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## CLASS 201B ORIENTATION APPENDIX 1 – NATION POPULATIONS AND LANGUAGES

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The information contained herein is accurate as of 2019 and should be acceptable for teaching until there are substantial changes in the world related to major trade languages. If this syllabus is updated the subjects of the information should be maintained.

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**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

Matt.24

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Matt.25

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Matt.28

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mark.11

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Mark.13

10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

Luke.12

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father

knoweth that ye have need of these things.

Luke.21

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Luke.24

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts.14

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

Acts.17

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

Rom.1

5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

Rom.16

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

Gal.3

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Rev.2

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Rev.7

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Rev.10

11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Rev.11

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half,

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and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Rev.12

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Rev.13

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Rev.14

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Rev.15

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and

worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Rev.16

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Rev.17

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Rev.18

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Rev.19

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he

should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev.20

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.  
8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Rev.21

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.  
2.[26] And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

Rev.22

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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### INTRODUCTION

The following information was updated in 2019, showing the current world nations and their estimated populations. Also shown are their official languages, and other languages used in that nation.

This information was shown in the original Orientation (SP-108), but that information is outdated. We left the original information in Section 58 Ethnology from 1976 and 1990 as there is value in comparing the changes over the decades

The student perusing the information below should note the size of nations based on population. He should also note what are the official languages of the nations. Some are surprising. Botswana, for example, has 2% English speakers, but this is the official language.

The second part of this appendix shows the top seven official languages by the number of countries that use the languages. The student will note English is the at the top as the universal language of the world – used in 82 countries (sovereign and non-sovereign).

The third part of this appendix shows language popularity by number of speakers. For example, although Mandarin is number one when counting native speakers, it is number two (second to English) when counted by total speakers. According to nations, only 5 nations speak Mandarin (China, Malaysia, Singapore, Macau, and Taiwan). Only three nations (China, Singapore, and Taiwan) use Mandarin as an official language.

The fourth part of this appendix shows nations ranked by number of books published per year. China is number one based on individual language, but combining the two English publishing countries, we see English books rank number one.

With the above information we can make wise decisions as to what scriptures should be published and distributed depending on need. Furthermore, although many nations can be reached by their official language, we should also consider the more popular languages of that nation.

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**Nations of the World (2019)  
With Populations and Languages Used**

1	Afghanistan	38,041,754	Dari Persian, Pashtu (both official), other Turkic and minor languages
2	Albania	2,880,917	Albanian (Tosk is the official dialect), Greek
3	Algeria	43,053,054	Arabic (official), French, Berber dialects
4	Andorra	77,142	Catalán (official), French, Castilian, Portuguese
5	Angola	31,825,295	Portuguese (official), Bantu and other African languages
6	Antigua and Barbuda	97,118	English (official), local dialects
7	Argentina	44,780,677	Spanish (official), English, Italian, German, French
8	Armenia	2,957,731	Armenian 98%, Yezidi, Russian
9	Australia	25,203,198	English 79%, native and other languages
10	Austria	8,955,102	German (official nationwide); Slovene, Croatian, Hungarian (each official in one region)
11	Azerbaijan	10,047,718	Azerbaijani Turkic 89%, Russian 3%, Armenian 2%, other 6%
12	Bahamas	389,482	English (official), Creole (among Haitian immigrants)
13	Bahrain	1,641,172	Arabic, English, Farsi, Urdu
14	Bangladesh	163,046,161	Bangla (official), English
15	Barbados	287,025	English
16	Belarus	9,452,411	Belorussian (White Russian), Russian, other
17	Belgium	11,539,328	Dutch (Flemish) 60%, French 40%, German less than 1% (all official)
18	Belize	390,353	English (official), Spanish, Mayan, Garifuna (Carib), Creole
19	Benin	11,801,151	French (official), Fon, Yoruba, tribal languages
20	Bhutan	763,092	Dzongkha (official), Tibetan dialects (among Bhotes), Nepalese dialects (among Nepalese)
21	Bolivia	11,513,100	Spanish, Quechua, Aymara (all official)
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,301,000	Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian
23	Botswana	2,303,697	English 2% (official), Setswana 78%, Kalanga 8%, Sekgalagadi 3%, other (2001)
24	Brazil	211,049,527	Portuguese (official), Spanish, English, French
25	Brunei	433,285	Malay (official), English, Chinese
26	Bulgaria	7,000,119	Bulgarian 85%, Turkish 10%, Roma 4%
27	Burkina Faso	20,321,378	French (official); native African (Sudanic) languages 90%
28	Burundi	11,530,580	Kirundi and French (official), Swahili
29	Côte d'Ivoire	25,716,544	French (official) and African languages (Dioula esp.)
30	Cabo Verde (Cape Verde)	549,935	Portuguese, Criuolo
31	Cambodia	16,486,542	Cambodia Khmer 95% (official), French, English
32	Cameroon	25,876,380	French, English (both official); 24 major African language groups
33	Canada	37,411,047	English 59.3%, French 23.2% (both official); other 17.5%
34	Central African Republic	4,745,185	French (official), Sangho (lingua franca, national), tribal languages
35	Chad	15,946,876	French, Arabic (both official); Sara; more than 120 languages and dialects
36	Chile	18,952,038	Spanish
37	China	1,433,783,686	Standard Chinese (Mandarin/Putonghua), Yue (Cantonese), Wu (Shanghaiese), Minbei (Fuzhou), Minnan (Hokkien-Taiwanese), Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects, minority languages
38	Colombia	50,339,443	Spanish
39	Comoros	850,886	Arabic and French (both official), Shikomoro (Swahili/Arabic blend)
40	Congo (Congo-Brazzaville)	5,380,508	French (official), Lingala, Monokutuba, Kikongo, many local languages and dialects
41	Costa Rica	5,047,561	Spanish (official), English
42	Croatia	4,130,304	Croatian 96% (official), other 4% (including Italian, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, German)
43	Cuba	11,333,483	Spanish
44	Cyprus	1,198,575	Greek, Turkish (both official); English
45	Czechia (Czech Republic)	10,689,209	Czech

