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### Africa vs. Australia

The largest African languages have speakers numbering in the millions. These include Swahili (30,000,000 first & second language speakers)  
Hausa (19,500,000)  
Yoruba (18,800,000)  
Zulu (9,200,000), and so on.

There are over 800 languages among Africa's 52 nations, 200 of which have populations of 100,000 speakers or more. Although many of the truly minor languages will die, the biggest problem facing Africans today is the intrusion of English into many speech domains. However, language change is not language death.

In contrast, the very largest Australian Aboriginal languages have speakers numbering in the low thousands. These are (in descending order):

Kriol [Roper Kriol] (10,000)  
Kala Lagaw Ya [Western Torres Straits] (3,500)  
Aranda [Arrente] (3,100)  
Warlpiri (3,000)  
Pitjantjatjara (2,500)  
Yolngu-Matha (1,800)  
Tiwi (1,500),  
Alyawarra (1,500)  
Anindilyakwa (1,000)

There were over 500 languages in Australia when Captain Cook arrived. Nowadays, the number is 263, with well over 150 of these in danger of extinction.

### **Extinct Austronesian languages of Taiwan**

**Basay** North around Tam Shui to near Kungliao, Fengtzulin, Taipei, Sangchung, and northeast around Suao and east of Ilan. Alternate names: Kawanuwan, Basai. Dialects: Trobiawan, Linaw-Qauqaul. Classification: Austronesian, East Formosan, Northern

**Ketangalan** North central, around Panchiao and to the northwest, west, and southeast. Alternate names: Ketagalan, Tangalan. Classification: Austronesian, Unclassified

**Papora-Hoanya** North central coast around Lishui, Chingshui, Shalu, and inland to Taichung. Alternate names: Bupuran, Hinapavosa, Vupuran, Papola. Dialects: Papora, Hoanya. Classification: Austronesian, Formosan, Paiwanic

**Siraya** Southwestern, around present-day Tainan, from Peimen to Hengchun to Tapu. Alternate names: Formosan, Siraia, Siraiya, Sideia, Sideis, Sideisch, Baksa, Pepohoan, Pepo-Hwan. Dialects: Siraya, Makatao (Makattao, Takaraya, Tta'o), Pangsoia-Dolatok, Taivoan (Tevorang), Lamai. Classification: Austronesian, East Formosan, Southwest

## Extinct languages of Australia

- Aghu Tharrnggalu** Queensland, Cape York Peninsula, Laura. Alternate names: Kuku-Mini, Ikarranggali. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, Paman, Rarmul Pama
- Awabakal** New South Wales. Lake Macquarie, south from Newcastle. Alternate names: Awabagal. Dialects: Awabagal, Cameeragal, Wonarua. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, Worimi
- Banggarla** South Australia, Port Lincoln to the head of Spencer Gulf. Alternate names: Bangala, Banggala, Bahanga-La, Barngarla, Bungeha, Bungela, Pangkala, Pakarla, Pankalla, Parnkala, Parnkalla, Punkalla, Kortabina. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, South-West, Yura
- Dhurga** New South Wales, Bermagui to Jervis Bay. Alternate names: Dhu'rga, Durga, Thoorga, Tharumba. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, Yuin
- Dieri** South Australia, Leigh Creek. Alternate names: Diyari. Dialects: Related to Garuwali, Marrula, Midhaga, Yarluyandi, all of which may be Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, Karnic, Karna
- Gugu Warra** Queensland, Cape York Peninsula, west bank of Normanby River. Alternate names: Guguwarra, Kuku-Wara. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, Paman, Mbariman
- Guyani** South Australia Yorke Peninsula. Alternate names: Kuyani, Kijani, Kwiani. Dialects: Close to Narungga. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, South-West, Yura
- Kalarko**. Western Australia Fraser and Bremer ranges area. Alternate names: Malpa, Malba, Galaagu, Kalako, Kalakul, Kalaaku. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, South-West, Mirning
- Kungarakany** Northern Territory, Finnis River. South of Darwin around Darwin River and Rum Jungle. Alternate names: Gungaragan, Gunerakan, Kangarraga, Kungarakan, Gungarakanj. Classification: Australian, Gunwingguan, Gungaraganyan
- Malgana** Western Australia Shark Bay, south of Wooramel River to near Hamelin Pool. Alternate names: Maljanna, Maldjana, Malkana. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, South-West, Malgana
- Manangkari** Northern Territory, Cobourg Peninsula. Dialects: Close to Iwaidja. Classification: Australian, Yiwaidjan, Yiwaidjic
- Mangala** Western Australia Broome, Jurgurra Creek, Edgar Range, southwest Fitzroy, West Pilbara. Alternate names: Mangalaa, Mangarla, Manala, Minala, Djawali, Djuwali, Jiwali, Jiwarli, Koalgurdi, Yalmbau. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, South-West, Mangala
- Mbara** Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, Mbara
- Narungga** South Australia Yorke Peninsula. Alternate names: Narangga, Nanunga, Naranga, Narranga, Narrangu, Narrangu. Dialects: Adjabdurah (Adjahdurah), Turra. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, South-West, Yura
- Ngandi** Northern Territory, Upper Wilton River. Classification: Australian, Gunwingguan, Enindhilyagwa
- Nganyaywana** New South Wales, northeastern, between Inverell, Ashford, and Glen Innes. Alternate names: Nganjaywana, Aniwani. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, Dyangadi
- Nugunu** South Australia Gugada people to coast west to Fowler's Bay and east to Streaky Bay, eastern Spencer Gulf. Alternate names: Nukuna, Doora, Njuguna, Nokunna, Noocoona, Nookoona, Nuguna, Nukana, Nukunnu, Nukunu, Pukunna, Tjura, Tyura, Wallaroo, Warra, Wongaidya. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, South-West, Yura
- Wandarang** Northern Territory Arnhem Land, Roper River area. Alternate names: Wandaran, Warndarang, Wuyarrawala. Dialects: Related to Mara. Classification: Australian, Gunwingguan, Maran, Mara
- Wurrugu** Northern Territory Cobourg Peninsula. Dialects: Close to Iwaidja. Classification: Australian, Yiwaidjan, Yiwaidjic
- Yalarnga** Queensland around Burke River and Dajarra. Classification: Australian, Pama-Nyungan, Galgadungic
- Yangman** Northern Territory. Ethnic population: 50 (1983 Black). Eley Creek and Katherine. Alternate names: Jungman, Dagoman. Dialects: Very close to Wardaman. Classification: Australian, Gunwingguan, Yangmanic