Using paragraph and character styles

Changing the language on the Font tab of the Paragraph Styles dialog (Figure 43) will change the language for all paragraphs that use that paragraph style. If you will have whole paragraphs in different languages in a single document, you can use a different paragraph style for each language. For example, you might define Text Body-EN and Text Body-FR in a document containing paragraphs in both English and French.

See Chapter 9, Working with Styles, for information on how to manage the language settings of a style.
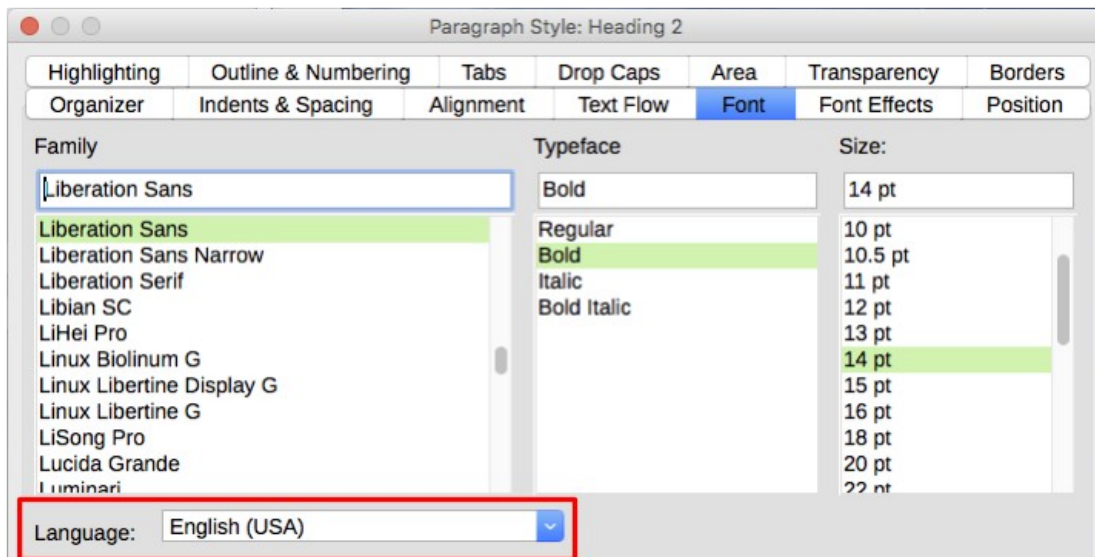

Figure 43: Setting the language for a paragraph style

Using the Status bar

You can set paragraphs to be checked in a language that is different from the language of the rest of the document by putting the cursor in the paragraph (or selecting more than one paragraph) and changing the language on the Status bar (Figure 44). This change affects only the selected paragraphs.

The language used for checking spelling is also shown in the Status bar, next to the page style in use. You can change the language for the paragraph or the entire document; click the language in the Status bar to pop up a menu of choices.
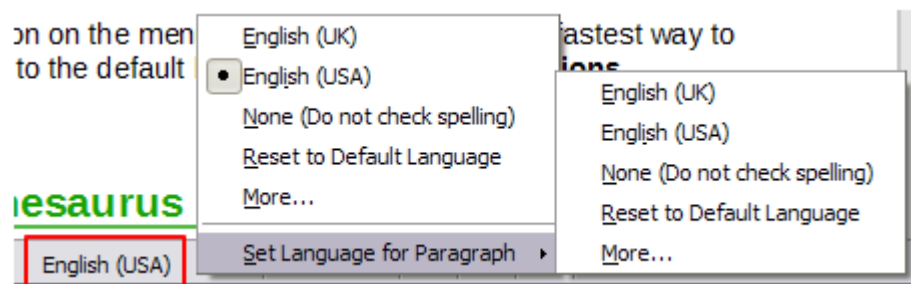

Figure 44: Language choices on the Status bar

The *Reset to Default Language* option on the menu and submenu is the fastest way to return a paragraph or the entire document to the default language set in **Tools > Options** (described above).