

ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

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QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

How many languages are there today?

- How can we know?
- Why should we care?

Where is the greatest linguistic diversity?

- Which states have many languages, which states have few?
Why?

Why are there so many languages in the world?

Why are languages are endangered?



How many languages?



HOW MANY LANGUAGES?

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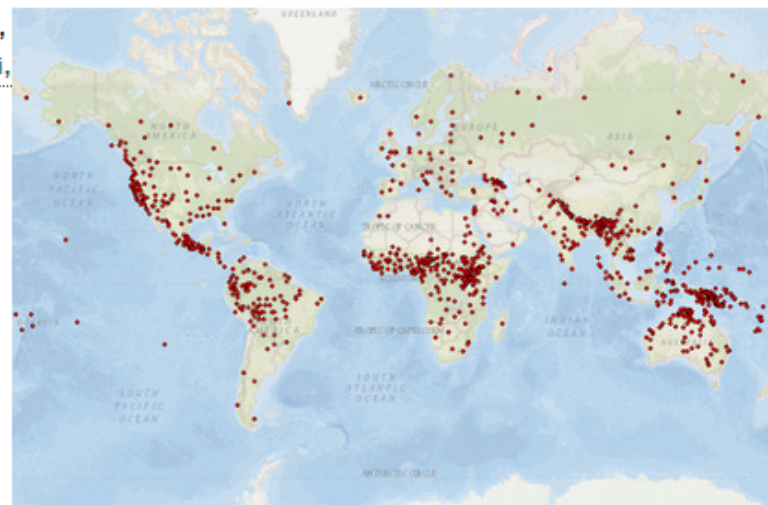
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2009	6906
1996	6703
2050	?

Are these all „real” languages? Or „just dialects”?

Where on earth do they speak that language?

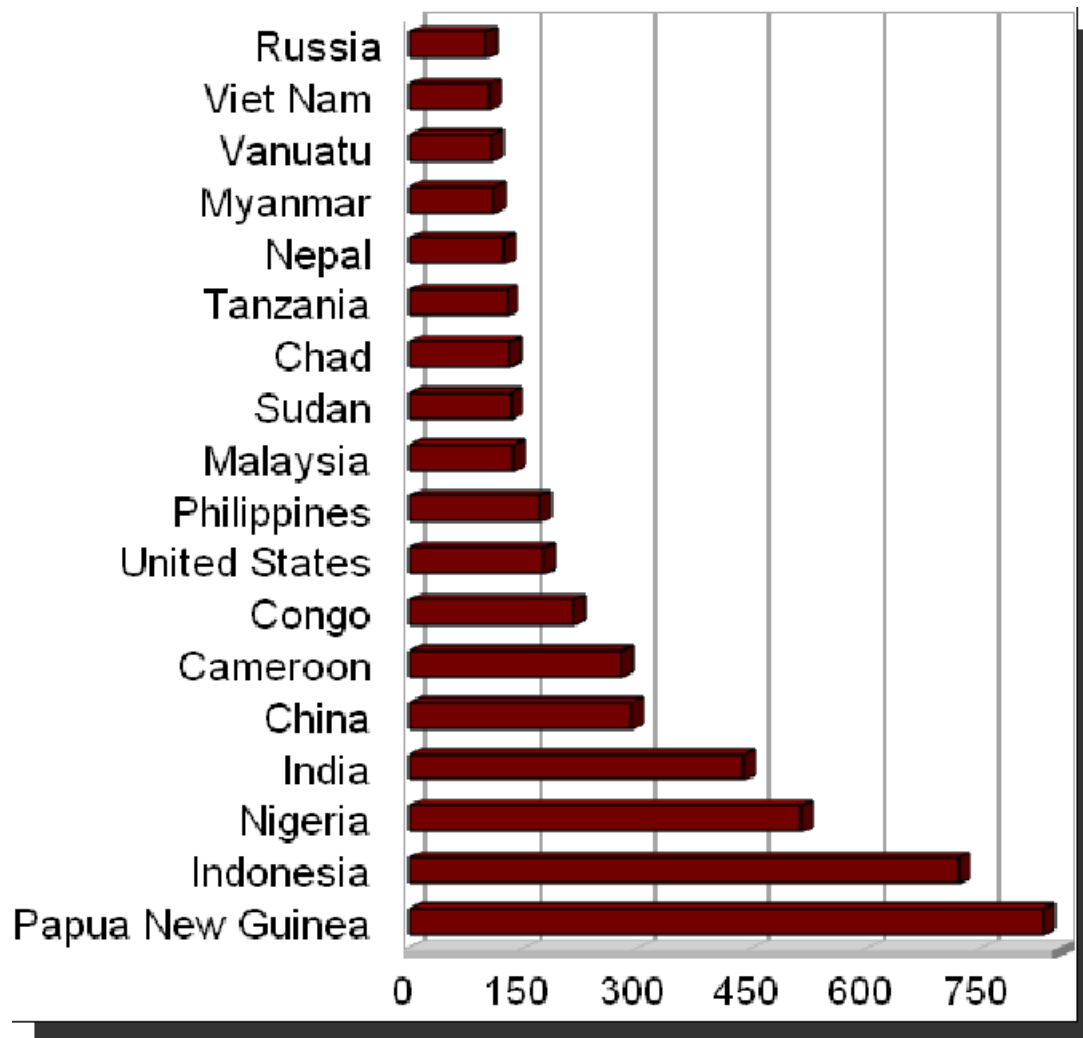
Click on any of the languages below to see where the language is spoken.

