

Lojban

- kunstmatige taal, vgl. Esperanto, gecreeerd 1987.
- grammatica is gebaseerd op predicaat logica (objecten hebben eigenschappen)
- geen onregelmatigheden of ambiguïteiten in spelling of grammatica (dus computer kan de taal gemakkelijk parseren)
- de taal is ontworpen om cultureel neutraal te zijn
- makkelijk te leren en te gebruiken, vergeleken met andere talen

Doelen van de taal

- Sapir-Whorf hypothese
- algemeen onderzoek naar linguïstiek
- betere communicatie tussen mens en computer

Uitspraak:

- g always g as in gum, never g as in gem
c sh, as in ship
j as in measure or French bonjour
x as in German Bach, Spanish Jose or
Arabic Khaled
- a as in father (not as in hat)
e as in get
i as in machine or (Italian) vino (not
as in hit)
o as in bold or more -- not as in so
(this should be a 'pure' sound.)
u as in cool (not as in but)
o'h oohee

Genesis

1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

1:2 Now the earth was without shape and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the watery deep, but the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water.

1:3 God said, let there be light. And there was light!

1:1. ni'o la cevni co'a finti le tsani .e
le terdi

1:2. .i le terdi cu kalsa gi'e kunti .ije
le manku cu sefta le condi .i le ruxse'i
be la cevni cu fulta le djacu

1:3. .i la cevni cu cusku lu ca'e gusni
li'u .ije co'a gusni

Q: How many Lojbanists does it take to change a broken light bulb?

A: Two: one to decide what to change it into, and one to figure out what kind of bulb emits broken light

Pinker (1995): "When people think about / Spring/, surely they are not confused as to whether they are thinking about a season or something that goes boing -- and if one word can correspond to two thoughts, thoughts can't be words"