

TALK:

Lang: We can talk here instead of reddit. Maybe. Just an idea. Writing our names before our comments, and putting a line between them, makes it more readable.

Arnvi: sounds cool! Or we could use the chat function built into google docs – but that only seems to work if we’re both on the document, and it seems like we live in pretty different time zones lol.

I like your idea for colors, but for the goal of an intensely small and compact language I would do something like “light” and “dark”. RGB works perfect though also!!

I also think that for the ease of working on this language more, we should define the differences between words and sentences, or rather give more accurate names for all of these things. I propose we refer to the phoneme/words as lexemes, and combinations of these as sentences.

I also think reduplication would be really cool for this language but its difficult because most of the vocabulary is consonants, which also makes me want to address the whole idea of speaking this language aloud and what that might sound like. I imagine it would be ofc pretty slow sounding but also, because of the potentially crazy consonant clusters i think we would have to establish like a neutral vowel sound that doesnt encode meaning (maybe /a/?). That way something like “very good place” which would when written be “prw” or “pwr” (not sure how like “modifiers” work) would be pronounced probably more like “parawa”

I think the best way to develop this further especially given that its meant to be a tiny language is to do some translation exercises. If u have any ideas, i dont! lol

Lang: Light and dark words sound cool. I think ‘o’ can be used as a vowel to sepperate consonants, because we are describing ‘it’ when describing a thing. I’ve done some translations in another document, and brought them over here. What should we name this language? I was thinking of “nowosol”, which means “not-much talk (thing)” or “small language”, or “solia” which means “all speak”.

Lang: Talking about time zones, I’m in the Eastern Daylight Time zone.

Arnvi: i love nowosol. I was thinking of the seperating consonant as being something that might not necessarily encode any information within the statement, like it would be moreso a feature of speaking the language because of the speed of the language, but technically it wouldnt actually have meaning. I do like the idea of using some vowels to

break up consonants that also give it meaning, like using “o” to indicate noun status. I also rly like using “sol” to mean speaking or language! I think thats very clever and cool. Are we into using digraphs or ipa symbols? In the phonology you say “th” and “sh” and in the dictionary you use thorns and eshes.

We also need to develop our grammar more. I like the absence of a past tense, and i think if we’re working on as tiny a scale of possible we can communicate a lot of grammatical concepts using consonant seperators and word order. The system of using vowels to add additional context to a word is really cool, and reminds me of a lot of semitic languages. Maybe a similar thing using combinations of vowels at different parts of the word could encode even more meaning? It would have to be pretty intuitive, but an idea nonetheless. An example of this might be using a pronoun lexeme in conjunction with the “o” to describe someone or something as something else – kind of a convoluted modifier system.

Also is our copula just sort of implied? Ive gathered that from the sample text but we should put it with our grammar rules. Theres a couple grammar rules that arent defined in there.

Lang: Yes! I am good with using IPA symbols. I’m sorry, but I don’t undertand some of this; I’m not a linguist, but I’d love to learn! I made the grammar as I went, so I know how to use it, but don’t know how to explain it. What grammar rules do you want me to describe?

Arnvi:

PHONOLOGY / VOCAB:

ɔ : it (o can be used in lexemes between consonants)

u : you

ε : i

a : all everyone

i : part separator

h : own / of (my thing - it of me - ohe /ɔhε/)

l : thought life

j : receive feel

s : do make ability

v : strength

r : good

p : location distance

n : not none

w : much

k : question

d : red

b : blue

g : green

θ : light

f : dark

' : future (ipa stress marker)

DICTIONARY

jɔθ : recieve-light : to see

lɔs : thaught-do : to speak / talk

jɔnɔr : recieve-not-good : to take / steal

wɔbɔθ : much-blue-light-(it/thing) : sky

wɔbɔf : much-blue-dark-(it/thing) : sea

GRAMMAR:

OVS word order with 'i' separating each in words.

O V S word order in sentences.

Mark questions with -k suffix.

EXAMPLES:

wəbɔ̌iθɔ̌jiɛ
big-blue-dark light-recieve me
I see the ocean

wəbɔ̌θiθɔ̌jiɛ
big-blue-light light-recieve me
I see the sky.

wəɔ̌lis'ia
big-not-life do(future) all
We will all do war.

riɛhɔ̌l
good me-thought
My thoughts are good.

ɛhɔ̌linɔ̌ɔ̌jiɛ
me-thought not-good-feel me
My thoughts scare/disturb me.

naria ɔ̌inɔ̌θɔ̌liuk . nal'ia ɔ̌isio . ɔ̌ivɔ̌liɛ
(not-good all [be]) . (not-live all [future be]) (this makes that) . (all-this i strongly-think)
Do you not see that the world is evil? I know, that because of this, it will die.