!O!ung, !Xóõ, 'Are'are, 'Auhelawa, A'tong, A-Pucikwar, Aari, Aari, Aasáx, Abadi, Abaga, Abai Sungai, Abanyom, Abar, Abau, Abaza, Abé, Abenaki, Western, Abidji, Abinomn, Abipon, Abkhaz, Abom, Abon, Abron, Abu, Abua, Abui, Abun, Abure, Abureni, Aceh, Achagua, Achang, Aché, Acheron, Achi, Achi, Cubulco, Acholi, Achterhoeks, Achuar-Shiwiar, Achumawi, Acipa, Eastern, Adabe, Adang, Adangbe, Adap, Adasen, Adele, Adhola, Adi, Adiokrou, Adnyamathanha, Adonara, Aduge, Adyghe, Adzera, Aeka, Aekyom, Aequian, Aer, Afade, Afar, Afitti, Afrikaans, Afro-Seminole Creole, Agarabi, Agariya, Agatu, Aghem, Aghu, Aghul, Agi, Agob, Agoi, Agta, Alabat Island, Agta, Casiguran Dumagat, Agta, Central Cagayan, Agta, Dupaninan, Agta, Isarog, Agta, Mt. Iraya, Agta, Mt. Iriga, Agta, Umiray Dumaget, Aguaruna, Aguna, Agutaynen, Agwagwune, Ahanta, Aheu, Ahtena, Ahwai, Ai-Cham, Aighon, Aikanã, Aiklep, Aimaq, Aimele, Aimol, Ainbai, Ainu, Ainu, Aiome, Airoran, Aizi, Aproumu, Aizi, Mobumrin, Aizi, Tiagbamrin, Aja, Aja, Ajië, Ajiñinka Apurucayali, Ak, Aka, Akan, Akaselem, Akateko, Akawaio, Ake, Akebu, Akei, Akha, Akhvakh, Akkadian, Akolet, Akoose, Akoye, Akpa, Akpes, Akrukay, Akuku, Akum, Akurio, Akwa, Alaba-K'abeena, Alabama, Alago, Alagwa, Alak, Alamlak, Alangan, Alawa, Albanian, Arbëreshë, Albanian, Arvanitika, Albanian, Gheg, Albanian, Tosk, Alege, Alekano, Aleut, Aleut, Mednyj, Algonquin, Ali, Alladian, Allar, Alor, Alsea, Alta, Northern, Alta, Southern, Altai, Northern, Altai, Southern, Alumu-Tesu, Alune, Alur, Alutor, Alviri-Vidari, Alyawarr, Ama, Ama, Amahai, Amahuaca, Amaimon, Amal, Amami-Oshima, Northern, Amami-Oshima, Southern, Amanab, Amara, Amarag, Amarakaeri, Amarasi, Amba, Amba, Ambae, East, Ambae, West, Ambai, Ambakich, Ambelau, Ambele, Amblong, Ambo, Ambrak, Ambrym, North, Ambrym, Southeast, Ambulas, Amdang, Amele, Amharic, Ami, Amis, Amis, Nataoran, Amo, Amol, Ampanang, Amto, Amundava, Amuzgo, Guerrero, Amuzgo, Ipalapa, Amuzgo, San Pedro Amuzgos, Anaang, Anakalangu, Anal, Anam, Anambé, Anamgura, Anasi, Andai, Andarum, Andegerebinha, Andh, Andi, Andio, Andoque, Andra-Hus, Aneityum, Anem, Aneme Wake, Anfillo, Angaataha,



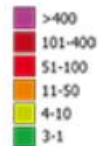
<http://www.verbix.com/maps/where-do-they-speak/>

Which states show great linguistic diversity??

