

# Endangered Languages

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Introduction

# 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?
- Is linguistic diversity a good thing?
- What languages are YOU interested in?

# How many languages?

Ethnologue ([www.ethnologue.org](http://www.ethnologue.org))

edition	number of lgs
2014	7106
2009	6906
1996	6703
2050	?



Imagine 6906 languages...



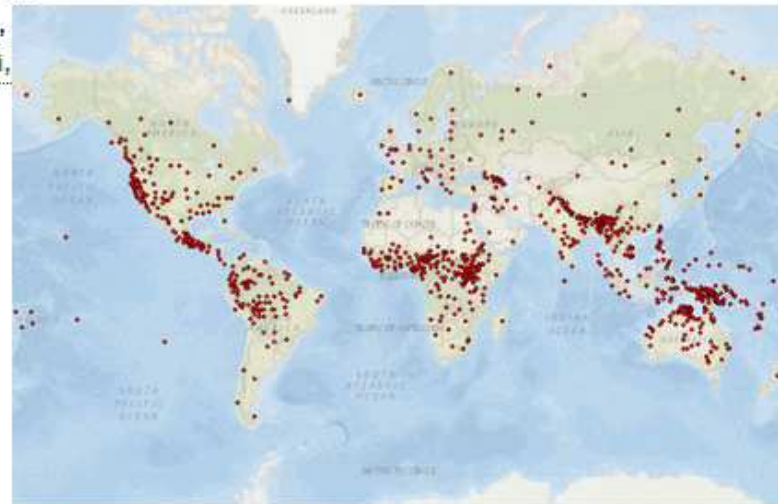


# Are these all „real” languages? Or „just dialects”?

## Where on earth do they speak that language?

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

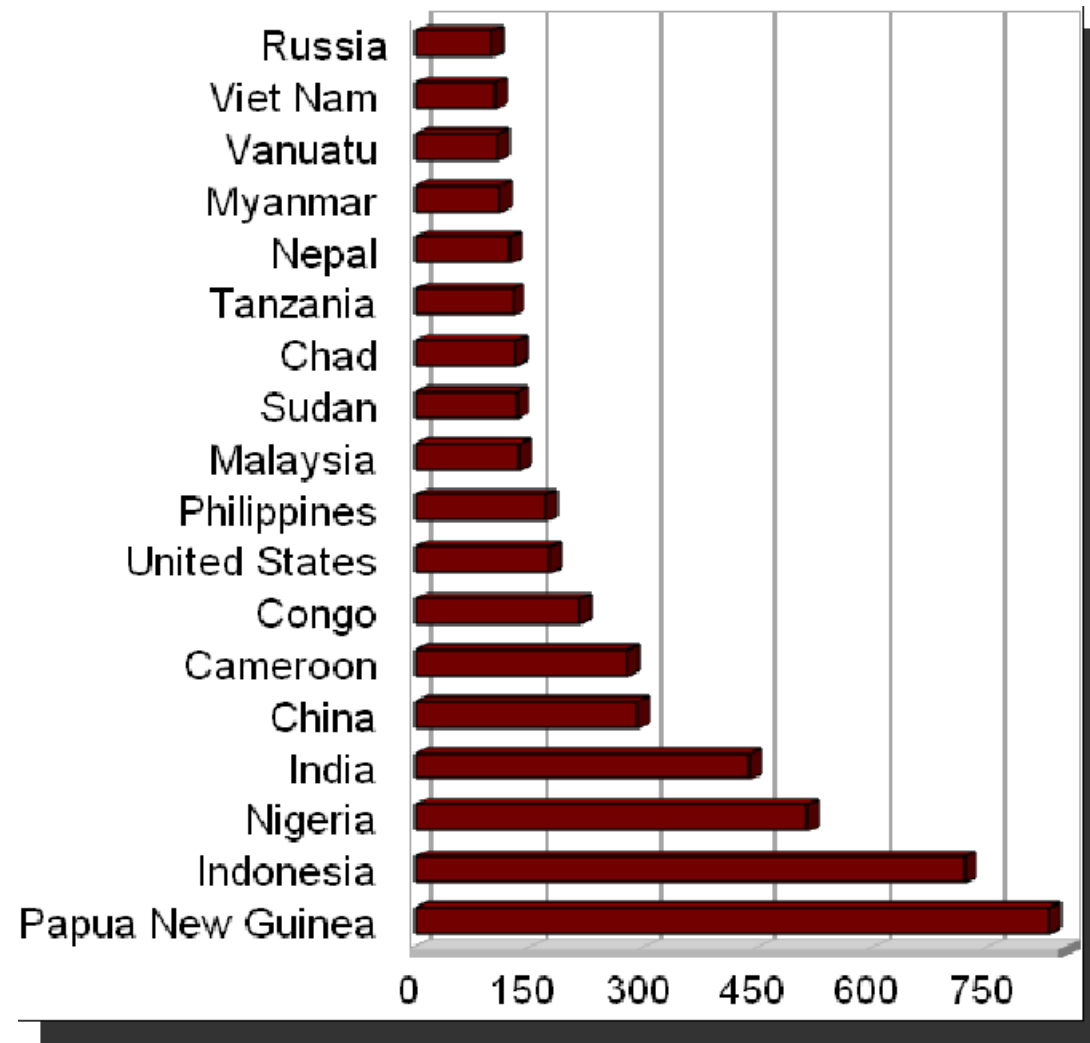
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[Aighon](#), [Aikanã](#), [Aiklep](#), [Aimaq](#), [Aimele](#), [Aimol](#), [Ainbai](#), [Ainu](#), [Ainu](#), [Aiome](#), [Aioran](#), [Aizi](#), [Aproumu](#), [Aizi](#), [Mobumrin](#), [Aizi](#), [Tiagbamrin](#), [Aja](#), [Aja](#), [Ajië](#), [Ajininka 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](#), [Alamblak](#), [Alangan](#), [Alawa](#), [Albanian](#), [Arbëreshë](#), [Albanian](#), [Arvanitika](#), [Albanian](#), [Gheg](#), [Albanian](#), [Tosk](#), [Alege](#), [Alekan](#), [Aleut](#), [Aleut](#), [Mednyj](#), [Algonquin](#), [Ali](#), [Alladian](#), [Allar](#), [Alor](#), [Alsea](#), [Alta](#), [Northern](#), [Alta](#), [Southern](#), [Alta](#), [Northern](#), [Alta](#), [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/>