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46	Democratic Republic of the Congo	86,790,567	French (official), Lingala, Kingwana, Kikongo, Tshiluba
47	Denmark	5,771,876	Danish, Faroese, Greenlandic (Inuit dialect), German; English is the predominant second language
48	Djibouti	973,560	French and Arabic (both official), Somali, Afa
49	Dominica	71,808	English (official) and French patois
50	Dominican Republic	10,738,958	Spanish
51	Ecuador	17,373,662	Spanish (official), Quechua, other Amerindian languages
52	Egypt	100,388,073	Arabic (official), English and French widely understood by educated classes
53	El Salvador	6,453,553	Spanish, Nahua (among some Amerindians)
54	Equatorial Guinea	1,355,986	Spanish, French (both official); pidgin English, Fang, Bubi, Ibo
55	Eritrea	3,497,117	Afar, Arabic, Tigre and Kunama, Tigrinya, other Cushitic languages
56	Estonia	1,325,648	Estonian 67% (official), Russian 30%, other (2000)
57	Eswatini (was Swaziland)	1,148,130	English, siSwati (both official)
58	Ethiopia	112,078,730	Amharic, Tigrigna, Orominga, Guaragigna, Somali, Arabic, English, over 70 others
59	Fiji	889,953	English (official), Fijian, Hindustan
60	Finland	5,532,156	Finnish 92%, Swedish 6% (both official); small Sami- (Lapp) and Russian-speaking minorities
61	France	65,129,728	French 100%, rapidly declining regional dialects (Provençal, Breton, Alsatian, Corsican, Catalan, Basque, Flemish)
62	Gabon	2,172,579	French (official), Fang, Myene, Nzebi, Bapounou/Eschira, Bandjabi
63	Gambia	2,347,706	English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, other indigenous
64	Georgia	3,996,765	Georgian 71% (official), Russian 9%, Armenian 7%, Azerbaijani 6%, other 7% (Abkhaz is the official language in Abkhazia)
65	Germany	83,517,045	German
66	Ghana	30,417,856	English (official), African languages (including Akan, Moshi-Dagomba, Ewe, and Ga)
67	Greece	10,473,455	Greek 99% (official), English, French
68	Grenada	112,003	English (official), French patois
69	Guatemala	17,581,472	Spanish 60%, Amerindian languages 40% (23 officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca)
70	Guinea	12,771,246	French (official), native tongues (Malinké, Susu, Fulani)
71	Guinea-Bissau	1,920,922	Portuguese (official), Criolo, African languages
72	Guyana	782,766	English (official), Amerindian dialects, Creole, Hindi, Urdu
73	Haiti	11,263,077	Creole and French (both official)
74	Holy See (Vatican City)	799	Latin (official), Italian; French (diplomatic), also German, English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic
75	Honduras	9,746,117	Spanish (official), Amerindian dialects; English widely spoken in business
76	Hungary	9,684,679	Magyar (Hungarian) 94%, other 6%
77	Iceland	339,031	Icelandic, English, Nordic languages, German widely spoken
78	India	1,366,417,754	Hindi 30%, English, Bengali, Gujarati, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Kannada, Assamese, Sanskrit, Sindhi (all official); Hindi/Urdu; 1,600+ dialects
79	Indonesia	270,625,568	Bahasa Indonesia (official), English, Dutch, Javanese, and more than 580 other languages and dialects
80	Iran	82,913,906	Persian and Persian dialects 58%, Turkic and Turkic dialects 26%, Kurdish 9%, Luri 2%, Balochi 1%, Arabic 1%, Turkish 1%, other 2%
81	Iraq	39,309,783	Arabic (official), Kurdish (official in Kurdish regions), Assyrian, Armenian
82	Ireland	4,882,495	English, Irish (Gaelic) (both official)
83	Israel	8,519,377	Hebrew (official), Arabic, English
84	Italy	60,550,075	Italian (official); German-, French-, and Slovene-speaking minorities
85	Jamaica	2,948,279	English, Jamaican Creole
86	Japan	126,860,301	Japanese
87	Jordan	10,101,694	Arabic (official), English

