

Slovenian

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Spoken in: Slovenia

Region: Central Europe

Total speakers: 2.2 million

Genetic Classification: Indo-European Slavonic South Western Slovenian

Official language of: Slovenia, European Union

Slovenian Slovene language is one of the Slavic languages. It is spoken by approximately two million speakers, most of whom live in Slovenia. It is one of the few languages to have preserved the dual grammatical number from Indo-European. Its grammar is reputedly extremely complex and the large number of named dialects compared to the number of speakers indicates a large amount of variation in the language.

There are at least 32 main dialects and speeches of spoken Slovenian, which is a reasonably large number for any language. When considering the amount of speakers, this makes Slovenian one of the most diverse languages in the world.

Publishing in Slovenian began in 1551, the first Slovenian translation of the bible was published in 1584. In 1811, Slovenian was adopted as the language of education, administration and the media and later became the official language of Slovenia.

Currently SSWAHS Health Care Interpreter Service employs 1 Slovenian sessional interpreter.

Slovenian alphabet & pronunciation

A a	B b	C c	Č č	D d	E e	F f	G g	H h	I i	J j	K k	L l
a	be	ce	če	de	e	ef	ge	ha	i	je	ka	el
[a]	[b]	[t͡s]	[t͡ʃ]	[d]	[ɛ/e/ə]	[f]	[g]	[x]	[i]	[j]	[k]	[l/w]
M m	N n	O o	P p	R r	S s	Š š	T t	U u	V v	Z z	Ž ž	
em	en	o	pe	er	es	eš	te	u	ve	ze	že	
[m]	[n]	[ɔ, o]	[p]	[r]	[s]	[ʃ]	[t]	[u]	[v]	[z]	[ʒ]	

The letters Q, W, X and Y are also used, but only in foreign loanwords.