



# Malayalam Language

The Malayalam language, spoken by the Malayali people in the southern Indian state of Kerala and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, is a rich and vibrant linguistic tapestry that reflects the region's unique cultural heritage. With its origins deeply rooted in the Dravidian language family, Malayalam has evolved over centuries, assimilating influences from various languages and civilizations, while also preserving its distinct character. [Languages of India](#)

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The history of Malayalam can be traced back to the 9th century AD when it emerged as a derivative of the ancient Tamil language. The earliest known literary works in Malayalam, such as the Ramacharitam and Bhadrakali Pattu, provide valuable insights into the early stages of the language's development. As Malayalam flourished, it absorbed vocabulary and grammatical structures from Sanskrit, which greatly enriched its linguistic and literary traditions. [Malayalam Language](#)