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88	Kazakhstan	18,551,427	Kazak (Qazaq, state language) 64%; Russian (official, used in everyday business) 95% (2001 est.)
89	Kenya	52,573,973	English (official), Swahili (national), and numerous indigenous languages
90	Kiribati	117,606	English (official), I-Kiribati (Gilbertese)
91	Kuwait	4,207,083	Arabic (official), English
92	Kyrgyzstan	6,415,850	Kyrgyz, Russian (both official)
93	Laos	7,169,455	Lao (official), French, English, various ethnic languages
94	Latvia	1,906,743	Latvian 58% (official), Russian 38%, Lithuanian, other (2000)
95	Lebanon	6,855,713	Arabic (official), French, English, Armenian
96	Lesotho	2,125,268	English, Sesotho (both official); Zulu, Xhosa
97	Liberia	4,937,374	English 20% (official), some 20 ethnic-group languages
98	Libya	6,777,452	Arabic, Italian, and English widely understood in major cities
99	Liechtenstein	38,019	German (official), Alemannic dialect
100	Lithuania	2,759,627	Lithuanian 82% (official), Russian 8%, Polish 6% (2001)
101	Luxembourg	615,729	Luxembourgish (national) French, German (both administrative)
102	Madagascar	26,969,307	Malagasy and French (both official)
103	Malawi	18,628,747	Chichewa 57.2% (official), Chinyanja 12.8%, Chiyao 10.1%, Chitumbuka 9.5%, Chisena 2.7%, Chilomwe 2.4%, Chitonga 1.7%, other 3.6% (1998)
104	Malaysia	31,949,777	Bahasa Melayu (Malay, official), English, Chinese dialects (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai; several indigenous languages (including Iban, Kadazan) in East Malaysia
105	Maldives	530,953	Maldivian Dhivehi (official); English spoken by most government officials
106	Mali	19,658,031	French (official), Bambara 80%, numerous African languages
107	Malta	440,372	Maltese and English (both official)
108	Marshall Islands	58,791	Marshallese 98% (two major dialects from the Malayo-Polynesian family), English widely spoken as a second language (both official); Japanese
109	Mauritania	4,525,696	Hassaniya Arabic (official), Pulaar, Soninke, French, Wolof
110	Mauritius	1,269,668	English less than 1% (official), Creole 81%, Bojpoori 12%, French 3% (2000)
111	Mexico	127,575,529	Spanish, various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional indigenous languages
112	Micronesia	543,486	English (official, common), Chukese, Pohnpeian, Yapase, Kosrean, Ulithian, Woleaian, Nukuoro, Kapingamarangi
113	Moldova	4,043,263	Moldovan (official; virtually the same as Romanian), Russian, Gagauz (a Turkish dialect)
114	Monaco	38,964	French (official), English, Italian, Monégasque
115	Mongolia	3,225,167	Mongolian, 90%; also Turkic and Russian (1999)
116	Montenegro	627,987	Serbian/Montenegrin (Ijekavian dialect—official)
117	Morocco	36,471,769	Arabic (official), Berber dialects, French often used for business, government, and diplomacy
118	Mozambique	30,366,036	Portuguese 9% (official; second language of 27%), Emakhuwa 26%, Xichangana 11%, Elomwe 8%, Cisena 7%, Echuwabo 6%, other Mozambican languages 32% (1997)
119	Myanmar (formerly Burma)	54,045,420	Burmese, minority languages
120	Namibia	2,494,530	English 7% (official), Afrikaans is common language of most of the population and of about 60% of the white population, German 32%; indigenous languages: Oshivambo, Herero, Nama
121	Nauru	10,756	Nauruan (official), English
122	Nepal	28,608,710	Nepali 48% (official), Maithali 12%, Bhojpuri 7%, Tharu 6%, Tamang 5%, others. English spoken by many in government and business (2001)
123	Netherlands	17,097,130	Dutch, Frisian (both official)
124	New Zealand	4,783,063	English, Maori (both official)