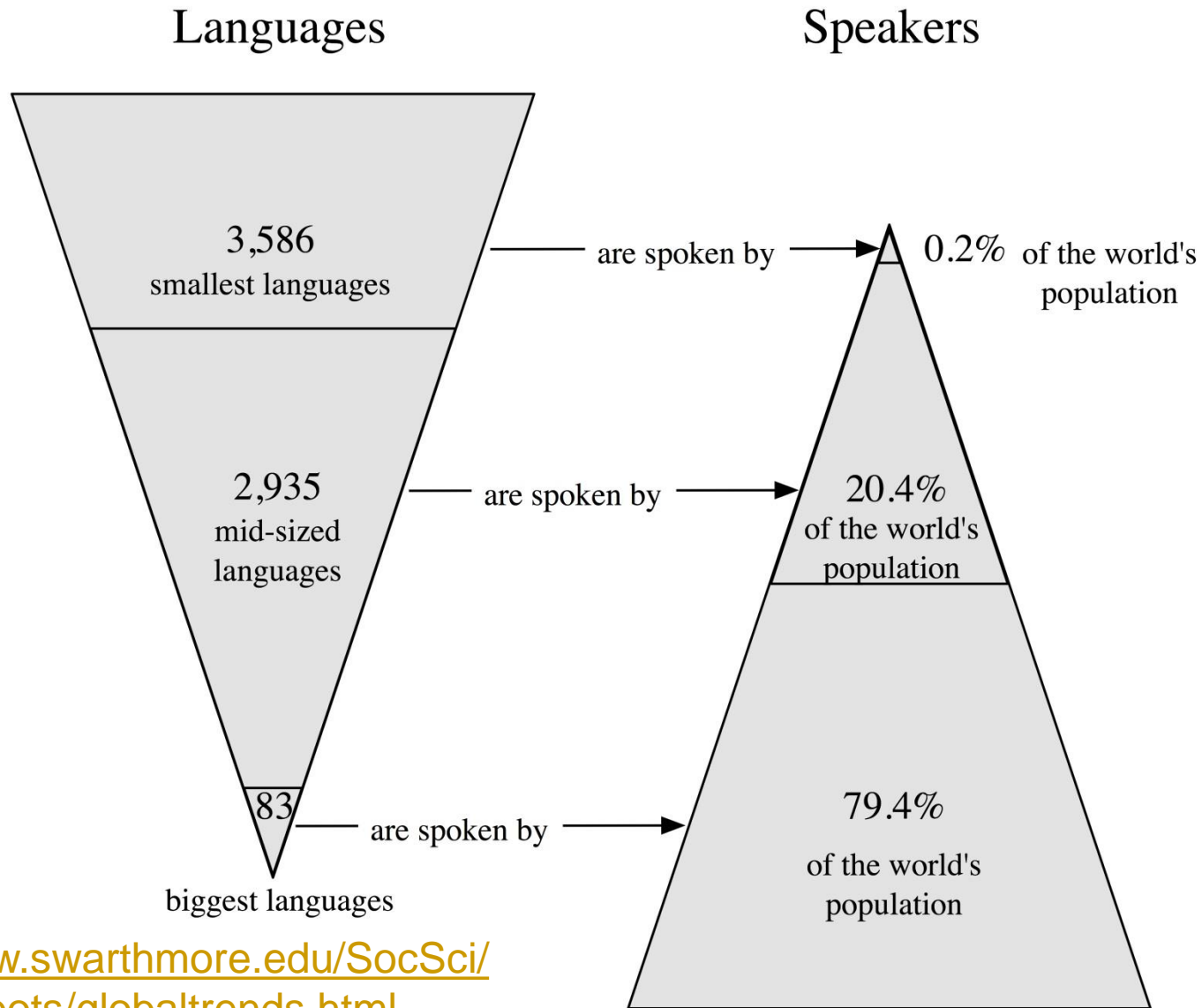


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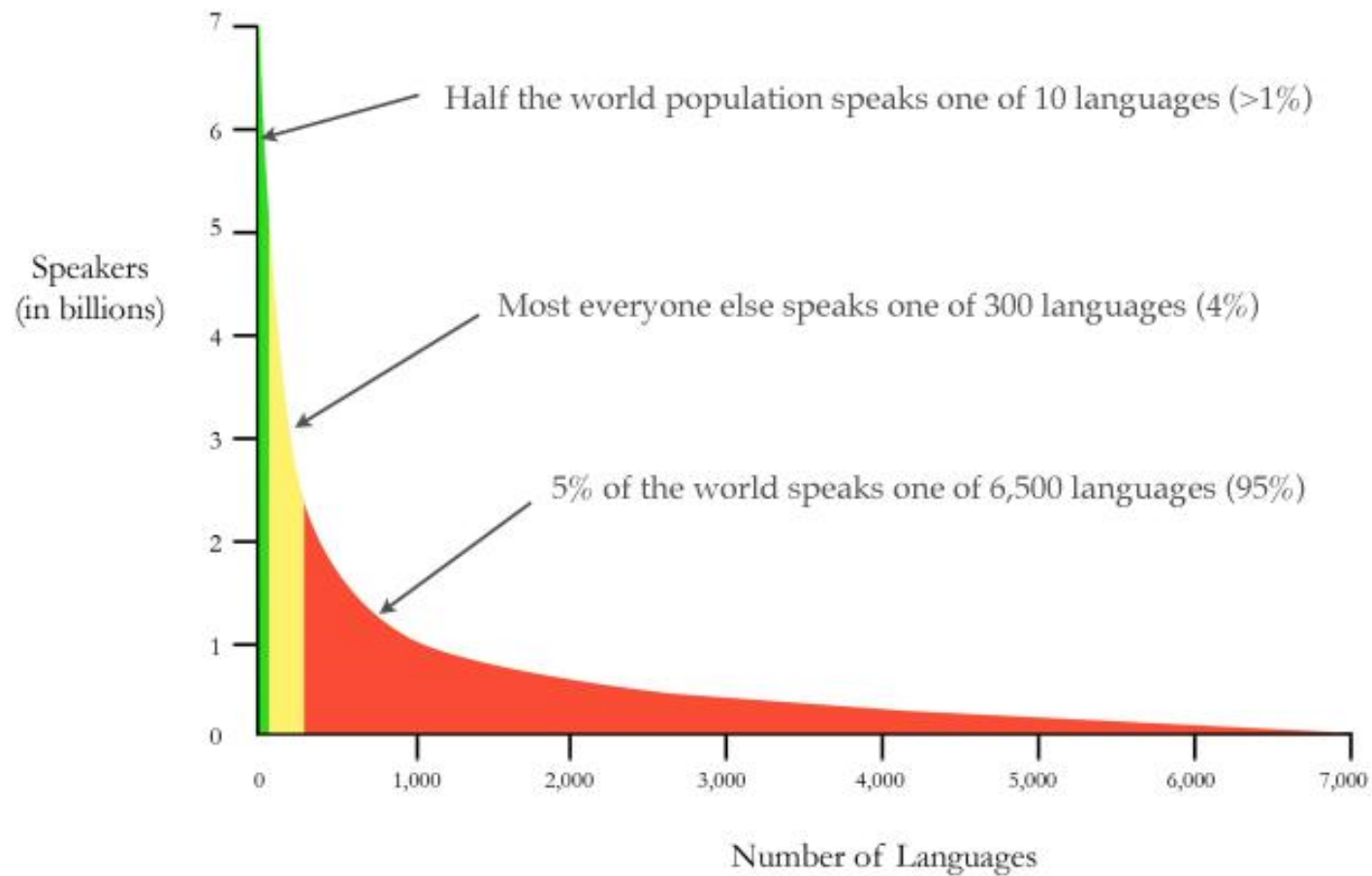
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- 51-100
- 11-50
- 4-10
- 3-1



The big and the small



<http://www.swarthmore.edu/SocSci/langhotspots/globaltrends.html>



http://en.flossmanuals.net/open-translation-tools/ch004_why-translate/



DISCUSS

Why are there so many different languages in the world?

Why are many languages endangered?

COURSE PLAN

(MORE ON [HTTP://ELLDO.AMU.EDU.PL/?PAGE_ID=341](http://elldo.amu.edu.pl/?page_id=341))

- 1) Introduction; linguistic diversity as a value (2 lectures)
- 2) How to measure linguistic vitality (2 lectures)
- 3) Closer look at individual factors

Starting with the fourth lecture (13.03.):
presentations of endangered languages by students,
going by area:

- Australia, Pacific, Asia
- Africa
- South and Central America; North America
- Europe

REQUIREMENTS

- Regular attendance and a little homework (reading, gathering information from Internet sources, solving exercises)
- Oral presentation and written fact sheet about an endangered language (according to a given plan)
- Final test

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD'S (ENDANGERED) LANGUAGES

Lewis, M. Paul, Simons, Gary F. & Fennig, Charles D. (eds.). 2014. *Ethnologue. Languages of the world*. 17th edition. Dallas, Texas: SIL International. Online version. www.ethnologue.org

UNESCO Interactive Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger. <http://www.unesco.org/culture/languages-atlas/> (English, French, Spanish)

Endangered Languages at: <http://www.endangeredlanguages.com/> (site in English, Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese)



Languages in Danger at:

www.languagesindanger.eu (in English, Polish, German, Hungarian)

SOROSORO at: <http://www.sorosoro.org/> (in French, English, and Spanish)

Enduring Voices at:

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/enduring-voices/>