

Material for Linguistics Clubs

Practice Problems:

- NACLO:
 - 2007
 - 2008
 - 2009
 - 2010
 - 2011
 - 2012
 - 2013

- ILO:
 - 2003
 - 2004
 - 2005
 - 2006
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- Princeton archive:
 - <http://webscript.princeton.edu/~ahesterb/puzzles.php>

Movies:

- *The Linguists*
- *The Story of Human Language*
- *The Grammar of Happiness*
- *Project Nim*

Books:

Textbooks:

- Contemporary Linguistics: An Introduction

- By William O'Grady, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller
- (Textbook; available in 5th or 6th editions)
- An Introduction to Language
 - By Victoria Fromkin, Robert Rodman, Nina Hyams
 - (Textbook; available in the 8th edition)

Introductory book to linguistics:

- Biting the Wax Tadpole
 - By Elizabeth Little
 - (Excellent introduction to linguistics—about interesting features of languages and learning languages)

Books about language change:

- The First Word
 - By Christine Kenneally
- The Power of Babel
 - By John McWhorter
 - (Broadly, about historical linguistics and language change, but there are lots of interesting tidbits about different languages included as well)
- The Unfolding of Language
 - By Guy Deutcher
 - (About the evolution of language, and the evolution of complexity in language)

Books about language extinction:

- Spoken Here
 - By Mark Abley
 - (About language extinction)
- When Languages Die
 - By K. David Harrison

- (About language extinctions and interesting features of languages)

Books about writing:

- Lost Languages / The Enigma of the World's Undeciphered Scripts
 - By Andrew Robinson
 - (About scripts which have not been decoded yet)
- The Story of Decipherment
 - By Maurice Pope
- The Story of Writing
 - By Andrew Robinson
 - (Explains the evolution of writing, in the process explaining how many writing systems work)

Topical Books:

- Bastard Tongues
 - By Derek Bickerton
 - (About pidgins and creoles)
- The Language Instinct
 - By Steven Pinker
 - (In which he sets forward his view that language is hardwired into the human brain)
- The Universal History of Numbers
 - By Georges Ifrah
 - (Explains everything about the history of numbers, [almost no hyperbole {this book is very lengthy}])

Web Resources:

Constructed Languages:

- AkanaWiki

- http://tzirtzi.ipage.com/akana/index.php?title=Main_Page
- (A website for constructed languages, especially focusing on historical linguistics)
- Sentences to Test Constructed Language Syntax
 - http://fiziwig.com/conlang/syntax_tests.html
 - (A variety of sentences to test the capabilities of a constructed language)
- Virtual Verduria
 - <http://www.zompist.com/virtuver.htm>
 - (The most famous online constructed language project)

Numbers:

- Numbers in over 5000 Languages
 - <http://www.zompist.com/numbers.shtml>
 - (The numbers 1-10 in over 5000 languages)
- Of Languages and Numbers
 - <http://www.languagesandnumbers.com/numbering-systems/en/>
 - (Higher counting in many languages, plus books about many languages)

Orthography / Writing:

- Omniglot
 - <http://www.omniglot.com/>
 - (A website dedicated to the writing systems, orthographies, and languages of the world; indispensable)
- Sign Language IPA
 - <http://dedalvs.conlang.org/slipa.html>
 - (An invented phonetic method to write sign languages, analogous to the IPA for spoken languages; no system like this one existed previously)
- Type IPA Phonetic Symbols
 - <http://ipa.typeit.org/full/>

- (For typing the IPA without a special keyboard format)
- X-SAMPA
 - <http://www.theiling.de/ipa/>
 - (A commonly used, easier-to-type alternative to the IPA)

For Specific Languages:

- Ethnologue
 - <http://www.ethnologue.com/>
 - (The definitive encyclopedia of the world's languages)
- Open Language Archives Community
 - <http://www.language-archives.org/>
 - (More than 100000 language resources for specific languages)
- SIL Bibliography
 - <http://www.ethnologue.com/bibliography.asp>
 - (A large set of publications representing thousands of languages, many free and online)

Miscellaneous:

- Leipzig Glossing Rules
 - <http://www.eva.mpg.de/lingua/resources/glossing-rules.php>
 - (The definitive rules for making glosses of sentences)
- LINGUIST List
 - <http://linguistlist.org/>
 - (A website containing many resources for linguists, such as MultiTree, a mapping device for phylogenetic language trees, and lists of dictionaries in many different languages)
- LSA: Linguistic Style Sheet

- <http://www.lsadc.org/info/pubs-lang-style.cfm>
- (The formatting commonly used throughout the linguistic world)
- SIL Linguistic Resources
 - <http://www.sil.org/linguistics/resources.html>
 - (Software, fonts, glossaries of linguistic terms, etc.)
- Wikipedia
 - <http://www.wikipedia.org/>
 - (Free encyclopedia, 282 languages offered)