


7. OFFICIAL VS. NON-OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

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- In large parts of the world, the official language is not even the language actually spoken today in the largest part of the country.
- Where the official language is a foreign language or a relatively new language developed from a ***lingua franca*** (#172), the official language is the language of just a few toponyms, or even none at all.
- In that case, the toponyms have been created in local vernaculars, whether these were considered a language, a dialect, or a sub-dialect.

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