነው ምናገረው.

Arabic

أنا أتحدث اللغة العربية

Armenian

Ես խոսում եմ հայերեն

B

Bengali

আমী ঝংলা কথা ঝেলতে পারী

Bosnian

Ja govorim bosanski

Bulgarian

Аз говоря български

Burmese

ကျွန်တော်/ကျွန်မ မြန်မာ လို ပြောတတ် ပါတယ်၊

C

Cambodian
ខ្ញុំនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរ

Cantonese
我講廣東話 (Traditional)

我讲广东话 (Simplified)

Catalan
Parlo català

Croatian
Govorim hrvatski

Czech
Mluvím česky

D

Danish
Jeg taler dansk

Dari
من دری حرف می زنم

Dutch
Ik spreek het Nederlands

E

Estonian
Ma räägin eesti keelt

F

Finnish
Puhun suomea

French
Je parle français

G

German
Ich spreche Deutsch

Greek
Μιλώ τα ελληνικά

Gujarati
હુ ગુજરાતી બોલુ છુ

H

Haitian Creole
M pale kreyòl ayisyen

Hebrew
אני מדבר עברית

Hindi
मैं हिंदी बोलता हूँ ।

Hmong
Kuv has lug Moob

Hungarian
Beszélek magyarul

I

Icelandic
Èg tala íslensku

Ilocano
Agsaonak ti Ilokano

Indonesian
syay bisa berbahsa Indonesia

Italian
Parlo italiano

J

Japanese
私は日本語を話す

K

Kackchiquel
Quin chagüic´ká chábal´ ruin´ rí tzújon cakchiquel

Korean
한국어 합니다

Kurdish
man Kurdii zaanim

Kurmanci
man Kurmaanjii zaanim

L

Laotian
ຂອ້ຍປາກພາສາລາວ

Latvian
Es runâju latviski

Lithuanian
Að kal bu lietuviš kai

M

Mandarin

我講國語 (Traditional)

我讲国语/普通话 (Simplified)

Mam

Bán chiyola tuj kíyol mam

Mon

N

Norwegian

Jeg snakker norsk

P

Persian

من فارسی صحبت می کنم.

Polish

Mówię po polsku

Portuguese

Eu falo português do Brasil
(for Brazil)

Eu falo português de Portugal
(for Portugal)

Punjabi

ਮੈਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦਾ/ਬੋਲਦੀ ਹਾਂ।

Q

Qanjobal

Ayin tí chí walq´ anjob´ al

Quiche

In kinch´aw k´uin ch´e quiche

R

Romanian
Vorbesc româneşte

Russian
Я говорю по-русски

S

Serbian
Ја говорим српски

Sign Language (American)

Slovak
Hovorím po slovensky

Slovenian
Govorim slovensko

Somali
Waxaan ku hadlaa af-Soomaali

Spanish
Yo hablo español

Swahili
Ninaongea Kiswahili

Swedish
Jag talar svenska

T

Tagalog
Marunong akong mag-Tagalog

Tamil
நான் தமிழ் பேசுவேன்

Thai
พูดภาษาไทย

Turkish
Türkçe konuşurum

U

Ukrainian
Я розмовляю українською мовою

Urdu
میں اردو بولتا ہوں

V

Vietnamese
Tôi nói tiêng Việt

W

Welsh
Dwi'n siarad

X

Xhosa
Ndithetha isiXhosa

Y

Yiddish
איך רעד יידיש

Yoruba
Mo nso Yooba

Z

Zulu
Ngiyasikhuluma isiZulu

Agrupación Lingüística	Variante Lingüística	Frase en español	Frase en lengua
chichimeo jonaz	chichimeco jonaz	yo hablo chichimeca	ikáuj úza' ér~í
mazateco	mazateco del norte	yo hablo mazateco Hablo la lengua de Santa María Chilchotla	Cha'ña enná Cha'ña énn nda xo
maya	maya	Yo hablo maya	teen k-in t'aan maya
mixe	mixe bajo	Yo hablo mixe	Madyakpiëch ayuuk
	mixe alto, de Tlahuitoltpec	Yo hablo mixe	Xaamkëjxpët ayuujk ëts nkajpyxypy
mixteco	mixteco del oeste de la costa	yo hablo mixteco	Yuu kain se'en savi ñu ñundua

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náhuatl	náhuatl de la huasteca veracruzana (se entiende junto con Ve racruz y San Luis Potosí)	yo hablo náhuatl	Na nitlajtowa náhuatl
tojolabal	tojolabal	yo hablo tojolabal	Ja´ke´ni wala kúmaniyon tojol-abál
triqui	triqui de la baja	yo hablo triqui	‘unj a’mii xna’ ánj nu’a
tseltal	tseltal (variante unificada)	Yo hablo tseltal	Te jo’one ja k’op te bats’il k’op tseltal
tsotsil	tseltal (variante unificada)	Yo hablo tsotsil	Vu’une jna’xi k’ opoj ta bats’i k’op
zapoteco	zapoteco de la planicie costera	yo hablo zapoteco	Naa riné’ diidxazá
chinanteco	chinanteco del sureste medio	yo hablo chinanteco	Jnea lo’n jujmií kiee ’dsa mo’kuöo

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Limited English Proficiency Resources

www.lep.gov

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