

ELN101 Introduction to Bilingualism Identifying language communities in NYC

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Identify the most commonly spoken languages (other than English and Spanish) in each NYC district on the map (next page). You will receive a point if you can identify any of the six most commonly spoken languages in each district (except for English, the most frequent, and Spanish, the second most frequent).

For your information, below is the list of the most popular languages in the U.S.

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| (1) English only (239 million speakers in the U.S.) | (18) Japanese (0.46 million speakers) |
| (2) Spanish (41 million speakers) | (19) Persian (including Farsi and Dari) (0.42 million speakers) |
| (3) Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese) (3.5 million speakers) | (20) Gujarati (0.41 million speakers) |
| (4) Tagalog (including Filipino) (1.7 million speakers) | (21) Telugu (0.37 million speakers) |
| (5) Vietnamese (1.5 million speakers) | (22) Bengali (0.32 million speakers) |
| (6) Arabic (1.2 million speakers) | (23) Tai-Kadai (including Thai and Lao) (0.31 million speakers) |
| (7) French (1.2 million speakers) | (24) Greek (0.27 million speakers) |
| (8) Korean (1.1 million speakers) | (25) Punjabi (0.29 million speakers) |
| (9) Russian (0.94 million speakers) | (26) Tamil (0.27 million speakers) |
| (10) German (0.92 million speakers) | (27) Armenian (0.24 million speakers) |
| (11) Haitian Creole (0.87 million speakers) | (28) Serbo-Croatian (0.24 million speakers) |
| (12) Hindi (0.86 million speakers) | (29) Hebrew (0.23 million speakers) |
| (13) Portuguese (0.79 million speakers) | (30) Hmong (0.22 million speakers) |
| (14) Italian (0.58 million speakers) | (31) Bantu (including Swahili) (0.22 million speakers) |
| (15) Polish (0.52 million speakers) | (32) Khmer (0.20 million speakers) |
| (16) Urdu (0.51 million speakers) | (33) Navajo (0.16 million speakers) |
| (17) Yiddish (0.51 million speakers) | |

The map below shows community districts in Queens and some part of Manhattan. Identify languages most commonly spoken in each district except for English and Spanish (in other words, the third most frequently spoken language).