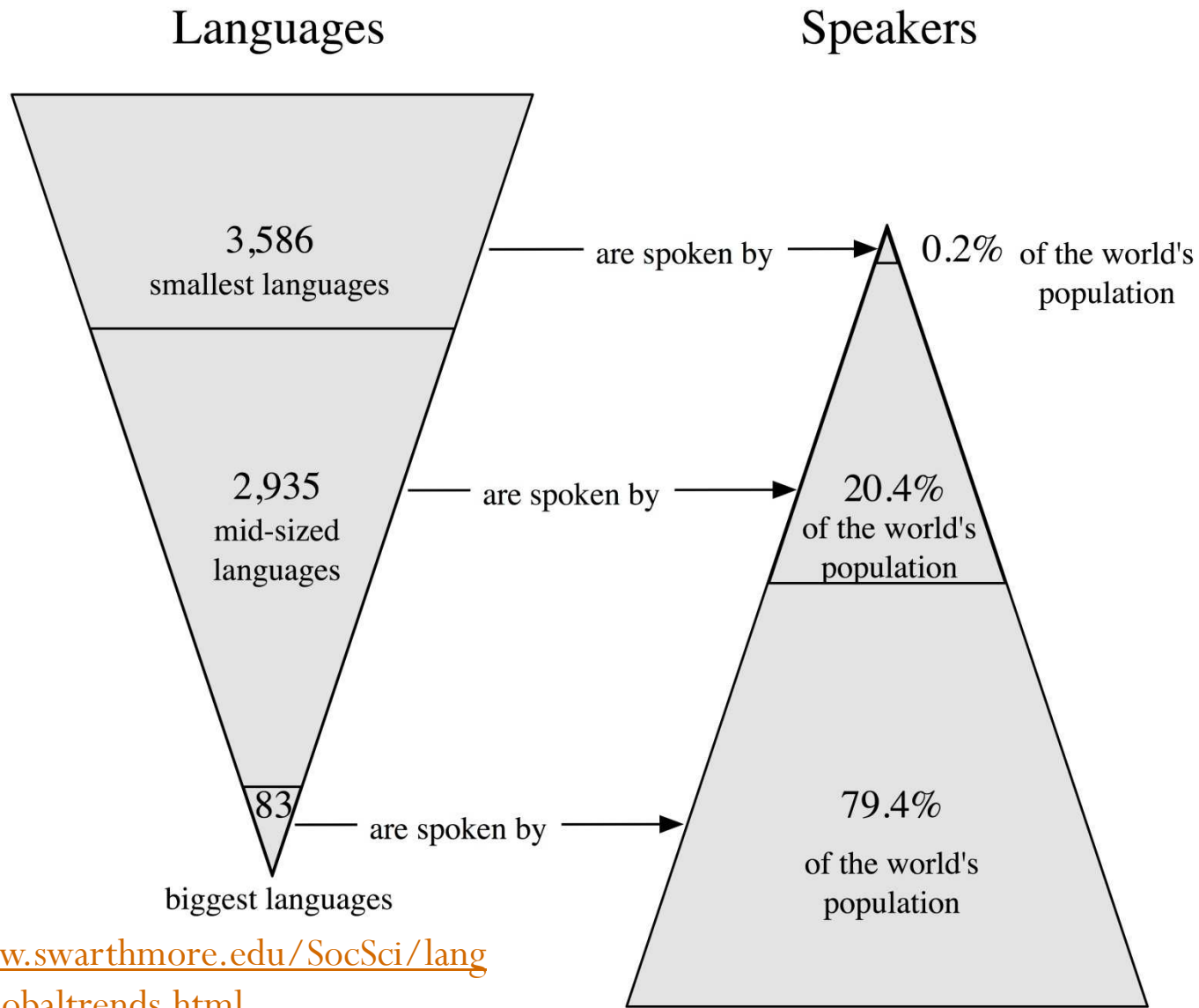
## Which states show great linguistic diversity??



