

## “Uruguayan Sign Language [[lgyy](#)] (A language of [Uruguay](#))

- **Alternate Names:** Lengua de Señas Uruguaya, LSU
- **Population:** 7,000 (Belloso 2009).
- **Location:** Scattered.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing).
- **Typology:** Finger-spelling system.
- **Language Use:** Used since 1910 in schools. Interpreters required in court. Instruction for parents of deaf children. Committee on national sign language, and an organization for sign language teachers. Also use Spanish [[spa](#)].
- **Language Development:** Literacy rate in L2: 50% in Spanish. TV. Videos. Dictionary.”

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