

# Conlanging Services

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*Constructed languages to add authenticity to your art.*

My conlang packages are designed to help you—a writer, filmmaker, game designer, or other creator—easily incorporate realistic, custom-designed conlangs into your art.

Whether what you need is merely a list of consistent-sounding names and their meanings; the translation of a spell for a novel; song lyrics for a soundtrack; or dialogue for a game, I will create a language that looks and sounds the way you want, and fulfills your own specific needs. My services are flexible: please contact me with a detailed description of how I can help.

## 1. Naming language: \$70

The names of your characters and places are important; knowing their meanings adds depth. Consistency respects the audience by lessening the need for suspension of disbelief. Above all, unique linguistic flavor lends both distinctiveness and verisimilitude to your created world.

- ⤴ a sound system customized to your personal taste
- ⤴ a list of rules for combining words to create names, taking into account any names you may already know the meanings of
- ⤴ a 300-word vocabulary of words frequently used in names around the world
- ⤴ 1,000 randomly generated extra words (more available for \$5 per 2,000)

## 2. Basic: \$150

Grammar sufficient for translating simple passages, such as brief dialogues, spells, songs, or proverbs. Includes everything included in package 1 plus:

- ⤴ the grammar itself, in brief (technical) form
- ⤴ notes on common forms for poetry/spells if applicable
- ⤴ 200 (English) words' worth of translation
- ⤴ the vocabulary created for your translation

## 3. Expanded: \$250 (or \$100 if you have already purchased package 2)

An expanded version of package 2, for more complex translation needs—for example, extensive dialogues or long passages. Includes all of the above plus:

- ⤴ a more complete grammar
- ⤴ an additional 200 words of translation

#### 4. Extensive: \$500 and up, please inquire

A substantial, speakable language including all of the above plus:

- ⤴ a 2,000-plus-word two-way PDF dictionary
- ⤴ a basic phrase book of common phrases (and slang, if desired)
- ⤴ a “teach yourself” style grammar
- ⤴ audio recordings (subject to availability)

#### Additional Options

- ⤴ A basic phrasebook of common phrases: \$20
- ⤴ A “teach yourself” style grammar designed for the layman: \$50
- ⤴ Translations beyond what is included in the basic packages: \$10 per about 20 English words (you’ll also receive updated copies of the grammar and vocabulary as they are added to)
- ⤴ Audio recordings: \$10 and up; please inquire
- ⤴ Matching existing language samples: \$5 and up; please inquire
- ⤴ The source code for the Python program used to generate your vocabulary: \$10
- ⤴ Live coaching via Skype: \$50/hour, subject to availability

***Conlangs based on real languages will incur extra costs due to the research required. Please inquire!***

#### Grammatical Difficulty

The grammatical difficulty of a language is relative, but my baseline is *“how hard would this be to master, for someone who is familiar only with English and common European languages like Spanish, French and German?”*

Unless you specify an **easy-to-learn** language, which would contain minimal unfamiliar concepts, you’ll get a language of **average difficulty**, containing a mix of familiar and unfamiliar elements.

A **difficult to very difficult** language will be substantially different from English or European languages (though still drawing from patterns found in real human languages). Please inquire about additional costs.