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125	Nicaragua	6,545,502	Spanish 98% (official); English and indigenous languages on Atlantic coast (1995)
126	Niger	23,310,715	French (official), Hausa, Djerma
127	Nigeria	200,963,599	English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo, Fulani, and more than 200 others
128	North Korea	25,666,161	Korean
129	North Macedonia	2,083,459	Macedonian 67%, Albanian 25% (both official); Turkish 4%, Roma 2%, Serbian 1% (2002)
130	Norway	5,378,857	Bokmål Norwegian, Nynorsk Norwegian (both official); small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities (Sami is official in six municipalities)
131	Oman	4,974,986	Arabic (official), English, Baluchi, Urdu, Indian dialects
132	Pakistan	216,565,318	Urdu 8%, English (both official); Punjabi 48%, Sindhi 12%, Siraiki (a Punjabi variant) 10%, Pashtu 8%, Balochi 3%, Hindko 2%, Brahui 1%, Burushaski, and others 8%
133	Palau	18,008	Palauan 64.7%, English 9.4%, Sonsoraliese, Tobi, Angaur (each official on some islands), Filipino 13.5%, Chinese 5.7%, Carolinian 1.5%, Japanese 1.5%, other Asian 2.3%, other languages 1.5% (2000)
134	Palestine State	4,981,420	Arabic, Hebrew, English
135	Panama	4,246,439	Spanish (official), English 14%, many bilingual
136	Papua New Guinea	8,776,109	Tok Pisin (Melanesian Pidgin, the lingua franca), Hiri Motu (in Papua region), English 1%–2%; 715 indigenous languages
137	Paraguay	7,044,636	Spanish, Guaraní (both official)
138	Peru	32,510,453	Spanish, Quéchua (both official); Aymara; many minor Amazonian languages
139	Philippines	108,116,615	Filipino (based on Tagalog), English (both official); eight major dialects: Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinense
140	Poland	37,887,768	Polish 98% (2002)
141	Portugal	10,226,187	Portuguese (official), Mirandese (official, but locally used)
142	Qatar	2,832,067	Arabic (official); English a common second language
143	Romania	19,364,557	Romanian (official), Hungarian, German
144	Russia	145,872,256	Russian, others
145	Rwanda	12,626,950	Kinyarwanda, French, and English (all official); Kiswahili in commercial centers
146	Saint Kitts and Nevis	52,823	English
147	Saint Lucia	182,790	English (official), French patois
148	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	110,589	English, French patois
149	Samoa	197,097	Samoan, English
150	San Marino	33,860	Italian
151	Sao Tome and Principe (São Tomé and Príncipe)	215,056	Portuguese (official)
152	Saudi Arabia	34,268,528	Arabic
153	Senegal	16,296,364	French (official); Wolof, Pulaar, Jola, Mandinka
154	Serbia	8,772,235	Serbian (official); Romanian, Hungarian, Slovak, and Croatian (all official in Vojvodina); Albanian (official in Kosovo)
155	Seychelles	97,739	Seselwa Creole 92%, English 5%, French (all official) (2002)
156	Sierra Leone	7,813,215	English (official), Mende (southern vernacular), Temne (northern vernacular), Krio (lingua franca)
157	Singapore	5,804,337	Mandarin 35%, English 23%, Malay 14.1%, Hokkien 11.4%, Cantonese 5.7%, Teochew 4.9%, Tamil 3.2%, other Chinese dialects 1.8%, other 0.9% (2000)
158	Slovakia	5,457,013	Slovak 84% (official), Hungarian 11%, Roma 2%, Ukrainian 1% (2001)
159	Slovenia	2,078,654	Slovenian 91%, Serbo-Croatian 5% (2002)
160	Solomon Islands	669,823	English 1%–2% (official), Melanesian pidgin (lingua franca), 120 indigenous languages
161	Somalia	15,442,905	Somali (official), Arabic, English, Italian

