

Armenian

Հայերէն / Hayerēn

Spoken in: Armenia, Russia, France, and 27 other countries

Region: Caucasu mountains

Total speakers: 9 million

Genetic Classification: Indo-European Armenian Eastern Armenian Western Armenian

Official language of: Armenia

The Armenian language is an independent branch of the Indo-European family; it is an extremely precise language. The Armenian alphabet was invented by the scribe Mesrobe Mashtots in 404 A.D., to facilitate the creation of Christian literature, primarily to translate the Bible into Armenian. It contains 36 letters.

Literature written in Armenian appeared by the 5th century. The written language of that time, called classical Armenian or Grabar, remained the Armenian literary language, with various changes, until the 19th century.

Meanwhile, spoken Armenian developed independently of the written language. Many dialects appeared when Armenian communities became separated by geography or politics, and not all of these dialects remained mutually intelligible.

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

Armenian Alphabet:

	Eastern Armenian		Western Armenian	
Letter	Transliteration		Transliteration	Name of letter
Աա	Aa		Aa	Ayp
Բբ	Bb		Pp	Pen
Գգ	Gg		Kk	Kim
Դդ	Dd		Tt	Ta
Եե	Ee (ye)		Ee (ye)	Yech
Զզ	Zz		Zz	Za
Էե	Ee		Ee	Eh
Ըը	' (apostrophe)		' (apostrophe)	Uht
Թթ	Tt		Tt	Toe
Ճճ	JHjh		JHjh	Jhe
Իի	Ii		Ii	Ini
Լլ	Ll		Ll	Luin
Խխ	KHkh		KHkh	Khe
Տտ	TSts		DZdz	Dza
Կկ	Kk		Gg	Gen
Հհ	Hh		Hh	Ho
Չճ	DZdz		TSts	Tsa
Ղղ	GHgh		GHgh	Ghat
Ճճ	CHch		Jj	Je
Մմ	Mm		Mm	Men
Յյ	Yy		Hh (Yy)	Hee
Նն	Nn		Nn	Nu
Շշ	SHsh		SHsh	Sha

Ռո	Oo VOvo	Oo (VOvo)	Vo
Չչ	CHch	CHch	Cha
Պպ	Pp	Bb	Be
Ջջ	Jj	CHch	Che
Ռո	Rr	Rr	Ra
Սս	Ss	Ss	Se
Վվ	Vv	Vv	Ve
Տտ	Tt	Dd	Diun
Րր	Rr	Rr	Re
Յյ	TSts	TSts	Tso
Խ	Vv	Vv	Hium
Փփ	Pp	Pp	Piur
Զզ	Kk	Kk	Ke
Օօ	Oo	Oo	Oe
Ֆֆ	Ff	Ff	Fe
Լ	yev (ev)	yev (ev)	(Yev)