



MANY **ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES**
↓ **ARE ENDANGERED** ↓

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Aboriginal Languages

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) counts a total of 87 Aboriginal languages in Canada. However, for various reasons, it is hard to know for certain how many there actually are.

Native languages are some of the oldest in the world, many dating back thousands of years. Unfortunately, the number of fluent speakers for many of these languages is rapidly dwindling. While some Aboriginal Canadians speak both an Aboriginal language and one of Canada's official languages as their mother tongue, others have only a passing knowledge of their ancestral language or no knowledge of it at all. However, Aboriginal Peoples are finding new ways to revitalize the use of their language through technological tools. To learn about one such community, check out the following video: [youtube.com/watch?v=XmCTEzD6HE4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmCTEzD6HE4).

Discussion questions

- Why do you think only three Aboriginal languages have a good chance of surviving over the long term?
- Why do you think it's important to preserve these Aboriginal languages?
- What can be done to ensure that these languages are preserved?