

The polish



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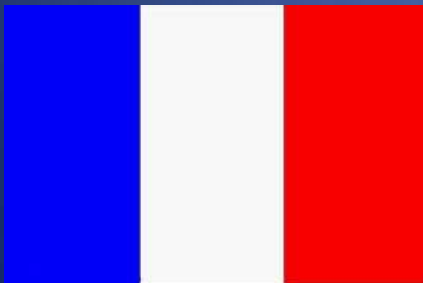
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The language

The polish is an slavic-indoeuropean language, talked in Poland for 38 million people and in many other countries.



The total number of speakers is 50 million people, in places like Belarus, France, Germany, Ukraine, United States and the Vilnius County, in Lithuania, where it is official.



Formerly, in Poland, the culture language was the Latin, until that at the X century , the polish started to form, but, it was from the XII century when it started appearing the first polish linguistic documents, and at the XV when it appeared the first treaty spelling.

Even the existence of the polish, the Latin was the ecclesiastical, administrative, diplomatic, scientific and literary language till the XVI century, when, with the Renaissance, the polish acquired relief as a literary language.



- Today, Poland is one of the most homogenous European State: nearly 97% of polish citizens declare polish as native language.

- The official language in Poland is the polish, but there are some more, like Kashubian, Romani, Rosin, Silesian and some dialects like the dialect of Niemodlin or theUkranian dialects of Podlaise.

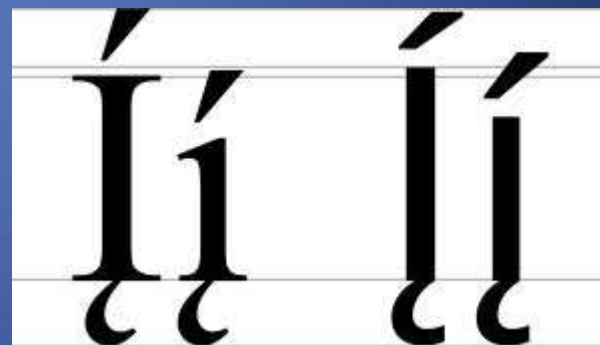


Polish grammar

- The Polish shares many aspects with most Slavic languages: declines (in seven cases: nominative, genitive, dative, accusative, locative, instrumental and vocative) and verbal aspects: the perfective and the imperfective.
- Polish alphabet has got 32 letters and 7 digraphs. Polish dictionaries include both spellings single and double in alphabetical order. In many dictionaries, the digraphs don't have a separate entrance, they just appears corresponding at one alphabetical place. The vocals are *a - ą - e - ę - i - y - o - u (ó)*

Polish Alphabet	
Aa	Ąą Bb Cc Ćć Dd Ee
Ęę	Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Łł
Mm	Nn Ńń Oo Óó Pp
(Qq)	Rr Ss Śś Tt Uu (Vv)
Ww	(Xx) Yy Zz Żż Źź

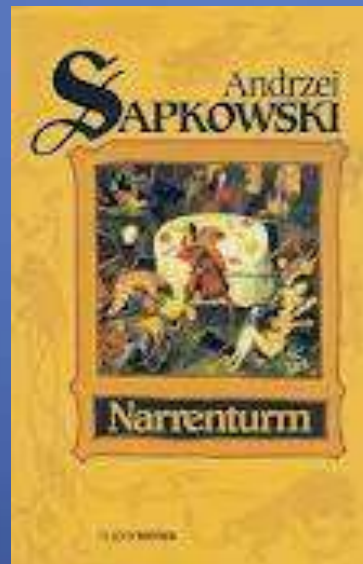
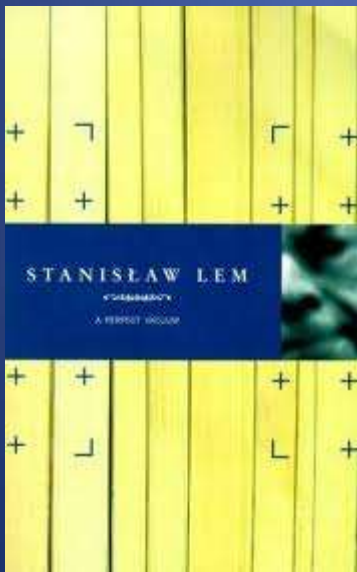
- That language has an diacritic mark called tail (ogonek in polish) with hook shape that they place in the lower right corner of the vowels from the Latin alphabet. It is used in many other languages (Lithuanian, Navajo, Western Apache, Chiricahua and Tutchone) and in the polish, it serves for nasalize the vowel.



Literature

- The most important polish books are:
- *-The invincible(novel):* it is an science fiction novel written by Stanislaw Lem in 1964. It became famous because it was one of the firsts using ideas of the artificial evolution. It has an unusual thematic in the work of Stanislaw Lem, going into detail about armament and war tactics.
- *-Narrenturm:* it is a novel that combine history and fantasy written by the famous polish author Andrezj Sapkowski and it is set in the XV century Hussite Wars. It is the first volume of the Hussite Trilogy.

- **-*Summa Technologiae*:** it is one of the firsts collections of philosophical essays from the polish writer Stanislaw Lem published the year 1964. This collection tries to deal with the problems of a remote future.
- **- *Perfect vacuum*:** it is a collection of literary and scientific fictitious reviews from the polish writer Stanislaw Lem, published in 1971.



Stanislaw Lem

- One of the most known writers in Poland is Stanislaw Lem (1921-2006).
- He was a polish writer whose work has been characterized by his tone satirical and philosophical. His books have been translated to 40 languages and he sold 27 million of exemplars.
- He is one of the biggest exponents of the science fiction genre and one of the few writers non English speaking who achived worldwide fame in that genre.



Polish Vocabulary

- **Some basic Polish words:**
- **Hello: cześć**
- **Bye: pożegnanie**
- **Thanks: dzięki**
- **Yes: tak**
- **No: nie**
- **Please: proszę**



- **Sorry: przebaczenie**
- **Good morning: dzień dobry**
- **Good afternoon: Dobry wieczór**
- **Good night: dobranoc**
- **How are you?: jak się masz?**
- **Welcome: powitanie**



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