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# Languages Spoken in My Island Area

## In-Class Survey

Survey Statement	Tally	Total in Class	% of Class
1. I speak only English at home.			
2. I speak a Pacific Island language at home. (This includes Samoan, Tongan, and other Pacific Island languages)			
3. I speak Spanish or Spanish Creole at home.			
4. I speak French or French Creole at home.			
5. I speak an Asian language at home.			
6. I want to learn another language.			
Total number of students surveyed			

- Complete the chart below with data for your island and another island, using data from **Activity Item: Languages Spoken at Home, by Island Area**. Use "N/A" if people on your island or the other island you select do not speak a particular language.



	Percentage of population that speaks only English at home (5 years and older)	Percentage of population that speaks a Pacific Island language at home (5 years and older)	Percentage of population that speaks an Asian language at home (5 years and older)	Percentage of population that speaks Spanish or Spanish Creole at home (5 years and older)	Percentage of population that speaks French or French Creole at home (5 years and older)
My Island _____					
Another Island _____					
My Class					

2. Analyze the data for your island and another island. What are the similarities and differences? What could be the reason for this?

3. How does the percentage of students in your class who speak a specific language at home compare to the percentage of people on your island who speak that language at home?

4. Why do you think the government needs census data on languages spoken at home?



## Home Extension

Take your worksheet home and share it with an adult in your home. Share the percentage of people on your island who speak a language other than English at home and tell them how that compares to the percentage for students in your class. Discuss the importance of accurately completing your census form and how the government uses this information to allocate funding for things your island needs. Remind them to participate in the 2020 Census and make sure they count you!





## Activity Item: Languages Spoken at Home, by Island Area

### American Samoa

Language Spoken at Home	Population Age 5 and Over	Percentage
Population age 5 and over	48,908	100%
English only	1,921	3.9%
Pacific Island languages	46,100	94.3%
Asian languages	672	1.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, American Samoa

### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Language Spoken at Home	Population Age 5 and Over	Percentage
Population age 5 and over	49,056	100%
English only	8,354	17.0%
Pacific Island languages (including Philippine languages)	32,875	67.0%
Asian languages	6,897	14.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

### Guam

Language Spoken at Home	Population Age 5 and Over	Percentage
Population age 5 and over	145,069	100%
English only	63,238	43.6%
Pacific Island languages (including Philippine languages)	70,988	48.9%
Asian languages	9,192	6.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, Guam



### U.S. Virgin Islands

Language Spoken at Home	Population Age 5 and Over	Percentage
Population age 5 and over	98,905	100.0%
English only	70,864	71.6%
Spanish or Spanish Creole	16,994	17.2%
French or French Creole	8,541	8.6%
Other languages	2,506	2.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, U.S. Virgin Islands