

## “Hong Kong Sign Language [hks] (A language of [Hong Kong S.A.R., China](#))

- **Alternate Names:** Heung Kong Sau Yue, HKSL
- **Population:** 20,000 (2007).
- **Language Status:** 6a (Vigorous).
- **Classification:** Deaf sign language
- **Dialects:** None known. 40% similarity with Chinese Sign Language [csl], 42%–52% similarity with Taiwan Sign Language [tss].
- **Language Use:** All domains. All ages. Positive attitudes. Also use Mandarin Chinese [cmn].
- **Language Development:** Literacy rate in L2: 70%–80% in written Chinese. Dictionary.
- **Language Resources:** OLAC resources in and about Hong Kong Sign Language”

Lewis, M. Paul, Gary F. Simons, and Charles D. Fennig (eds.)  
2015. Ethnologue: Languages of the World, Eighteenth edition. Dallas, Texas: SIL International. Online version: <http://www.ethnologue.com>.

### Related Research

Sze, Felix, Connie Lo, Lisa Lo, and Kenny Chu  
2013. Historical Development of Hong Kong Sign Language. *Sign Language Studies* 13(2): 155-185.

Sze, Felix  
2011. Nonmanual Markings for Topic Constructions in Hong Kong Sign Language. *Sign Language & Linguistics* 14(1): 115-147.

Sze, Felix  
2009. Topic Constructions in Hong Kong Sign Language (University of Bristol, 2008). *Sign Language & Linguistics* 12(2): 222.

Tang, Gladys, and Gu Yang  
2007. Events of Motion and Causation in Hong Kong Sign Language. *Lingua* 117(7): 1216-1257.

Mak, Joe, and Gladys Tang  
2011. Movement Types, Repetition, and Feature Organization in Hong Kong Sign Language. *Formational Units in Sign Languages* 3: 315-338.

Last Updated: February 24, 2015