Hungarian

Magyar

Spoken in: Hungary and 10 other countries
Total speakers: 14.5 million
Genetic Classification: Uralic Finno-Ugric Ugric Hungarian

Official language of: Hungary, Slovenia, Vojvodina

The Hungarian language is a Finno-Ugric language spoken in Hungary and in adjacent areas of Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine, Serbia, Croatia, Austria, and Slovenia.

The dialects of Hungarian identified by Ethnologue are: Alföld, West Danube, Danube-Tisza, King's Pass Hungarian, Northeast Hungarian, Northwest Hungarian, Székely and West Hungarian. They are all mutually understandable to native Hungarians.

Hungarian is written using a variant of the Latin alphabet, and has a phonemic orthography, i.e. pronunciation can generally be predicted from the written language. The earliest Hungarian literature, dating from the 12th century, was in Latin. Texts in Hungarian started to appear during the 13th century. The first book to be printed in Hungarian was published in 1527 in Krakow, Poland. Hungarian literature flourished during the 18th and 19th centuries.

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

Hungarian alphabet

A a Á á B b C c Cs cs D d Dz dz Dzs dzs E e É é F f G g Gy gy H h I i Í í J j K k L l Ly ly M m N n Ny ny O o Ó ó Õ ŕ Ö ö Öö Ő Ő Ó ó P p R r S s Sz sz T t Ty ty U u Ú ú Ü ü Ū ū V v Z z Zs zs