

# 24.900: Fieldwork on the Mongolian language

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## 1 Introduction

Mongolian is the primary language of almost three million people living in the Central Asian country of Mongolia. It belongs to the Mongolian language family, which includes twelve other languages spoken in the region. My source for this assignment is Enkhmunkh (Enky) Zurgannjin. A brief bio:

Enky is a member of the Class of 2009 in the EECS department. Notably, he is the first Mongolian citizen to attend MIT.<sup>1</sup> Enky spent the first sixteen years of life in Mongolia, until he moved to the UK to finish his last two years of high school. Even after coming to MIT, he has spent a quite a bit of time back in his home country, having organized a college-preparatory program for Mongolian high school students in summer 2006, and most recently having worked as an ambassador for the Media Lab's One Laptop per Child project for Mongolia.

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<sup>1</sup>Source: <http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2005/international-0921.html>