

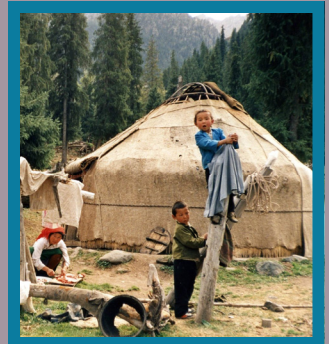
# TURKIC LANGUAGES

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**KAZAK** is a Central Asian Turkic language spoken by approximately 12 million people who live primarily in the world's 9th largest nation, Kazakhstan, and other Central Asian republics, as well as Russia, Mongolia and Northwest China. Since Kazak was made the official language (instead of Russian) following Kazakhstan's independence from the Soviet Union, Kazak is increasingly becoming an important means of communication in the region.



**KYRGYZ** is a Central Asian Turkic language spoken by approximately 4 million people who live primarily in Kyrgyzstan but also Northwest China, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan. Kyrgyzstan, famous for its towering mountains, epic poetry, and its vast water resources, shares much in common with its Kazak neighbors on the steppes to the north.

**UYGUR** (ooey-GHUR) is a Central Asian Turkic language spoken in Chinese Turkestan (Xinjiang) by 10 million Turkic Muslims. Uygurs share a cultural history with Central Asia Islamic societies such as the Uzbeks, and a complex political relationship with China proper. You will learn to communicate with Chinese minority citizens living at the cultural crossroads of Central Asia and China.



**UZBEK** is a Central Asian Turkic language spoken by 27 million people who live in the heart of Central Asia. Uzbekistan also share both a deeply integrated history with the Islamic world and a complex political and social relationship with Russia and other former Soviet republics. Studying Uzbek will give you a larger vision of the great Islamic and Russian traditions of the regions as a whole.

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