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Tepehua, Huehuetla

A language of **Mexico**

ISO/DIS 639-3: tee

Population	3,000 (1982 SIL).
Region	Northeastern Hidalgo, Huehuetla, and half the town of Mecapalapa in Puebla.
Alternate names	Tepehua de Hidalgo, Tepehua de Huehuetla
Dialects	70% intelligibility of Pisa Flores (closest).
Classification	Totonacan, Tepehua
Language use	Bilingual level estimates for Spanish: 0 10%, 1 37%, 2 25%, 3 10%, 4 10%, 5 8%.
Language development	NT: 1976.
Comments	They use a whistle speech (G. Cowan 1952, 1972), which distinguishes consonants and vowels of the spoken language. SVO; long words, affixes; nontonal. Mountain slope. Tropical. 300 meters. Swidden, peasant agriculturalists.

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