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162	South Africa	58,558,270	IsiZulu 23.8%, IsiXhosa 17.6%, Afrikaans 13.3%, Sepedi 9.4%, English 8.2%, Setswana 8.2%, Sesotho 7.9%, Xitsonga 4.4%, other 7.2%
163	South Korea	51,225,308	South Korean, English widely taught
164	South Sudan	11,062,113	English (official), Arabic (includes Juba and Sudanese variants) (official), regional languages include Dinka, Nuer, Bari, Zande, Shilluk
165	Spain	46,736,776	Castilian Spanish 74% (official nationwide); Catalan 17%, Galician 7%, Basque 2% (each official regionally)
166	Sri Lanka	21,323,733	Sinhala 74% (official and national), Tamil 18% (national), other 8%; English is commonly used in government and spoken competently by about 10%
167	Sudan	42,813,238	Arabic (official), Nubian, Ta Bedawie, diverse dialects of Nilotic, Nilo-Hamitic, Sudanic languages, English
168	Suriname	581,372	Dutch (official), Surinamese (lingua franca), English widely spoken, Hindustani, Javanese
169	Sweden	10,036,379	Swedish, small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities
170	Switzerland	8,591,365	German 64%, French 20%, Italian 7% (all official); Romansch 0.5% (national)
171	Syria	17,070,135	Arabic (official); Kurdish, Armenian, Aramaic, Circassian widely understood; French, English somewhat understood
172	Tajikistan	9,321,018	Tajik (official), Russian widely used in government and business
173	Tanzania	58,005,463	Swahili, English (both official); Arabic; many local languages
174	Thailand	69,625,582	Thai (Siamese), English (secondary language of the elite), ethnic and regional dialects
175	Timor-Leste (East Timor)	1,293,119	Tetum, Portuguese (official); Bahasa Indonesia, English; other indigenous languages, including Tetum, Galole, Mambae, and Kemak
176	Togo	8,082,366	French (official and the language of commerce), Ewe and Mina (the two major African languages in the south), Kabye (sometimes spelled Kabiye) and Dagomba (the two major African languages in the north); and many dialects
177	Tonga	104,494	Tongan (an Austronesian language), English
178	Trinidad and Tobago	1,394,973	English (official), Hindi, French, Spanish, Chinese
179	Tunisia	11,694,719	Arabic (official, commerce), French (commerce)
180	Turkey	83,429,615	Turkish (official), Kurdish, Dimli, Azeri, Kabardian
181	Turkmenistan	5,942,089	Turkmen 72%; Russian 12%; Uzbek 9%, other 7%
182	Tuvalu	11,646	Tuvaluan, English, Samoan, Kiribati (on the island of Nui)
183	Uganda	44,269,594	English (official), Ganda or Luganda, other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic
184	Ukraine	43,993,638	Ukrainian 67%, Russian 24%, Romanian, Polish, Hungarian
185	United Arab Emirates	9,770,529	Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu
186	United Kingdom	67,530,172	English, Welsh, Scots Gaelic
187	United States of America	329,064,917	English 82%, Spanish 11% (2000)
188	Uruguay	3,461,734	Spanish, Portunol, or Brazilero
189	Uzbekistan	32,981,716	Uzbek 74.3%, Russian 14.2%, Tajik 4.4%, other 7.1%
190	Vanuatu	299,882	Bislama 23% (a Melanesian pidgin English), English 2%, French 1% (all 3 official); more than 100 local languages 73%
191	Venezuela	28,515,829	Spanish (official), numerous indigenous dialects
192	Vietnam	96,462,106	Vietnamese (official); English (increasingly favored as a second language); some French, Chinese, Khmer; mountain area languages (Mon-Khmer and Malayo-Polynesian)
193	Yemen	29,161,922	Arabic
194	Zambia	17,861,030	English (official); major vernaculars: Bemba, Kaonda, Lozi, Lunda, Luvale, Nyanja, Tonga; about 70 other indigenous languages

