

LING 390 – LANGUAGE MINI-RESEARCH PROJECT

Pick a human, real-world, live language that you don't already know a lot about to conduct mini-research on. Please try to go beyond your current knowledge and select a less-common language. Please try to avoid researching languages such as: French, German or Spanish. You cannot choose English. The point of this project is to investigate a language and apply the linguistic information to that investigation. This is not a full-scale research project.

How to pick a language:

- Think about location – find out what languages are spoken there
- If you have family history from a place, use that language
- Investigate different language families and select a language from a different family/branch
- If you have a friend/relative who speaks a language and you want to know more about that language, use that.
- If you hear of a language group in the news and would like to learn more, use that

If you need help finding a language to investigate, please ask. You will be asked questions on the problem sets and exams about your language, so please be prepared to answer them.

Intro of your language as Homework 1 [here](#)

Some useful resources:

[Wikipedia](#) has some great webpages on a lot of different languages. You can visit Wikipedia's lists of language entries that they have here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_languages. You can visit Wikipedia's list of language families with maps here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_language_families.

Ethnologue (<http://www.ethnologue.com/home.asp>) also has some useful information regarding languages.

Also, check out <http://www.aboutworldlanguages.com/> - there is some info here as well.

While you do not need to go beyond these resources, you may find other web sources or print sources. Please indicate where your information has come from (especially if it is not from these three sources). Either list the name and URL of a website, or give the appropriate APA style citation for other sources. DO NOT PLAGARIZE. Everything you write should be in your own words.