

“Bengkala Sign Language [bqy] (A language of [Indonesia](#))

- **Alternate Names:** Benkala Sign Language, Kata Kolok
- **Population:** 41 (2007 SIL). More than 1,200 Kata Kolok signers; about 50 of them are deaf (2011 C. de Vos). 40 monolinguals.
- **Location:** Java and Bali provinces, Bali island, Buleleng regency, Bengkala village.
- **Language Maps:** [Indonesia, Java and Bali](#)
- **Language Status:** 6b (Threatened).
- **Classification:** [Deaf sign language](#)
- **Language Use:** All domains. All ages. Positive attitudes. A school for the deaf 18 km away uses only Indonesian Sign Language [[inl](#)]. 2 Bengkala signers now go to this school and have become bilingual. There are 3 bilingual Bengkala signers.
- **Language Development:** Literacy rate in L1: 0%. Literacy rate in L2: About 5% in Indonesian [[ind](#)]. In 2007 a local school was set up for deaf children in the village which uses Kata Kolok as a language of instruction. Taught in primary schools.
- **Language Resources:** [OLAC resources in and about Bengkala Sign Language](#)
- **Other Comments:** In the linguistic literature the language is referred to as Kata Kolok which means ‘deaf language’ in Balinese [[ban](#)].”

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