## „Amorphic map” at [languagesindanger.eu](http://languagesindanger.eu)

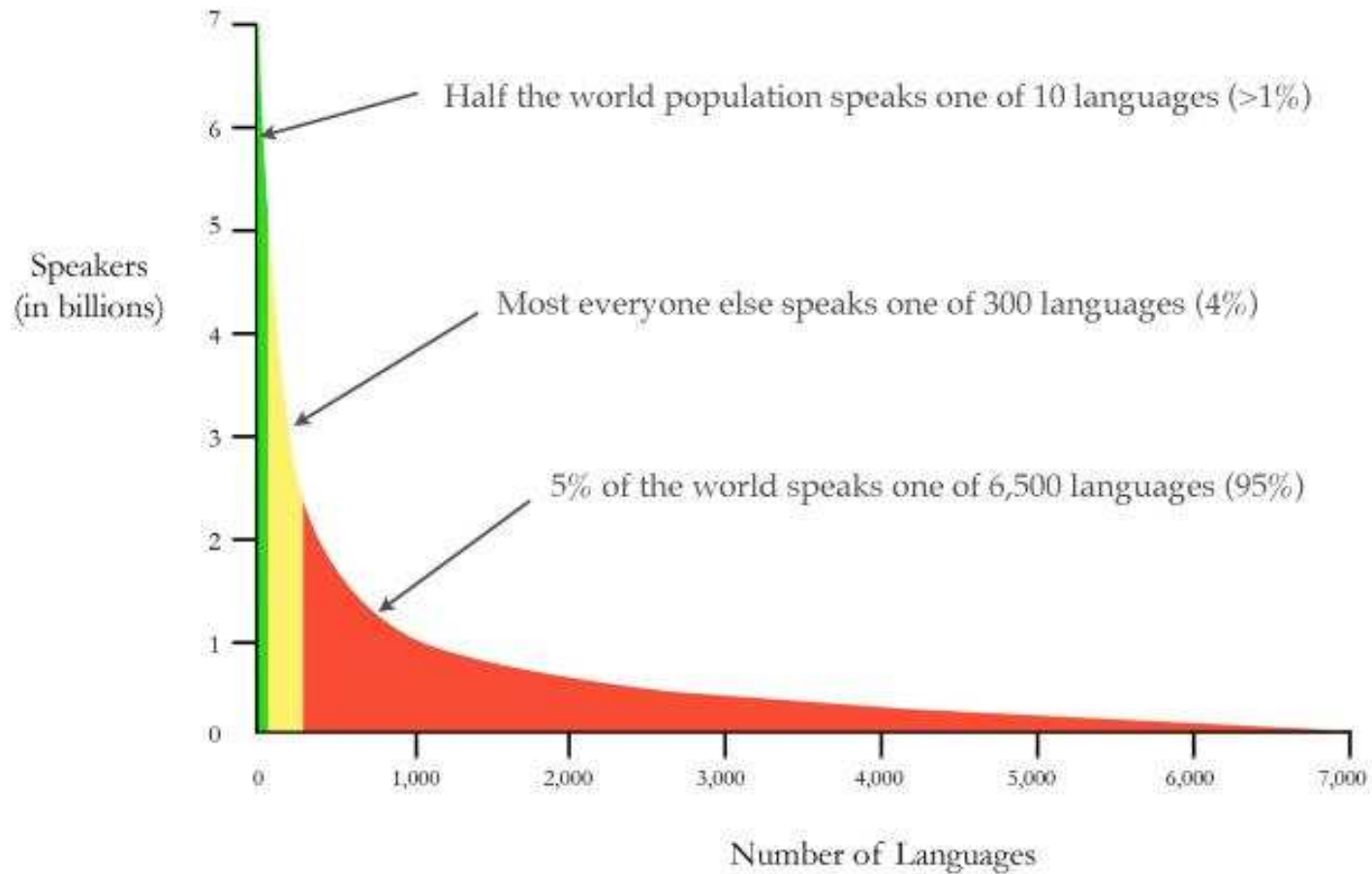


# The big and the small



[http://www.swarthmore.edu/SocSci/lang\\_hotspots/globaltrends.html](http://www.swarthmore.edu/SocSci/lang_hotspots/globaltrends.html)





[http://en.flossmanuals.net/open-translation-tools/ch004\\_why-translate/](http://en.flossmanuals.net/open-translation-tools/ch004_why-translate/)

# 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](http://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/> (English, Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese)

- Languages in Danger at: [www.languagesindanger.eu](http://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/>

**HOMEWORK:** explore one of these sites and be ready to talk about it (shortly) next week!