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The 50 Words project: showcasing First Nations languages

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The 50 Words project (<https://50words.online/languages>) aims to provide 50 words from every First Nations language in Australia on an interactive map, with all words and associated recordings provided by a community member for this purpose. With 100 languages already represented on the map, and more in the works, this is a unique, publicly available resource which showcases First Nations languages and their diversity across the continent. In this talk I will present the project and its objectives and discuss some of the collaborative, community-driven aspects of its design.



Rachel Nordlinger is Professor of Linguistics and Director of the Research Unit for Indigenous Language. Rachel's research centres around the description and documentation of Australia's Indigenous languages, and she has worked with the Bilinarra, Wambaya, Gudanji, Murrinhpatha and Marri Ngarr communities to record and describe their languages and support their efforts to maintain and protect them.

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