How does language work?



What does it means to have a command of language—do animals have it? Infants?

By examining the structures of the world's languages, we will discover why linguists believe in a "universal grammar" in spite of the world's rich linguistic diversity.

We'll also learn how to make the sounds of the world's languages from the clicks of Africa's Bantu languages to Native American ejective consonants.

This course is suited to anyone interested in language, how the mind works, or the characteristics that make us uniquely human.



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