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**NAME**

locale - Perl pragma to use and avoid POSIX locales for built-in operations

**SYNOPSIS**

```
@x = sort @y; # ASCII sorting order
{
    use locale;
    @x = sort @y; # Locale-defined sorting order
}
@x = sort @y; # ASCII sorting order again
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This pragma tells the compiler to enable (or disable) the use of POSIX locales for built-in operations (LC\_CTYPE for regular expressions, and LC\_COLLATE for string comparison). Each "use locale" or "no locale" affects statements to the end of the enclosing BLOCK.

See *perllocale* for more detailed information on how Perl supports locales.