

VOA Languages

Today, VOA broadcasts in more than 40 languages around the world. Languages that pre-date February 1942 began under the Coordinator for Inter-American Affairs and the Foreign Information Service.

*Indicates a language currently on VOA's broadcast schedule.

Afan Oromo*	1996 to present	English to Africa *	1963 to present
Afrikaans	1942 to 1949	English*	1942 to present
Albanian*	1943 to 1945; 1951 to present	Estonian	1951 to 2004
Amharic*	1982 to present	Finnish	1942 to 1945; 1951 to 1953
Amoy	1941 to 1945; 1951 to 1963	Flemish	1942 to 1945
Arabic	1942 to 1945; 1950 to 2002	French (to Africa)*	1960 to present
Armenian*	1951 to present	French (to France)	1942 to 1961
Azerbaijani*	1951 to 1953; 1982 to present	Georgian*	1951 to present
Bambara*	2013 to present	German	1942 to 1960; 1991 to 1993
Bangla*	1958 to present	Greek	1942 to 2014
Bosnian*	1996 to present	Gujarati	1956 to 1958
Bulgarian	1942 to 2004	Hakka	1951 to 1954
Burmese*	1943 to 1945; 1951 to present	Hausa*	1979 to present
Byelorussian	1956 to 1957	Hebrew	1951 to 1953
Cantonese*	1941 to 1945; 1949 to 1963; 1987 to present	Hindi	1951 to 1953; 1954 to 2008
Creole*	1987 to present	Hungarian	1942 to 2004
Croatian	1943 to 2011	Icelandic	1944 to 1944
Czech	1942 to 2004	Indonesian*	1942 to present
Danish	1942 to 1945	Italian	1942 to 1945; 1951 to 1957
Dari*	1980 to present	Japanese	1942 to 1945; 1951 to 1962
Dutch	1944 to 1945	Khmer*	1955 to 1957; 1962 to present
		Kinyarwanda*	1996 to present

Kirundi*	1996 to present
Korean*	1942 to present
Kurdish*	1992 to present
Lao*	1962 to present
Latvian	1951 to 2004
Lingala*	2019 to present
Lithuanian	1951 to 2004
Macedonian*	1951 to 1955; 1999 to present
Malayalam	1956 to 1961
Malayan	1951 to 1955
Mandarin*	1941 to present
Ndeble*	2003 to present
Nepali	1992 to 1993
Norwegian	1942 to 1945
Pashto*	1982 to present
Persian*	1942 to 1945; 1949 to 1960; 1964 to 1966; 1979 to present
Polish	1942 to 2004
Portuguese (to Africa)*	1976 to present
Portuguese (to Latin America)	1941 to 1945; 1946 to 1948; 1961 to 2001
Portuguese (to Portugal)	1942 to 1945; 1951 to 1953; 1976 to 1987; 1987 to 1993
Rohingya*	2019 to present
Romanian	1942 to 2004
Russian*	1947 to present

Serbian*	1943 to present
Shanghai (Wu)	1944 to 1946
Shona*	2003 to present
Sindhi*	2022 to present
Slovak	1942 to 2004
Slovene	1944 to 1945; 1949 to 2005
Somali*	1992 to 1994; 2007 to present
Spanish (Latin America)*	1942 to 1945; 1946 to 1948; 1953 to 1956; 1961 to present
Spanish (to Spain)	1942 to 1955; 1955 to 1993
Swahili*	1962 to present
Swatow	1951 to 1953
Swedish	1943 to 1945
Tagalog	1941 to 1946
Tamil	1954 to 1970
Tatar	1951 to 1953
Telegu	1956 to 1958
Thai*	1942 to 1958; 1962 to 1988; 1988 to present
Tibetan*	1991 to present
Tigrigna*	1996 to present
Turkish*	1942 to 1945; 1948 to present
Ukrainian*	1949 to present
Urdu*	1951 to 1953; 1954 to present
Uzbek*	1972 to present
Vietnamese*	1943 to 1946; 1951 to present

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