



Language  
Identification  
Guide

# *I speak...*

This language identification guide is a tool for law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies to identify the language of individuals they encounter who do not speak English.

*I speak* is provided as a partnership effort of the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

## *The Purpose of This Language Identification Guide*

As the limited English proficient (LEP) population continues to increase nationwide, the number of LEP defendants, victims, and witnesses processed through the criminal justice system will also increase. This guide can help to obtain interpretive 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 ...

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## A

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### Arabic

أنا أتحدث اللغة العربية

### Armenian

Ես խոսում եմ հայերեն

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## B

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### Bengali

আমী বাংলা কথা বলতে পারী

### Bosnian

Ja govorim bosanski

### Bulgarian

Аз говоря български

### Burmese

ကျွန်တော်/ကျွန်မ မြန်မာ လို ပြောတတ် ပါတယ်။

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# C

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## Cambodian

ខ្ញុំនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរ

## Cantonese

我講廣東話 (Traditional)

我讲广东话 (Simplified)

## Catalan

Parlo català

## Croatian

Govorim hrvatski

## Czech

Mluvím česky

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## D

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### Dari

من دری حرف می زنم

### Dutch

Ik spreek het Nederlands

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## F

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### Farsi

من فارسی صحبت می کنم

### French

Je parle français

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## G

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### German

Ich spreche Deutsch

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### Greek

Μιλώ τα ελληνικά

### Gujarati

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## H

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### Haitian Creole

M pale kreyòl ayisyen

### Hebrew

אני מדבר עברית

### Hindi

मैं हिंदी बोलता हूँ ।

## **Hmong**

Kuv has lug Moob

## **Hungarian**

Beszélek magyarul

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## **I**

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## **Ilocano**

Agsaonak ti Ilokano

## **Italian**

Parlo italiano

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## **J**

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## **Japanese**

私は日本語を話す

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## K

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### **Kackchiquel**

Quin chagüic'ká chabal' ruin' rí  
tzújon cakchiquel

### **Korean**

한국어 합니다

### **Kurdish**

man Kurdii zaanim

### **Kurmanci**

man Kurmaanji zaanim

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## L

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### **Laotian**

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ຂອຍປາກພາສາລາວ



## Latvian

Es runāju latviski

## Lithuanian

Aš kalbu lietuviškai

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# M

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## Mandarin

我講國語 (Traditional)

我讲国语/普通话 (Simplified)

## Mam

Bán chiyola tuj kíyol mam

## Mon

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## N

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### Norwegian

Jeg snakker norsk

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## P

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### 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।

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## Q

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### **Qanjobal**

Ayin tí chí wal q'anjob'al

### **Quiche**

In kinch'aw k'uin ch'e quiche

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## R

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### **Romanian**

Vorbesc românește

### **Russian**

Я говорю по-русски

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## S

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### **Serbian**

Ја говорим српски

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# S

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## Sign Language (American)



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## Slovak

Hovorím po slovensky

## Somali

Waxaan ku hadlaa af-Soomaali

## Spanish

Yo hablo español

## Swahili

Ninaongea Kiswahili

## Swedish

Jag talar svenska

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## T

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### Tagalog

Marunong akong mag-Tagalog

### Thai

พูดภาษาไทย

### Turkish

Türkçe konuşurum

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## U

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### Ukrainian

Я розмовляю українською мовою

### Urdu

میں اردو بولتا ہوں

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## V

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### **Vietnamese**

Tôi nói tiếng Việt

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## W

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### **Welsh**

Dwi'n siarad

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## X

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### **Xhosa**

Ndithetha isiXhosa

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## Y

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### **Yiddish**

איך רעד יידיש

**Yoruba**

Mo nso Yooba

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**Z**

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**Zulu**

Ngiyasikhuluma isiZulu





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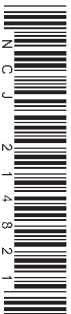
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