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195	Christmas Island	1,402	English (official), Chinese, Malay
196	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	596	Malay (Cocos dialect), English
197	Cook Islands	17,379	English (official), Maori
198	Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)	3,398	English
199	Faroe Islands	49,290	Faroese (derived from Old Norse), Danish
200	French Guiana	296,711	French
201	French Polynesia	283,007	French 61.1% (official), Polynesian 31.4% (official), Asian languages 1.2%, other 0.3%, unspecified 6% (2002 census)
202	Gaza Strip	1,816,000	Arabic, Hebrew (spoken by Israeli settlers and many Palestinians), English (widely understood)
203	Georgia	3,717,000	Georgian 71% (official), Russian 9%, Armenian 7%, Azeri 6%, other 7%
204	Gibraltar	34,571	English (used in schools and for official purposes), Spanish, Italian, Portuguese
205	Greenland	56,171	Greenlandic (East Inuit), Danish, English
206	Guadeloupe	395,700	French (official) 99%, Creole patois
207	Guam	164,229	English 38.3%, Chamorro 22.2%, Philippine languages 22.2%, other Pacific island languages 6.8%, Asian languages 7%, other languages 3.5% (2000 census)
208	Hong Kong	7,392,000	Chinese (Cantonese), English; both are official
209	Isle of Man	84,287	English, Manx Gaelic
210	Jersey	106,800	English 94.5% (official), Portuguese 4.6%, other 0.9% (2001 census)
211	Macau	622,567	Cantonese 87.9%, Hokkien 4.4%, Mandarin 1.6%, other Chinese dialects 3.1%, other 3% (2001 census)
212	Macedonia, Republic of	2,084,367	Macedonian 66.5%, Albanian 25.1%, Turkish 3.5%, Roma 1.9%, Serbian 1.2%, other 1.8% (2002 census)
213	Martinique	346,480	French, Creole patois
214	Montserrat	5,215	English
215	Niue	1,624	Niuean, a Polynesian language closely related to Tongan and Samoan; English
216	Norfolk Island	2,169	English (official), Norfolk a mixture of 18th century English and ancient Tahitian
217	Northern Mariana Islands	55,144	Philippine languages 24.4%, Chinese 23.4%, Chamorro 22.4%, English 10.8%, other Pacific island languages 9.5%, other 9.6% (2000 census)
218	Pitcairn Islands	50	English (official), Pitcairnese (mixture of an 18th century English dialect and a Tahitian dialect)
219	Reunion	866,506	French (official), Creole widely used
220	Republic of China (Taiwan)	23,780,452	Chinese (Mandarin, official), Taiwanese (Min), Hakka dialects
221	Republic of Kosovo	1,809,280	Albanian (official), Serbian (official), Bosnian, Turkish, Roma
222	Saint Helena	4,534	English
223	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	6,008	French (official)
224	Svalbard	2,667	Norwegian, Russian
225	Swaziland	see Eswatini	English (official, government business conducted in English), siSwati (official)
226	Tokelau	1,499	Tokelauan (a Polynesian language), English
227	Turks and Caicos Islands	35,446	English (official)
228	Virgin Islands	107,268	English 74.7%, Spanish or Spanish Creole 16.8%, French or French Creole 6.6%, other 1.9% (2000 census)
229	Wallis and Futuna	11,558	Wallisian 58.9% (indigenous Polynesian language), Futunian 30.1%, French 10.8%, other 0.2% (2003 census)
230	West Bank	3,340,143	Arabic, Hebrew (spoken by Israeli settlers and many Palestinians), English (widely understood)
231	Western Sahara (proposed state, occupied by Morocco)	538,755	Hassaniya Arabic, Moroccan Arabic
232	Zimbabwe	14,645,468	English (official), Shona, Sindebele (the language of the Ndebele, sometimes called Ndebele), numerous but minor tribal dialects

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**TOP SEVEN OFFICIAL LANGUAGES BY NUMBER OF COUNTRIES**

*The following information was researched and edited by N. Sebastian Desent, Ph.D., Th.D., D.D.; September 2019*

The following is a list of territories where English is an official language, that is, a language used in citizen interactions with government officials.

LANGUAGE	PLACES	COUNTRY	POPULATION
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As of 2019, there were 55 sovereign states and 27 non-sovereign entities where English was an official language. Many country subdivisions have declared English an official language at the local or regional.

<b><u>ENGLISH</u></b>	55 + 27	Australia New Zealand United Kingdom United States Antigua and Barbuda Bahamas Barbados Belize Botswana Burundi Cameroon Canada Cook Islands Dominica Eswatini Fiji The Gambia Ghana Grenada Guyana India Ireland Jamaica Kenya Kiribati Lesotho Liberia Malawi Malta Marshall Islands Mauritius Federated States of Micronesia Namibia Nauru Nigeria Niue Pakistan	25,019,600 4,893,830 66,040,229 325,719,178 85,000 331,000 294,000 288,000 1,882,000 10,114,505 22,534,532 35,985,751 20,000 73,000 1,141,000 828,000 1,709,000 27,000,000 111,000 738,000 1,247,540,000 4,900,000 2,714,000 45,010,056 95,000 2,008,000 3,750,000 16,407,000 430,000 59,000 1,262,000 110,000 2,074,000 10,000 182,202,000 1,600 212,742,63
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Palau	20,000
Papua New Guinea	7,059,653
Philippines	102,885,100
Rwanda	11,262,564
Saint Kitts and Nevis	50,000
Saint Lucia	165,000
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	120,000
Samoa	188,000
Seychelles	87,000
Sierra Leone	6,190,280
Singapore	5,469,700
Solomon Islands	507,000
Somaliland	3,500,000
South Africa	54,956,900
South Sudan	12,340,000
Sudan	40,235,000
Tanzania	51,820,000
Tonga	100,000
Trinidad and Tobago	1,333,000
Tuvalu	11,000
Uganda	37,873,253
Vanuatu	226,000
Zambia	16,212,000
Zimbabwe	13,061,239
 <b>Non-sovereign</b>	
Akrotiri and Dhekelia	15,700
American Samoa	67,700
Anguilla	13,101
Bermuda	65,000
British Virgin Islands	23,000
Cayman Islands	47,000
Curaçao	150,563
Falkland Islands	3,000
Gibraltar	33,000
Guam	173,000
Hong Kong	7,097,600
Isle of Man	80,058
Jersey	89,300
Norfolk Island	1,828
Northern Mariana Islands	53,883
Pitcairn Islands	50
Puerto Rico	3,991,000
Rotuma	
Sint Maarten	40,900
Turks and Caicos Islands	26,000
U.S. Virgin Islands	111,000
British Indian Ocean Territory	3,000



