

Macedonian

Македонски

Spoken in: Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, Greece, Albania

Region: The Balkans

Total speakers: 2 million

Genetic Classification: Indo-European Slavic South Eastern Macedonian

Official language of: Republic of Macedonia

The Macedonian language is a language in the Eastern group of South Slavic languages. It is most closely related to the Bulgarian language. Macedonian also has similarities with Serbian, particularly Old Serbian.

Macedonian is the official language in the Republic of Macedonia; it is the only Slavic language apart from Bulgarian, which has no noun cases, but three different definite articles, which are used as suffixes.

The spelling of Macedonian is phonetically based, almost every word is written exactly as it is pronounced, and every letter of a word is pronounced. The stress accent varies in different situations and only one certain rule can be given - the last syllable of a word is never stressed.

There are 31 letters in the Macedonian alphabet.

The Macedonian alphabet

А а Б б В в Г г Д д Ѓ ѓ Е е Ж ж З з С с И и
Ј ј К к Л л Љ љ М м Н н Њ њ О о П п Р р С с
Т т Ќ ќ У у Ф ф Х х Ц ц Ч ч Џ џ Ш ш

Currently SSWAHS Health Care Interpreter Service employs 0.6 FTE Macedonian interpreter and 5 sessional interpreters.