

# 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	Fulani*	2024 to present
Bambara*	2013 to present	Georgian*	1951 to present
Bangla*	1958 to present	German	1942 to 1960; 1991 to 1993
Bosnian*	1996 to present	Greek	1942 to 2014
Bulgarian	1942 to 2004	Gujarati	1956 to 1958
Burmese*	1943 to 1945; 1951 to present	Hakka	1951 to 1954
Byelorussian	1956 to 1957	Hausa*	1979 to present
Cantonese*	1941 to 1945; 1949 to 1963; 1987 to present	Hebrew	1951 to 1953
Creole*	1987 to present	Hindi	1951 to 1953; 1954 to 2008
Croatian	1943 to 2011	Hungarian	1942 to 2004
Czech	1942 to 2004	Icelandic	1944 to 1944
Danish	1942 to 1945	Indonesian*	1942 to present
Dari*	1980 to present	Italian	1942 to 1945; 1951 to 1957
Dutch	1944 to 1945	Japanese	1942 to 1945; 1951 to 1962
		Khmer*	1955 to 1957; 1962 to present

Kinyarwanda*	1996 to present	Serbian*	1943 to present
Kirundi*	1996 to present	Shanghai (Wu)	1944 to 1946
Korean*	1942 to present	Shona*	2003 to present
Kurdish*	1992 to present	Sindhi*	2022 to present
Lao*	1962 to present	Slovak	1942 to 2004
Latvian	1951 to 2004	Slovene	1944 to 1945; 1949 to 2005
Lingala*	2019 to present	Somali*	1992 to 1994; 2007 to present
Lithuanian	1951 to 2004	Spanish (Latin America)*	1942 to 1945; 1946 to 1948; 1953 to 1956; 1961 to present
Macedonian*	1951 to 1955; 1999 to present	Spanish (to Spain)	1942 to 1955; 1955 to 1993
Malayalam	1956 to 1961	Swahili*	1962 to present
Malayan	1951 to 1955	Swatow	1951 to 1953
Mandarin*	1941 to present	Swedish	1943 to 1945
Ndeble*	2003 to present	Tagalog	1941 to 1946
Nepali	1992 to 1993	Tamil	1954 to 1970
Norwegian	1942 to 1945	Tatar	1951 to 1953
Pashto*	1982 to present	Telegu	1956 to 1958
Persian*	1942 to 1945; 1949 to 1960; 1964 to 1966; 1979 to present	Thai*	1942 to 1958; 1962 to 1988; 1988 to present
Polish	1942 to 2004	Tibetan*	1991 to present
Portuguese (to Africa)*	1976 to present	Tigrigna*	1996 to present
Portuguese (to Latin America)	1941 to 1945; 1946 to 1948; 1961 to 2001	Turkish*	1942 to 1945; 1948 to present
Portuguese (to Portugal)	1942 to 1945; 1951 to 1953; 1976 to 1987; 1987 to 1993	Ukrainian*	1949 to present
Rohingya*	2019 to present	Urdu*	1951 to 1953; 1954 to present
Romanian	1942 to 2004	Uzbek*	1972 to present
Russian*	1947 to present	Vietnamese*	1943 to 1946; 1951 to present