

# Language Planning

Language and Society

# The sociolinguistic distinction

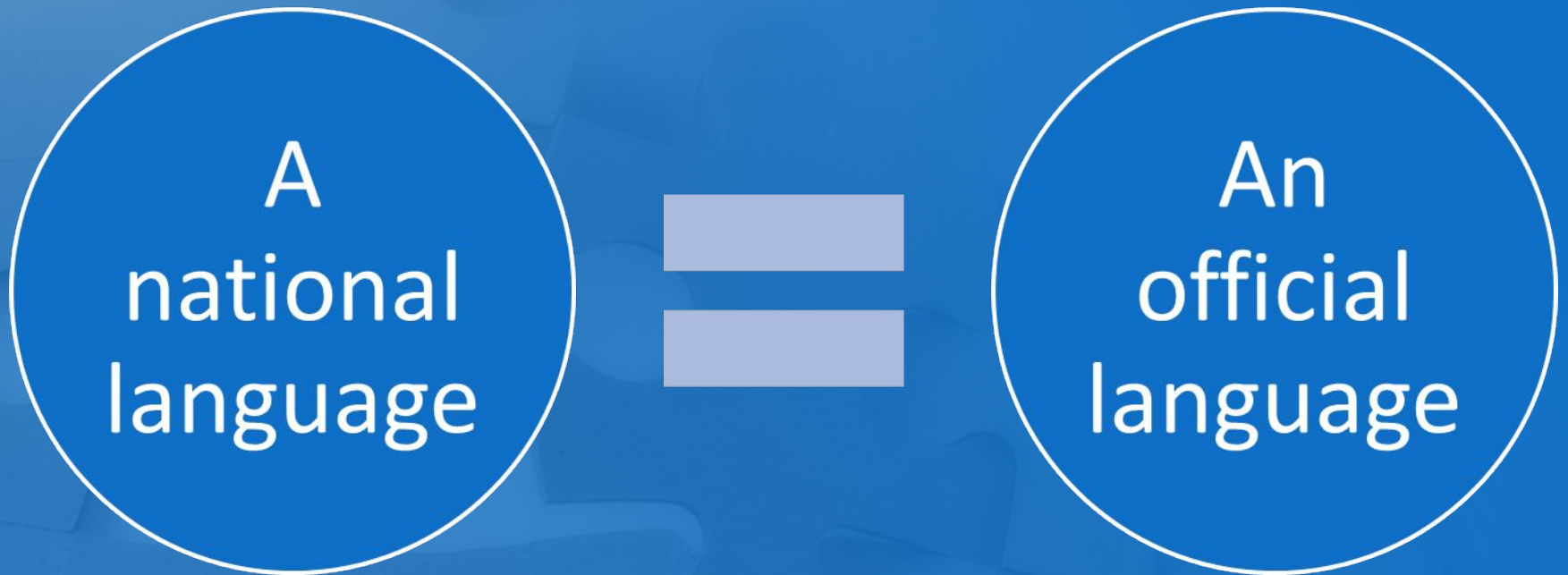
## National languages

- The ideological dimension.
- A symbol of national unity

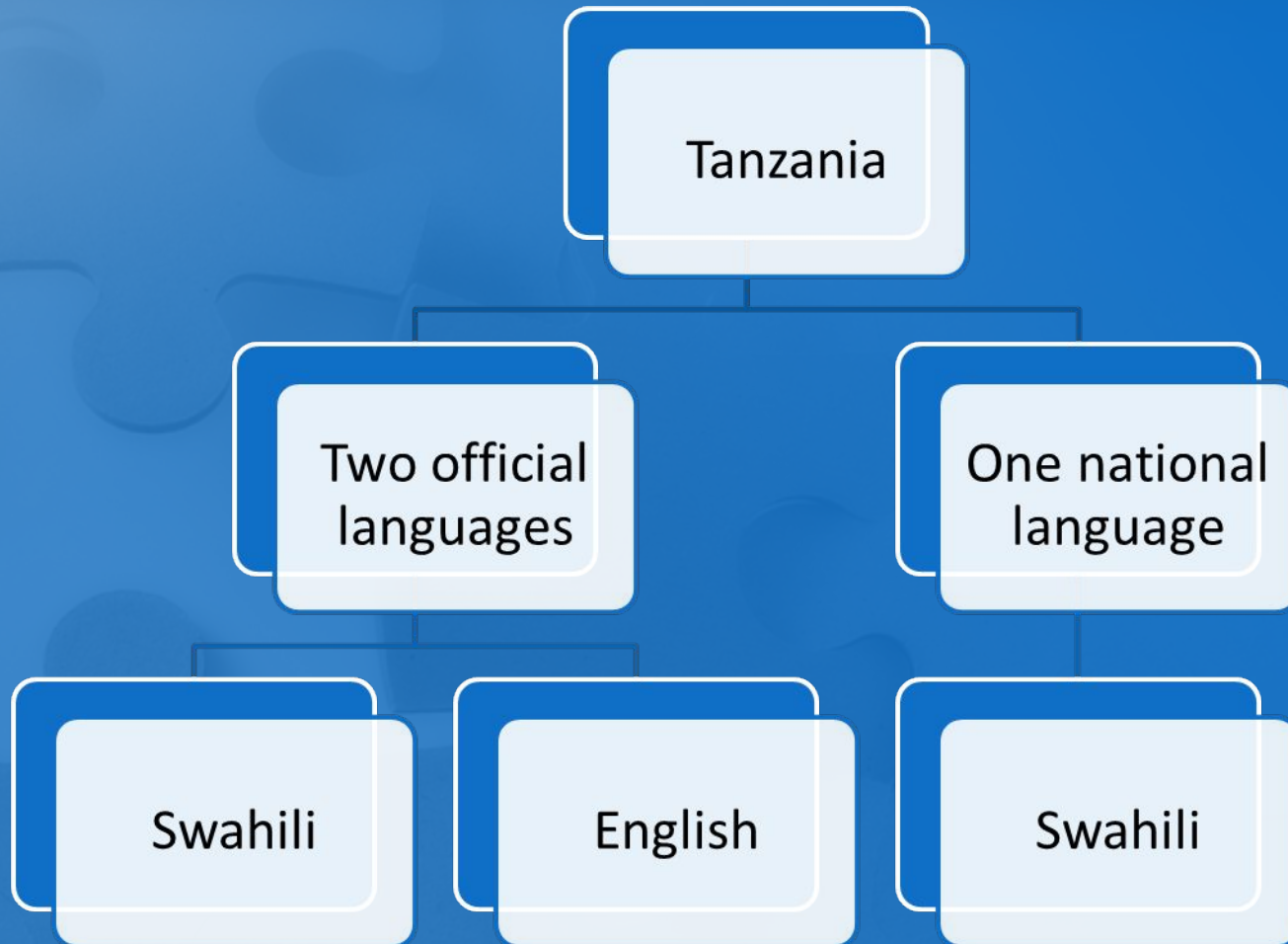
## Official languages

- The instrumental dimension.
- Used for government business

# In monolingual nations (as they way they see themselves)



# In multilingual nations



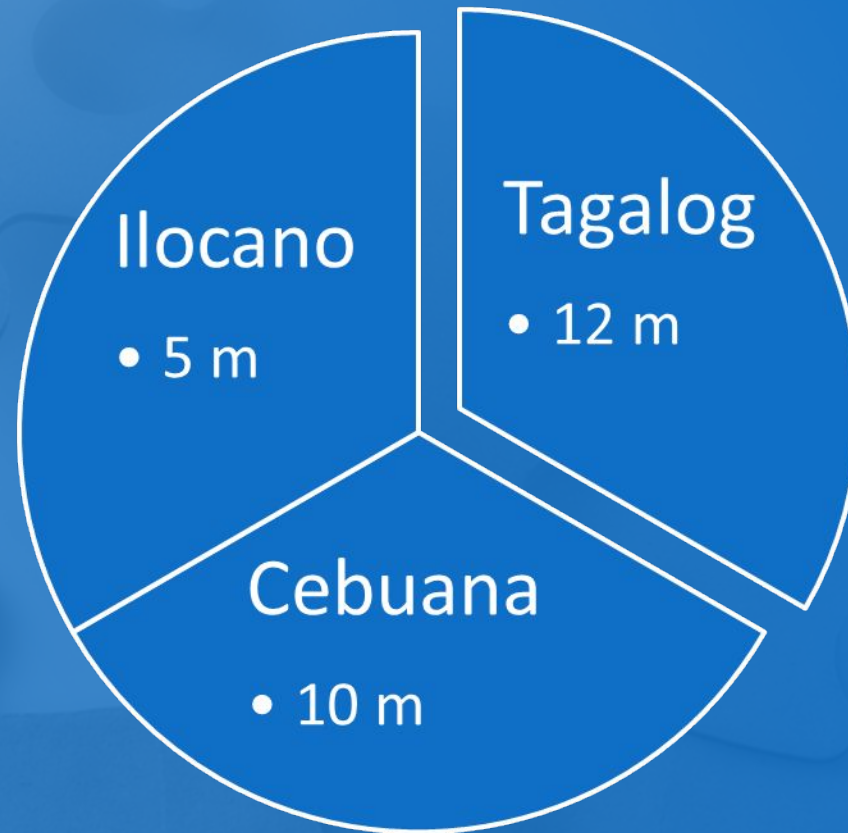
# Choosing a national language

- Political reasons
  - Nationhood
- The choice of a national language is problematic.
  - India-Hindi
  - 14 regional languages as official languages + Hindi and English

# Selecting a national language

- The majority rules.
  - A single dominant group
  - Danish (Denmark): 98%

# Selecting a national language: The role of political power



# Language Planning: Process

Selection



Codification

- Orthography
- Vocabulary



Elaboration

- Extending the use into new domains.



Acceptance





**QUESTIONS?**