

Bulgarian

Български (Bulgarski)

Spoken in: Bulgaria and surrounding areas

Region: The Balkans

Total speakers: 12 million

Genetic Classification: Indo-European Slavic South Eastern Bulgarian

Official language of: Bulgaria

Bulgarian is the official language of the Republic of Bulgaria. It is also spoken in Canada, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Moldova, Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the United States, with an estimated total of 12 million native speakers.

The Modern Bulgarian Period started in the 15th century, but the modern literary language, which is quite different from Old Bulgarian, formed only during the 19th century. Modern Bulgarian's two major dialect groups are the eastern and western dialects, each subdivided into north and south varieties. The modern literary language is based primarily on the northeastern dialects.

Bulgarian demonstrates several linguistic innovations that set it apart from other Slavic languages, such as the elimination of noun declension, the development of a suffixed definite article, the lack of a verb infinitive, and the retention and further development of the proto-Slavic verb system. There are various verb forms to express nonwitnessed, retold, and doubtful action.

Currently SSWAHS Health Care Interpreter Service employs 2 Bulgarian sessional interpreters.

Bulgarian alphabet										
А	Б	В	Г	Ґ	Д	Ђ	Ѓ	Е	Ё	Є
A	Be	Ve	Ge	Ghe	De	Dje	Gje	Ye	Yo	Ukrainian Ye
Ж	З	С	И	І	Ї	Й	Ј	К	Л	Љ
Zhe	Ze	Dze	I	Ukrainian I	Yi	Short I	Je	Ka	El	Lje
М	Н	Њ	О	П	Ќ	Р	С	Т	Ћ	Ќ
Em	En	Nje	O	Pe	Koppa	Er	Es	Te	Tshe	Kje
У	Ў	Ѳ	Ф	Х	Ѳ	Ѳ	Ц	Ч	Ѳ	Ш
U	U short	Uk	Ef	Kha	Omega*	Ot	Tse	Che	Dzhe	Sha
Щ	Ъ	Ы	Ь	Ѳ	Э	Ю	Я	ІА	Ѳ	Ѳ
Shcha	Yer	Yery	Soft sign	Yat	E	Yu	Ya	A iotified	E iotified*	Yus small*
Ѳ	Ѳ	Ѳ	Ѳ	Ѳ	Ѳ	Ѳ	Ѳ	Ѳ		
Yus big	Yus small iotified	Yus big iotified	Ksi	Psi	Fita	Izhitsa	Izhitsa okovy	Palochka		