

Countries which speak Portuguese

Around 250 million people around the world speak Portuguese. It is either an official language, or is spoken by a significant portion of the population, in the following 11 countries/provinces:

1. Brazil (S. America)
2. Portugal (Europe)
3. Macau (China)
4. Timor-Leste (Australasia)
5. Angola (Africa)
6. Mozambique (Africa)
7. Guinea-Bissau (Africa)
8. Sao Tome and Principe (Africa)
9. Cape Verde (Africa)
10. The Azores (west of Portugal)
11. Madeira (southwest of Portugal)

It is also spoken in:

12. Luxembourg (Europe)
13. Goa (India)
14. Galicia (Spain)



Examples of Portuguese: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uFkciZLnNU> (7 mins)

Portuguese is one of the top 10 most spoken languages in the world (in terms of population):

1. English
2. Mandarin
3. Hindi / Urdu
4. Spanish
5. Arabic
6. French
7. Malay
8. Russian
9. Bengali
10. Portuguese

Countries which speak English

English is either an official language, or is predominantly spoken, in the following 49 countries:

Antigua and Barbuda	Kiribati	Saint Lucia
Australia	Liberia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bahamas	Malawi	Seychelles
Barbados	Malta	Sierra Leone
Belize	Marshall Islands	Singapore
Botswana	Mauritius	South Africa
Canada	Micronesia	Sri Lanka
Dominica	Namibia	Swaziland
Fiji	New Zealand	Tanzania
Gambia	Nigeria	The United Kingdom
Ghana	Pakistan	The United States of America
Grenada	Palau	Trinidad and Tobago
Guyana	Panama	Vanuatu
India	Papua New Guinea	Zambia
Ireland	Philippines	Zimbabwe
Jamaica	Rwanda	
Kenya	Saint Kitts and Nevis	

- English has official status in at least 75 countries with a total population of over two billion.
- There are more people who speak English as a second language than as a first.
- About 750 million people speak English as a foreign language.
- 25% of the world's population speak English, at least a little. Many more are learning!

The difference between a “second language” and a “foreign language”:

1. **English as a Second Language (ESL)** – This refers to learning English in a country where English is widely spoken and used in daily life. For example, a Spanish speaker who moves to the U.S.A. and learns English would be learning it as a “second language”.
2. **English as a Foreign Language (EFL)** – This refers to learning English in a country where English is not commonly spoken or used in daily life. For example, a Japanese student studying English in Japan is learning it as a “foreign language”.

In other words, ESL learners are surrounded by English, while EFL learners are not.

Second Languages. The most spoken second languages in the world are:

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| 1. English | 2. Hindi | 3. French | 4. Mandarin | 5. Indonesian |
| 6. Russian | 7. Urdu | 8. Swahili | 9. Spanish | 10. German |

There are significantly more Spanish speakers than Portuguese speakers worldwide. Around 500–560 million people speak Spanish as a first language, with over 600 million total speakers. It is the fourth most spoken language in the world by total speakers. Whereas, around 230–260 million people speak Portuguese as a first language, with about 270 million total speakers worldwide.

Some differences in English versions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy-bd5AC-Ms> (3 mins)