

# QUECHUA

Quechua is an American Indian language widely spoken in Peru and Bolivia.

Main points of interest:

Ejectives, together with contrast between (pulmonary) voiceless unaspirated and voiceless aspirated  
Contrasting velar and uvular place of articulation.

See also K'ekchi (SoWL) for velar vs. uvular, and the [Amharic demo](#) for ejectives from a completely different language family.

See L&M, p. 35/36, for discussion.

Palatoalveolar

Velar

Uvular

Voiceless

**tʃ a k a**

**k u j u j**

**q a ʕ u**

Unaspirated

▶ “bridge”

▶ “to move”

▶ “tongue”

Voicless

**tʃ<sup>h</sup> a k a**

**k<sup>h</sup> u j u j**

**q<sup>h</sup> a ʕ u**

Aspirated

▶ “large ant”

▶ “to whistle”

▶ “shawl”

Ejective

**tʃ' a k a**

**k' u j u j**

**q' a ʕ u**

▶ “hoarse”

▶ “to twist”

▶ “tomato sauce”