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The following are the most important language families and phyla commonly distinguished, presented here in a more or less geographical order.

- a) The Khoisan family
- b) The Niger-Congo family
- c) The Nilo-Saharan family
- d) The Afro-Asiatic family
- e) The Indo-European family
- f) The Dravidian family
- g) The Caucasian family
- h) The Uralic family
- i) The Altaic family
- j) The Sino-Tibetan family
- k) The Austro-Asiatic family
- l) The Daic family
- m) The Austronesian family
- n) The Indo-Pacific languages
- o) Australian languages
- p) Palaeo-Siberian languages
- q) Amerindian languages
- r) Language isolates

These 18 different families/languages will be explained in more detail in the following pages.

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