

How do you say 'hello'? Nǐ hǎo, hola, namastē and konnichiwa are just some of the ways that people greet each other. There are around 7,000 languages spoken in the world today, but what do the people in our village speak as their first language?

17
people speak Chinese
nǐ hǎo
[say nee-how]

Twelve of these people speak Mandarin, a dialect of Chinese, and five people speak Wu, Yue, Xiang, Min and other Chinese dialects.

3 people speak Bengali
as-salamu alaikum
[say as-salamu-alay-koom]

5 people speak English
Four of them are from North America

English is the most widely spoken second language in the world.

3
people speak Portuguese
olá
[say oh-la]

4 people speak Hindi
namastē
[say na-mas-tay]

4
people speak Arabic
marhabaan
[say mar-har-bahn]

2 people speak Japanese
konnichiwa
[say kohn-nee-chee-wah]

6
people speak Spanish
hola
[say oh-lah]

2 people speak Russian
privet
[say pree-vyet]

54 people speak other languages as their first language