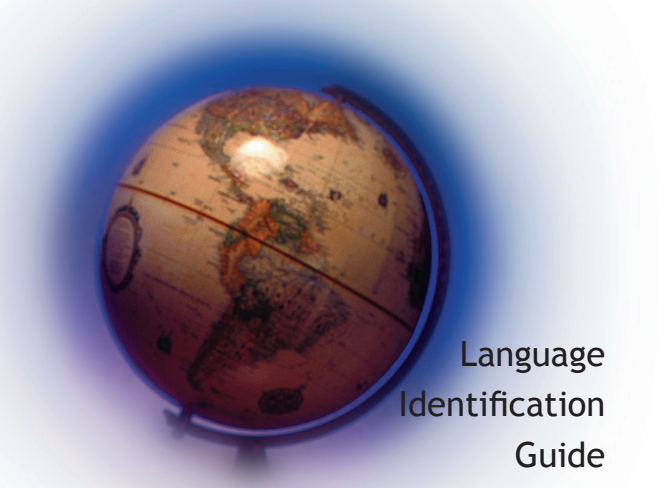

Language
Identification
Guide

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.

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The Purpose of This Language Identification Guide

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

B

Bengali

আমী ঝংলা কথা ঝেলতে পারী

Bosnian

Ja govorim bosanski

Bulgarian

Аз говоря български

Burmese

ကျွန်တော်/ကျွန်မ မြန်မာ လို ပြောတတ် ပါတယ်၊

C

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

Dari

من دری حرف می زنم

Dutch

Ik spreek het Nederlands

F

Farsi

من فارسی صحبت می کنم

French

Je parle français

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G

German
Ich spreche Deutsch

Greek
Μιλώ τα ελληνικά

Gujarati
હું ગુજરાતી બોલુ છુ

H

Haitian Creole
M pale kreyòl ayisyen

Hebrew
אני מדבר עברית

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Hindi

मैं हिंदी बोलता हूँ ।

Hmong

Kuv has lug Moob

Hungarian

Beszélek magyarul

I

Italian

Parlo italiano

J

Japanese

私は日本語を話す

K

Korean

한국어 합니다

Kurdish

man Kurdii zaanim

Kurmanci

man Kurmaanjii zaanim

L

Laotian

ຂ້ອຍປາກພາສາລາວ

Latvian

Es runâju latviski

Lithuanian

Að kalbu lietuviškai

M

Mandarin

我講國語 (Traditional)

我讲国语/普通话 (Simplified)

Mon

အဲ ပဋိ အရေစ်ဆုန်

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)

Punjabi

ਮੈਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦਾ/ਬੋਲਦੀ ਹਾਂ।

R

Romanian
Vorbesc româneşte

Russian
Я говорю по-русски

S

Serbian
Ја говорим српски

Slovak
Hovorím po slovensky

Somali
Waxaan ku hadlaa as Soomaali

Spanish
Yo hablo español

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S

Swahili
Ninaongea Kiswahili

Swedish
Jag talar svenska

T

Tagalog
Marunong akong mag-Tagalog

Thai
พูดภาษาไทย

Turkish
Türkçe konuşurum

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U

Ukrainian

Я розмовляю українською мовою

Urdu

میں اردو بولتا ہوں

V

Vietnamese

Tôi nói tiêng Việt

W

Welsh

Dwi’n siarad

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X

Xhosa
Ndithetha isiXhosa

Y

Yoruba
Mo nso Yooba

Z

Zulu
Ngiyasikhuluma isiZulu

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