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## LANGUAGE IN PANKISI REGION

In a linguistic point of view, Pankisi region is one of the most interesting parts of Georgia. Quite a lot of linguistic groups exist in this small region. They are: two dialects of Georgian language (Pshauri and Tushuri), dialect of Chachnyan language (Qisturi), Batsburi language (the same Tsova-Tushuri) and Ossethian language, which belongs to the Iranian range of the Indo-European family of languages.

Communicative language of people in the Pankisi region (they are: Georgian mountaineers, Qists and Ossethians) has become the variation of Georgian language, called Pankisian Koine, which is far from Georgian literary language and resembles two dialects of Georgian: Kakhuri and the dialects of mountainous Georgia.

The source of derivation of this, so called, Pankisian Koine is the intensive e tio