

Choosing language settings

You may need to do several things to get the language settings you want:

- Install the required dictionaries.
- Change some locale and language settings.
- Choose spelling and grammar options.

Install the required dictionaries

LibreOffice automatically installs many language modules with the program. A language module can contain up to three submodules: spelling dictionary, hyphenation dictionary, and thesaurus. These are usually referred to as “dictionaries” in Writer.

To add other dictionaries, be sure you are connected to the Internet, and then choose **Tools > Language > More Dictionaries Online** on the Menu bar. LibreOffice will open your default web browser to a page containing links to additional dictionaries that you can install. Follow the prompts to select and install the ones you want.

Change some locale and language settings

You can change some details of the locale and language settings that LibreOffice uses for all documents or for specific documents. See the Help for details on all these options.

In the Options dialog, click the expansion symbol (+ sign or triangle) by **Language Settings** and choose **Languages**.

On the right-hand side of the *Language Settings – Languages* page (Figure 448), change the settings as required. In the example, English (USA) has been chosen for all the appropriate settings, but you could choose a mixture of languages. For example, if you were working in Germany, you might prefer the user interface to be in English (USA), but German (Germany) for the Locale setting, which influences settings for numbering, currency, and units of measure.

Language Of

User interface: Default - English (USA)

Formats

Locale setting: Default - English (Australia)

Default currency: Default - AUD

Decimal separator key: ☒ Same as locale setting (.)

Date acceptance patterns: D/M/Y;D/M

Default Languages for Documents

Western: English (USA)

☐ Asian: [None]

☐ Complex text layout: [None]

☐ For the current document only

Enhanced Language Support

☐ Ignore system input language

Figure 448: Choosing language options

If you want the language setting to apply to the current document only, instead of being the default for all new documents, select **For the current document only**.