

Reddit Constructed Language Month
Program for May 2016
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RCLM 2016-01 Name and History - May 1 (Sun):
Topic
The name and brief history of your language. Proto-language, descendants, interesting history, geography, politics.
Exercise
Name of language, brief history and genetic relationship of language.

RCLM 2016-02 Phonology 1 - May 4 (Wed):
Topic
Develop the phoneme inventory. Describe some allophonic variation.
Exercise
Develop the phoneme inventory, allophonic variation, and dialectal variation, if any.

RCLM 2016-03 Phonology 2 - May 8 (Sun)
Topic
Intonation/tone/pitch accent? Reduplication, harmony, gradation? Stress? Syllable structure. Loanword methods.
Exercise
Develop the above, ***and*** show words that have different meanings or implications depending on the stress ***or*** show 5 loanwords from in-world or real-world languages.

RCLM 2016-04 Morphosyntax 1 - May 11 (Wed)
Topic
Basic word order. Transitivity, alignment system, tense-aspect-mood, questions, negative, copulas.
Exercise
Translate (with gloss):

- It's raining.
- The rain came down.
- The kitten is playing in the rain.
- Hasn't the rain stopped?
- Soon the rain will stop.

Also, develop the following (as many as applicable):

- transitivity
- alignment system
- tense-aspect-mood
- questions
- negative
- copulas

RCLM 2016-05 Morphosyntax 2 - May 15 (Sun)
Topic
Matters of intermediate complexity. Relative clauses, reported speech, binding, reflexives, irregularities, applicatives, causatives, conditionals, adjectives.
Exercise
Develop the above, ***and*** translate (with gloss):

- The child waited at the door for her father.
- I heard that the river will flood.
- Can your brother dance well?
- Where is he [the brother]?
- What will you do if it is found?
- On a sunny morning after the solstice we started for the mountains.

RCLM 2016-06 Lexicon and Semantics - May 18 (Wed)
Topic
Bulk up the lexicon! Word play and word meaning. Lexical gaps. Specialised vocabulary.
Exercise
Develop the above, ***and*** 10 dictionary entries with examples; use http://www.uld3.org/uld27/checklist1.html, ***or*** translate one or a few maps from the Conlanger's Thesaurus (http://fiatlingua.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/fl-000024-00.pdf) ***or*** record 20 words, pronouns, basic greeting phrases. If you have a script, post the script.

RCLM 2016-07 Discourse - May 22 (Sun)
Topic
How does conversation work in the language? How do people actually talk? Textbook/street jargon. Special matters of discourse - back channels, adjacency pairs. Telling stories/giving narratives. Politeness strategies, honorifics?
Exercise
Develop the above, ***and*** show a conversation between a street vendor and a customer ***or*** translate a fable from your culture or from the real world.

RCLM 2016-08 Sociolinguistics - May 25 (Wed)
Topic
Insulting, arguing, gendered speech, dialectal variation, profanity, debates, politics, pronouns, formality registers, language strife, prestige dialect, informal/elder/rural/normal etc.
Exercise
Develop the above, ***and*** show different class speech in contrast ***or*** show stereotypical speech of one or more subgroups within your world or the real one.

RCLM 2016-09 Special Topics - May 29 (Sun)

Topic
Music, poetry, road signs, artefacts, puzzles, riddles, advertisements, art.
Exercise
Make a creative work. A recommended work is /u/jayelinda's image challenges, located at https://redd.it/2m63im (for the first) and https://redd.it/2vulcl (for the second). Instructions located in the posts.

RCLM 2016-10 A Look at ReCoLangMo - June 1 (Wed)
Review of RCLM 2016.