



**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.

The Purpose of This Language Identification Guide

As the limited English proficient (LEP) population continues to increase in the state of Montana and nationwide, the number of LEP defendants, victims, and witnesses processed through the Montana 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 ...

A

Arabic

أنا أتحدث اللغة العربية

Armenian

Ես խոսում եմ հայերեն

Assiniboine (Nakona)

Nakona iwaabi or Nakona labi

B

Bengali

আমি বাংলা কথা বলতে পারি

Blackfeet

Nitaiksiipai

B

Bosnian

Ja govorim bosanski

Bulgarian

Аз говоря български

Burmese

ကျွန်တော်/ကျွန်မ မြန်မာ လို့ ပြောတတ် ပါတယ်။

C

Cambodian

ខ្ញុំនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរ

Cantonese

我講廣東話 (Traditional)

我讲广东话 (Simplified)

Catalan

Parlo català

Cheyenne

Na tsehesenestse

Cree

Ninihiyawan

Croatian

Govorim hrvatski

Crow

Bíluukaawaliik

Czech

Mluvím česky

D

Dari

من دری حرف می زنم

Dutch

Ik spreek het Nederlands

F

Farsi

من فارسی صحبت می کنم

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

H

Hungarian

Beszélek magyarul

I

Ilocano

Agsaonak ti Ilokano

Italian

Parlo italiano

J

Japanese

私は日本語を話す

K

Kackchiquel

Quin chagüic'ká chábal' ruin' rí
tzújon cakchiquel

Kootenai

ᵛAt hu ꝥxani Ksanka or

ᵛAt hu ꝥxani Ktunaxa

Korean

한국어 합니다

Kurdish

man Kurdii zaanim

Kurmanci

man Kurmaanji zaanim

L

Laotian

ຂ້ອຍປາກພາສາລາວ

Latvian

Es runāju latviski

Lithuanian

Aš kalbu lietuviškai

M

Mandarin

我講國語 (Traditional)

我讲国语/普通话 (Simplified)

Mam

Bán chiyola tuj kíyol mam

Mon

အဲဟို အင်္ဂလိပ်စကား

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)

P

Punjabi

ਮੈਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦਾ/ਬੋਲਦੀ ਹਾਂ।

Q

Qanjobal

Ayin tí chí wal q'anjob'al

Quiche

In kinch'aw k'uin ch'e quiche

R

Romanian

Vorbesc românește

Russian

Я говорю по-русски

S

Salish

Išē t Selisʰ u čñ q□ʷlq□ʷe

Serbian

Ja говорим српски

Sign Language (American)



Sioux (Dakota)

Damaʼkota *or*
Dakota iwaya

Slovak

Hovorím po slovensky

S

Somali

Waxaan ku hadlaa af-Soomaali

Spanish

Yo hablo español

Swahili

Ninaongea Kiswahili

Swedish

Jag talar svenska

T

Tagalog

Marunong akong mag-Tagalog

Thai

พูดภาษาไทย

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

איך רעד יידיש

Yoruba

Mo nso Yooba

Z

Zulu

Ngiyasikhuluma isiZulu

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