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The short answer: WordPress has **two languages** chosen separately: the **site’s** (under Settings > General) and each **user’s dashboard** (in their profile). Changing the language does not translate your text; it changes the texts of WordPress, the theme and the plugins, if they have a translation.

What changes and where

What you want to change	Where
The site’s language (buttons, dates, theme texts)	Settings > General > Site Language.
The dashboard language just for you	Users > Your Profile > Language. Each user picks their own.
Date and time format, start of the week	Settings > General, further down.
The text of your pages	It does not change: you write it in the language you want. For several languages you need another solution: A multilingual WordPress site.
Plugins and themes without a translation	They stay in English, even with the rest translated.

Step by step

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Go to Settings > General and look for “Site Language”.

2 Choose the language from the list. WordPress downloads the translation files, which takes a moment. There are Portuguese variants; choose your audience's.

3 Set the date and time in the settings below (format, time zone).

4 Each person can have the dashboard in another language, in their profile, without changing the site's.

5 Update the themes and plugins to bring in the latest translations: **Updating without breaking anything**.

! **Changing the site language changes theme texts** (the "Read more", the "Leave a comment"), but not what you wrote. If the change left something odd, go back to the earlier language: nothing is lost. To translate pages with AI help, see **Translating your website with AI**.

💡 For Google to understand the site's languages, WordPress's language is not enough: **hreflang and duplicate versions**.

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Part of the site stayed in English and you do not know why? Open a ticket with the address and the theme's name.

📄 Open a support ticket →

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