

SERBO-CROATIAN

COUNTRY: Yugoslavia

POST: Belgrade

A "write as you speak and read as you write" language.

Yugoslavia is a fusion of six republics bordering seven countries which makes for a wide diversity in approach, way of life, customs, cultures, language and history. It is not surprising therefore that there are three Slav languages in Yugoslavia: Serbo-Croat (the most widely accepted and spoken throughout the territory), Slovenian and Macedonian.

Within the serbo-croat language there are three dialects: the shto- kay- and cha-dialects. The shto-dialect was chosen the literary language in the nineteenth century and is spoken by most of the population.

There are also two alphabets: the cyrillic and the latin.

Pronunciation of Serbo-Croat is not difficult as there is one sign for each sound and there are as many letters as there are sounds.