

You might be a **CONLANGER** if...

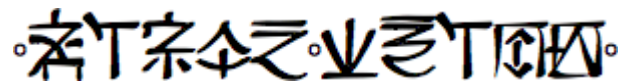
- ...you turn to the back of a sf or fantasy novel to see if there's a glossary.
- ...you're disappointed when aliens speak English in sci-fi movies.
- ...you think the world could use a neutral international language.
- ...you know what *Elen síla lumenn' omentielvo* or *Qapla'* means.
- ...you like to make up alphabets or words for your role-playing games.

So, what's a **CONLANGER**?

Conlangers construct languages as a hobby, as an art-form, or as an intellectual pastime.

Conlangers create languages based on pre-existing languages ("I wonder what would happen if Latin influenced Welsh?") or on original ideas ("I wonder what it would sound like if cats could talk?").

Conlangers use their **conlangs** in creative writing, in role-playing games, or simply as an art-form.



Conlangers sometimes want others to speak their languages and actively promote them (like Esperanto). Other times, conlangers keep their creations to themselves and see them as very personal statements.

Conlangers create languages for a variety of reasons, and *you* can learn to create your own!



The Internet has allowed the craft of conlanging to increase in popularity and conlangers to be connected like never before. With listservs, web sites, online bulletin boards, and even conferences, conlanging is now a vibrant creative force engaged in by a diverse and international community.

Intrigued? If conlanging sounds interesting to you, visit the **Language Creation Society** at <http://conlang.org>.



*Welcome to the wonderful world of
conlanging!*

