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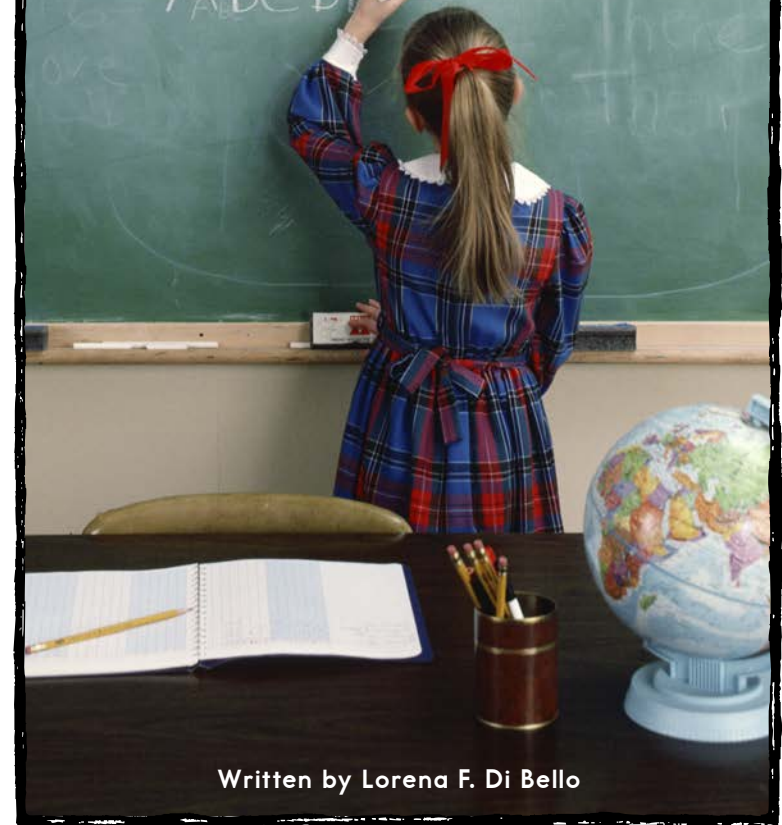
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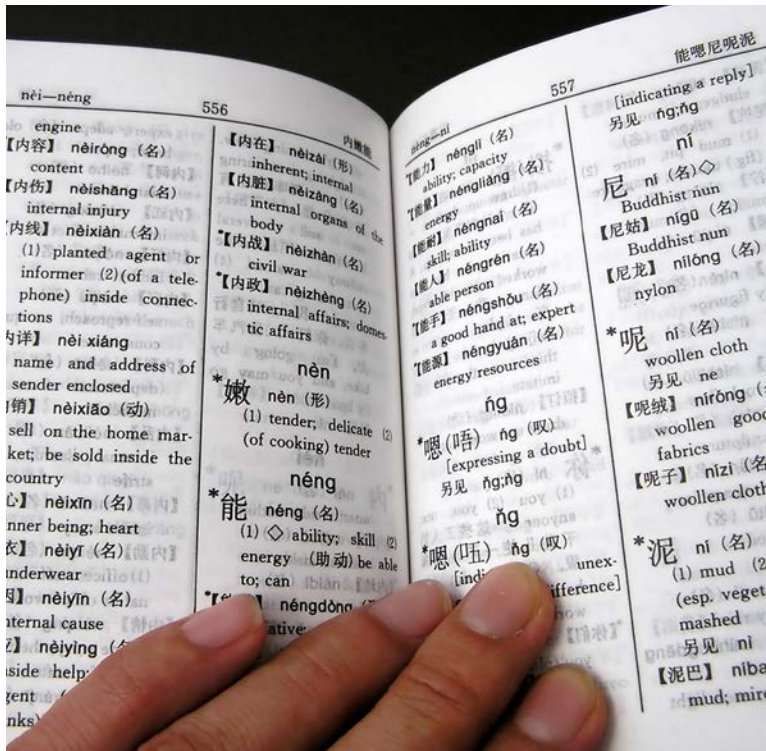
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## Pronunciation guide

bilingual (bye-LIN-gwal)  
 Hispanic (his-PAN-ik)  
 Navajo (NAV-eh-ho)  
 Nahuatl (NAH-wat-l)  
 Guarani (gwa-rah-NEE)  
 Quechua (KECH-wa)  
 Paraguay (PAR-ah-gway)  
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A person who speaks English and American Sign Language is bilingual.

## Introduction

What **language** do you speak?

Do you speak one language or more than one?

People who speak two languages are **bilingual**.



## French and English

My name is Andre.

I live in Quebec, Canada.

I speak two languages.

I speak French and English.

My teachers use French and English in many classes, such as reading and social studies.



## Spanish and English

My name is Manuel.

I live in New York.

I am Hispanic, and I speak two languages.

I speak Spanish and English.



My grandparents moved to  
New York City from Spain.  
My grandfather taught me to sing  
Spanish songs and play guitar.



## Cherokee and English

My name is Waya,  
and I am Cherokee.  
Waya means “wolf”  
in the Cherokee language.  
I speak two languages.  
I speak Cherokee and English.



The Cherokees are a Native American **tribe**. At home, my family uses special **keyboards**. We can write in English and in Cherokee.



## Navajo and English

My name is Doli, and I am Navajo. *Doli* means “bluebird” in Navajo. I speak two languages. I speak English and Navajo. My grandfather used the Navajo language to keep U.S. secrets safe during World War II.



## Nahuatl and Spanish

My name is Nelli.

*Nelli* means “truth” in Nahuatl,  
the language of the **Aztecs**.

I speak two languages.

I speak Nahuatl and Spanish.

Chocolate was first made by  
the Aztecs in Mexico.

Chocolate is a Nahuatl word.



## Guarani and Spanish

My name is Itati.

I live in Paraguay.

*Itati* means “white stone” in Guarani.

I speak two languages.

I speak Guarani and Spanish.



Members of the Guarani tribe play music and sing songs.

Guarani is a Native American language.  
It is spoken by most of the people of Paraguay.  
Over seven million people in the world speak Guarani.



## Quechua and Spanish

My name is Inti, which means “sun” in Quechua.

I speak two languages.

I speak Quechua and Spanish.

Quechua is the language the **Incas** spoke.

My mother, grandmother, and I speak Quechua as we **weave**.





Andre



Manuel



Waya



Doli



Nelli



Itati



Inti

## Conclusion

We speak two languages.  
 We are bilingual!  
 Are you bilingual?  
 Being bilingual makes you  
 close to two worlds.

## Glossary

- Aztecs** (*n.*) a group of people of Mexico in the 1300s and 1400s (p. 11)
- bilingual** (*adj.*) able to speak two languages easily (p. 4)
- Incas** (*n.*) a group of people of the Andes Mountains of South America in the 1400s and 1500s (p. 14)
- keyboards** (*n.*) groups of keys laid out in one or more rows that operate a computer (p. 9)
- language** (*n.*) the system used by a culture or country to communicate (p. 4)
- tribe** (*n.*) a group made up of people with a shared culture and land (p. 9)
- weave** (*v.*) to make fabric by interlacing thread or yarn (p. 14)