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Guernsey	61,811
Montserrat	5,900
St. Helena, Ascension, Tristan da Cunha	5,660
Christmas Island	1,508
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	596
Tokelau	1,400

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French is an official language in 29 independent nations. The following is a list of sovereign states and territories where French is an official or *de facto* language.

<b><u>FRENCH</u></b>	29 + 10	DR Congo	84,004,989
		France	67,401,000
		Canada	36,879,800
		Madagascar Africa	24,235,400
		Cameroon Africa	23,345,200
		Ivory Coast Africa	22,701,600
		Niger Africa	19,899,100
		Burkina Faso Africa	18,105,600
		Mali Africa	17,599,700
		Senegal Africa	15,129,300
		Chad Africa	14,037,500
		Guinea Africa	12,608,600
		Rwanda Africa	11,607,700
		Belgium Europe	11,358,357
		Burundi Africa	11,178,900
		Benin Africa	10,879,800
		Haiti North America	10,711,100
		Switzerland Europe	8,510,000
		Togo Africa	7,304,600
		Central African Republic Africa	4,900,300
		Congo Africa	4,620,300
		Gabon Africa	1,725,300
		Equatorial Guinea Africa	1,221,490
		Djibouti Africa	887,861
		Comoros Africa	795,601
		Luxembourg Europe	602,900
		Vanuatu Oceania	264,652
		Seychelles Africa	92,900
		Monaco Europe	38,731

**Dependent entities where French is an official language**

French Polynesia	267,000
New Caledonia	224,824
Aosta Valley	128,000
Jersey	91,533
Saint-Martin	29,376
Wallis and Futuna	16,448
Saint-Barthélemy	7,492
Saint-Pierre and Miquelon	7,044
Clipperton	0
French Southern and Antarctic Lands	0

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LANGUAGE	PLACES	COUNTRY	POPULATION	SPEAKERS	%
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<b><u>ARABIC</u></b>	25 + 6	Algeria	41,701,000	40,100,000	80.00
		Bahrain	1,343,000	690,302	81.4
		Chad	10,329,208	1,320,000	1.81
		Comoros	798,000		
		Djibouti	810,179	97,900	1.32
		Egypt	100,000,000	82,449,200	93.18
		Eritrea	6,380,803	249,700	3.83
		Iraq	36,004,552	22,908,120	85.81
		Jordan	6,655,000	5,083,300	76.38
		Kuwait	2,789,000	1,735,000	82.21
		Lebanon	4,965,914	4,180,000	91.44
		Libya	6,244,174	4,526,000	72.09
		Mauritania	3,359,185	3,140,000	88.78
		Morocco	35,250,000	25,003,930	74.29
		Oman	4,055,418	2,518,816	88.6
		Palestine	4,484,000	3,762,076	83.9
		Qatar	2,155,446	1,215,900	75.39
		Saudi Arabia	30,770,375	27,178,770	95.62
		Somalia	10,428,043	3,788,000	31.26
		Sudan	40,235,000	28,164,500	70.00
		Syria	20,956,000	17,951,639	91.71
		Tanzania (Zanzibar)	1,303,569		
		Tunisia	10,982,754	10,800,500	98.34
		United Arab Emirates	9,346,129	3,607,600	39.71
		Yemen	23,833,000	14,671,000	54.68

**Countries with Arabic as a national language or a recognized minority language**

Cyprus	1,141,166
Iran	79,926,270
Mali	14,517,176
Niger	18,638,600
Senegal	14,320,055
Turkey	79,814,871

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Spanish is the official language (either by law or de facto) in 20 sovereign states and one dependent territory, totaling around 442 million people. It is additionally the main official language in Equatorial Guinea.

