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| Definition: | The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) classification for the languages spoken by Australians. |
| Classification structure: | The ASCL has a three-level hierarchical structure.  Languages are grouped together into progressively broader categories on the basis of their evolution from a common ancestral language, and on the basis of geographic proximity of areas where a particular language originated. |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The ASCL is intended for use in the collection, aggregation and dissemination of data relating to the language use of the Australian population, or subsets of the population.  Indexes in alphabetical and numerical order are available, see the *Origin:* attribute. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Origin: | Australian Bureau of Statistics 2005. [*Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) 2005*](http://www.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/abs@.nsf/66f306f503e529a5ca25697e0017661f/4293e19b52ac5377ca25703e00045c2e!OpenDocument). Cat No. 1267.0. 2nd Edition, Canberra: ABS. Viewed 29 July 2005 |
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