

Advice for Professional Conlangers

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As a Conlanger...

- *Game of Thrones*
- *Defiance*
- *Dominion*
- *Star-Crossed*
- *The 100*
- *Penny Dreadful*
- Failed Show (2015)
- Other Show (2016)
- Possible Other Show (2016)

As a Conlanger...

- *Thor: The Dark World*
- Movie (2016)
- Other Movie (2018)

As a Conlanger...

- *Living Language
Dothraki*
- *The Zaanics Deceit*

As a Dialect Coach...

- *Defiance*
- *Star-Crossed*
- *The 100*
- Different Movie (2016)
- Possible Other Show (2016)

As a Referee...

- *Noah*
- Riddlesbrood Theater Troupe
- *Whispers From the Shadows*



[REDACTED] said:

[REDACTED]

I just stumbled upon your blog and it seems like you have a really interesting job, it seems to be so much fun how does one get into that if you don't mind me asking? :)



Anonymous said:

[REDACTED]

Hey there. I was just showing my friend your tumblr and talking about some of work you do and we were just wondering how someone get into a career like this? How did you realise that this is what you wanted to do and what you were good at? Thank you



“I don’t create
languages, but
getting paid to do it
for Hollywood
sounds cool. How do
I do that?”

1. What to do to get a job
2. What to do when you have one

1. What to do to get a job

Don't Be Picky

1. What to do to get a job

Support, Don't Share

1. What to do to get a job

Know Your Limits

1. What to do to get a job

Expand Your Limits

1. What to do to get a job

Perfect Your
Pronunciation

1. What to do to get a job

Portfolios!

1. What to do to get a job

People Skills

1. What to do to get a job

Caution:
Social Media

- ~~1. What to do to get a job~~
2. What to do when you have one

2. When you have a job

Claim Your Territory

2. When you have a job

Trust Your Skills

2. When you have a job

You Won't Win Every
Battle

2. When you have a job

Suggest More Work

2. When you have a job

Deadlines Exist Now

2. When you have a job

Praise Everyone

2. When you have a job

Do Your Best Work

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*Oku fi'ea ie ala
pokae heke'u ti ia.*

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/NEG INV-hear OBJ-
DEF place REL-PST-
DIF.SBJ begin-APL-PSV
INS 2SG/

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Don't forget where
you came from.

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