



**Language
Identification
Guide**

I speak...

This guide is a tool to help judicial staff identify the languages of individuals they encounter who are not proficient in English



The Purpose of This Language Identification Guide

As the limited English proficient (LEP) population continues to grow in the state of Washington and nationwide, the number of LEP defendants, victims, and witnesses processed through the criminal justice system will also grow.

This guide can help to obtain interpreting services, which is the first step in working with LEP persons. It is also intended as a resource for the criminal justice community to ensure consistent and effective interaction with LEP persons.

I speak ...

A

Amharic

እኔ እማርኛ ነው ጽጋገዬ.

Arabic

أنا أتحدث اللغة العربية

Armenian

Ես խոսում եմ հայերեն

B

Bengali

আমী ঝাঙ্গা কথা বেলতে পারী

Bosnian

Ja govorim bosanski

Bulgarian

Аз говоря български

Burmese

ကျွန်တော်/ ကျွန်မှ မြန်မာ လို ပြောတတ်

C

Cambodian

ខ្មែរបាយការណ៍ខ្សោយ

Cantonese

我講廣東話 (Traditional)

我讲广东话 (Simplified)

Catalan

Parlo català

Chuukese

Ngang u kan fosun
Chuuk.

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

Farsi

کنم من فارسی صحبت می

Finnish

Puhun suomea

French

Je parle français

G

German

Ich spreche Deutsch

Greek

Μιλώ τα ελληνικά

Gujarati

હું ગુજરાતી બોલુણું છું

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
Ég 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 Kurmaanji zaanim

L

Laotian

ຂອຍປາກພາສາລາວ

Latvian

Es runāju latviski

Lithuanian

Aš 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

Marshallese

Ij kōnono ilo Kajin Majel

Mon

ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଭାଷାରେ

N

Norwegian

Jeg snakker norsk

O

Oromo

Ani Afaan Oromoo ni Dubbadha

P

Persian

من فارسی صحبت می کنم.

Polish

Mówię po polsku

Portuguese

Eu falo português

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 românește

Russian

Я говорю по-русски

S

Samoan

Ou te tautala i le gagana Samoa

Serbian

Ја говорим српски

Sign Language (American)



I, ME



SIGN, SIGN LANGUAGE

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

ພົດການ່າງໄທຍ່າ

Turkish

Türkçe konuşurum

U

Ukrainian

Я розмовляю українською мовою

Urdu

میں اردو بولتا ہوں

V

Vietnamese

Tôi nói tiếng Việt

W

Welsh

Dwi'n siarad

X

Xhosa

Ndithetha isiXhosa

Y

Yiddish

אַיְדָּעָד יִידִישׁ

Yoruba

Mo nso Yooba

Z

Zulu

Ngiyasikhulumpha isiZulu

Selected Indigenous Languages of Mexico

| 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 Tlahuitolpec | 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 Veracruz 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'kuöö |

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