## Amerindian Language Families

Actually, Amerindian languages do not belong to a single language family, but 25-30 small ones; they are usually discussed together because of the small numbers of native speakers of the Amerindian language families and how little is known about many of them. There are around 25 million native speakers of the more than 800 surviving Amerind languages. The vast majority of these speakers live in Central and South America, where language use is vigorous. In Canada and the United States, only about half a million native speakers of an Amerindian tongue remain.

Click on a language family to see a linguistic tree of that family and links about the group. Click on a language name to see a description and links about that language, as well as information about the Native American people who speak it.

Algic Amerindian Language Family
Abnaki-Penobscot, Algonquin, Arapaho, Atikamek, Blackfoot (Siksika,
Blackfeet), Cheyenne, Cree, Etchemin, Gros Ventre (Atsina), Kickapoo,
Lenape (Delaware), Loup A/Loup B, Lumbee (Pamlico, Croatan),
Maliseet-Passamaquoddy, Menominee, Mesquakie-Sauk (Sac and Fox),
Miami-Illinois, Michif (Metis), Mi'kmaq (Micmac), Mohegan/Pequot,
Mohican/Mahican, Montagnais Innu, Munsee, Nanticoke, Narragansett,
Naskapi Innu, Ojibwe (Chippewa, Anishinaabemowin), Potawatomi,
Powhatan, Shawnee, Wampanoag, Wiyot, Yurok; possibly Beothuk (Red
Indian)
Arawakan Amerindian Language Family
<u>Arawak, Ashaninka, Garifuna, Taino</u>
Athapaskan Amerindian Language Family
Ahtna, Apache, Beaver, Carrier, Chilcotin, Chipewyan-Dene, Gwichin,
Haida, Hupa, Kaska, Navajo-Dine, Slavey, Tlingit
Caddoan Amerindian Language Family
Arikara, Caddo, Pawnee
Cariban Language Family
<u>Carib</u> , <u>Makusi</u>
Hokan Amerindian Language Family
Chimariko, Chumash, Havasupai, Karuk, Kashaya, Mohave, Pomo,
Quechan
Iroquoian Amerindian Language Family
Cayuga, Cherokee (Tsalagi), Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca,
Susquehannock, Wyandot
Kiowa-Tanoan Amerindian Language Family
<u>Kiowa, Tewa, Tiwa, Towa</u>
Muskogean Amerindian Language Family

Alabama, Apalachee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Coushatta, Miccosukee, Muscogee Penutian Amerindian Language Family Alsea, Cathlamet, Chinook, Chinook Jargon, Coos, Klamath, Maidu, Miwok, Nez Perce, Nisgaa-Gitxsan, Ohlone, Tsimshian, Wintu, Yakama, Yokuts Salishan Amerindian Language Family Bella Coola, Chehalis, Coeur d'Alene, Cowichan, Cowlitz, Flathead Salish, Lillooet, Quinault, Saanich, Squamish, Snohomish Siouan Amerindian Language Family Assiniboine, Biloxi, Catawba, Crow, Dakota-Lakota, Hidatsa, Hochunk, Kansa, Mandan, Osage, Ponca-Omaha, Otoe, Quapaw, Tuscarora Uto-Aztecan Amerindian Language Family Cahuilla, Chemehuevi, Cocopah, Comanche, Diegueno, Hopi, Huichol, Juaneno, Luiseno, Nahuatl, Paiute, Papago-Pima, Shoshone, Tarahumara, Tongva, Ute, Yaqui Wakashan Amerindian Language Family Bella Bella, Haisla, Kwakiutl, Makah, Nootka Other Native North American Languages Aleut, Atakapa, Cayuse, Chitimacha, Inuktitut, Keres, Kootenay, Natchez, Timucua, Tonkawa, Yuchi, Yupik, Zuni Other Native Central American Languages Bribri, Cofan, Itza, Yucatec Mayan, Zapotec Other Native South American Languages Aymara, Bora, Guarani, Quechua