



Language:

A bridge for expression, connection

“Language plays an important role in building relationships. It’s where relationships begin.”

— Marivic Ihap, coordinator of the Quezon program, Philippines



Test your knowledge of languages spoken in Unbound

At Unbound, we invite people to learn more about each other's lives in ways that promote mutual respect. In the midst of that expansion of mind and heart, the world becomes a gentler place and, maybe, a little more loving.

Language is key to friendships in Unbound. Sponsors receive their friends' letters written in the language of their region, along with an English translation when needed.

Fun fact: 93 languages are spoken by families in Unbound.

Check out the country maps below and note the languages spoken in each country. Then take our five-question quiz at the end.

A stylized map of Central America with a tan background and teal water. The borders of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador are outlined in red. The Pacific Ocean is shown in the bottom left. A text box in the center of Guatemala lists its languages: Spanish, Xinca, Garifuna, and 21 Mayan languages.

Mexico

Guatemala

Spanish, Xinca,
Garifuna and 21 Mayan languages

Honduras

Pacific Ocean

El Salvador



Honduras

Guatemala

El Salvador

Spanish and
various indigenous languages

Pacific Ocean

Nicaragua

Peru

Brazil

Bolivia

Spanish, Aymara,

Quechua, Guarani and

several dozen indigenous languages

Paraguay

Chile

South Sudan

Democratic
Republic of
the Congo

Uganda

Luganda, local languages and English

Kenya

Rwanda

Tanzania



A stylized map of Kenya and its neighbors. The map features a textured tan background with red outlines for national borders. Kenya is the central focus, with its name written in large white letters. To the west is Uganda, to the east is Somalia, and to the south is the Indian Ocean. A teal-colored callout box is positioned over the southern part of Kenya, containing text about its languages. The map also shows several teal-colored lakes and islands, including Lake Victoria in the west and Lake Malawi in the north.

Uganda

Kenya

**Kiswahili (Swahili), English and more
than 40 other languages**

Somalia

Indian Ocean



Kenya

Democratic
Republic of
the Congo

Tanzania

Swahili, English and
more than 120 other languages

Zambia



Indian Ocean

Mozambique

Madagascar

Malagasy, English, French
and various dialects

A stylized map of South Asia with a tan background and red borders. The word 'India' is written in large white letters in the center. Two teal boxes with white text are overlaid on the map, one above the other, containing the text 'Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, English and various local languages and dialects'. Other labels include 'Pakistan' to the west, 'China' to the north, 'Arabian Sea' to the southwest, and 'Bay of Bengal' to the southeast. The map also shows the outlines of neighboring countries like Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

China

Pakistan

India

Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, English

and various local

languages and dialects

Arabian Sea

Bay of Bengal



China

Philippine Sea

Vietnam

Philippines

**Tagalog (Filipino), English
and 185 local languages**

South China Sea

Quick quiz

1. Malagasy is a rhythmic language, with long words and complex spellings like Antananarivo, Tana for short. Tana is the capital city of what island nation off Africa's southeastern coast?
2. While Spanish is the official language of Guatemala, it's not universally spoken or understood. Visitors to the central highlands will hear Kaqchikel, one of 21 languages of which indigenous people?
3. In the Philippines, Tagalog is the national language but is among 185 languages or dialects spoken. What is the other most common language of the Philippines?
4. A quarter of Bolivians speak indigenous languages such as Quechua, Aymara and Guarani. What language do most people in the South American country speak?
5. In which country in South Asia do people speak Hindi, Telugu, Tamil and English, among other languages?

Answers 1. Madagascar 2. Mayan 3. English 4. Spanish 5. India

