

# language context

The net effect of various factors on which [descriptions](#) are preferred or acceptable to represent [SNOMED CT concepts](#) in a particular environment.

## Notes

- While national or regional [languages](#) are the primary factor in *language context*, local [dialects](#) and preferences for use of particular terms in a clinical specialty, organization or locality may also be significant contributing factors.
- *Language reference sets* can be used to represent preferences for use of particular *terms* in a range of different *language contexts*.

## Related Links

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