In these countries and territories, Spanish is the main or mostly used language of communication of the vast majority of the population; official documents are written chiefly or solely in that language; and it is taught in schools and utilized as the primary medium of instruction as part of the official curriculum.

<b><u>SPANISH</u></b>	21 + 4	Mexico Colombia Spain Argentina Peru Venezuela Chile Ecuador Guatemala Cuba Bolivia Dominican Republic Honduras Paraguay El Salvador Nicaragua Costa Rica Puerto Rico Panama Uruguay Equatorial Guinea	120,286,655 48,400,388 47,737,941 43,024,374 30,147,935 28,868,486 17,363,894 15,654,411 14,647,083 11,047,251 10,631,486 10,349,741 8,598,561 6,703,860 6,125,512 5,848,641 4,755,234 3,620,897 3,608,431 3,332,972 1,722,254
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**Significant minority language**

Andorra	85,458	29,907	35%
Belize	340,844	106,795	31%
Gibraltar	29,185	23,857	82%
United States	318,892,103	52,000,000	16%

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The following is a list of the 10 sovereign states and territories where Portuguese is an official language. Macau is not a sovereign nation. 15% of Uruguay's population speaks Portuguese (in the northern areas closer to Brazil).

<b><u>PORTUGUESE</u></b>	10	Brazil Angola Mozambique Portugal Guinea-Bissau East Timor Equatorial Guinea Macau Cape Verde São Tomé and Príncipe	207,353,391 29,310,273 26,573,706 10,839,514 1,792,338 1,291,358 778,358 601,969 560,899 201,025
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LANGUAGE	PLACES	COUNTRY
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This is a list of countries and territories where Russian is an official language:

<b><u>RUSSIAN</u></b>	6 + 3	<b>Russian with official status</b> Russia Kazakhstan Belarus Kyrgyzstan Ukraine Moldova  <b>Russian with de facto official functions</b> Uzbekistan Tajikistan Turkmenistan  <b>Official status in de facto entities.</b> Abkhazia Republic of Crimea Sevastopol South Ossetia Transnistria  <b>Russian with other unofficial status</b> Estonia Israel Latvia Lithuania
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LANGUAGE	PLACES	COUNTRY	POPULATION
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German is the official language of six countries, all of which lie in central and western Europe. These countries (with the addition of South Tyrol of Italy) also form the Council for German Orthography and are referred to as the German Sprachraum (German language area).

<b><u>GERMAN</u></b>	6 + 3	Germany	84,900,000
		Belgium	11,420,163
		Austria	8,838,171
		Switzerland	8,508,904
		Luxembourg	602,000
		Liechtenstein	37,370

**Dependent entities**

Italy			
Autonomous Province of South Tyrol	511,750	354,643	
Poland			
Opole Voivodeship (28 communes)			
Silesian Voivodeship (3 communes)	250,000	50,000	
Brazil			
Espírito Santo (5 municipalities)			
Santa Catarina (2 municipalities)			
Rio Grande do Sul (2 municipalities)	205,000		

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**WORLD'S MOST SPOKEN LANGUAGES BY NUMBER OF NATIVE SPEAKERS (2018)**

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Mandarin Chinese (908.7 million) | 6. Bengali (242.6 million)        |
| 2. Spanish (442.3 million)          | 7. Portuguese (222.7 million)     |
| 3. English (378.2 million)          | 8. Russian (153.9 million)        |
| 4. Hindi-Urdu (329.1 million)       | 9. Japanese (128.2 million)       |
| 5. Arabic (290 million)             | 10. Western Punjabi (119 million) |

**WORLD'S MOST SPOKEN LANGUAGE BY TOTAL SPEAKERS**  
(Combines native speakers with non-native speakers)

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. English (1.121 billion)          | 6. French (284.9 million)      |
| 2. Mandarin Chinese (1.107 billion) | 7. Malay (281 million)         |
| 3. Hindi/Urdu (697.4 million)       | 8. Russian (264.3 million)     |
| 4. Spanish (512.9 million)          | 9. Bengali (261.8 million)     |
| 5. Arabic (422 million)             | 10. Portuguese (236.5 million) |

**WORLD'S PUBLISHING LANGUAGES**

(UNESCO measures the number of books published by each country per year)

1. China (440,000 books)
2. USA (304,912 books)
3. UK (184,000 books)
4. Japan (139,078 books)
5. Russia (101,981 books)
6. Germany (93,600 books)
7. India (90,000 books)
8. France (77,986 books)
9. Iran (72,871 books)