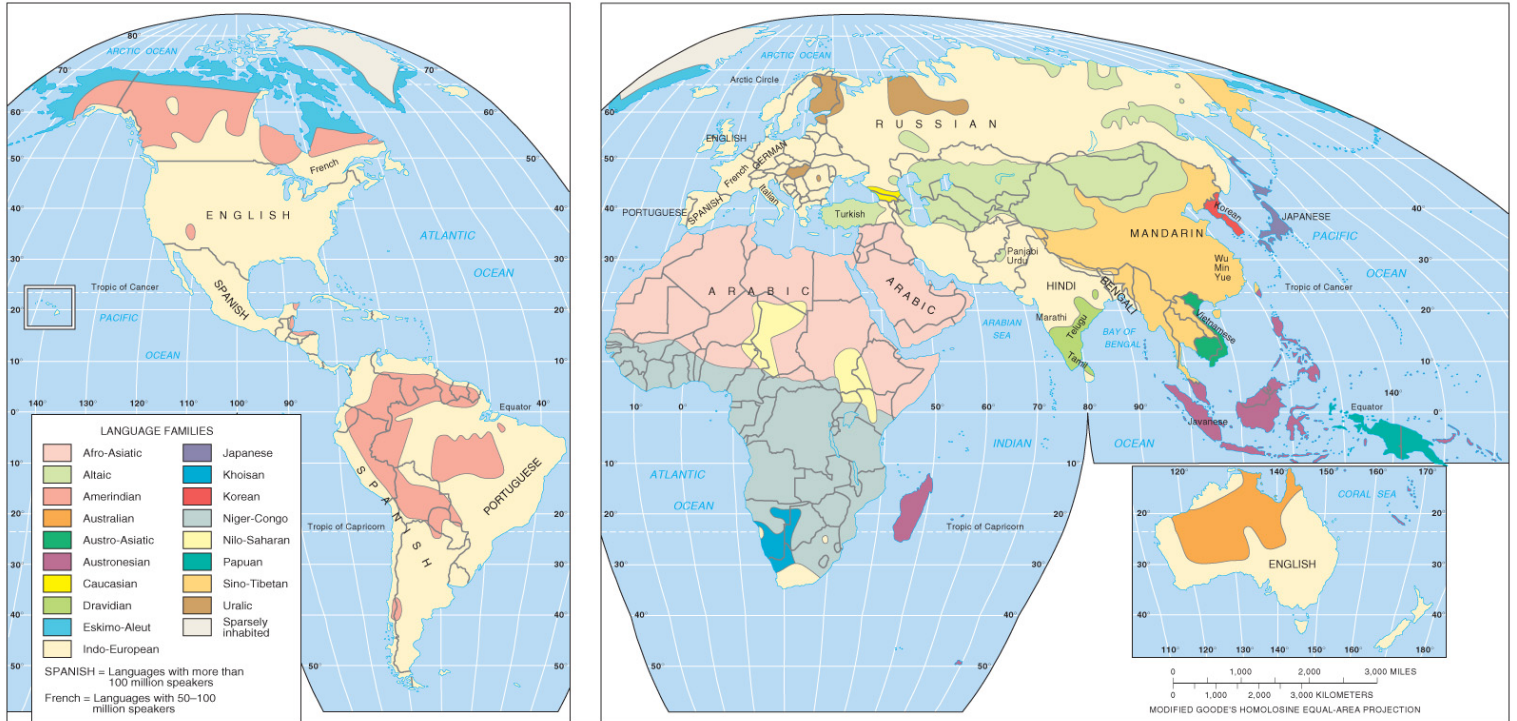


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**Title:** Language families.  
**Caption:** Top: Most language can be classified into one of a handful of language families. The map colors show the distribution of each family. Note especially the worldwide span of Indo-European languages but the relatively narrow diffusion of Sino-Tibetan tongues. Languages that have more than 50 million speakers are identified on the map.  
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