

LEARN LOJBAN!

How often have *you* been confused by what mundanes say to you? In Lojban, you can be as clear as you need to be. Lojban is a language designed for unambiguous communication between people or between a person and a computer. (We're still working on the computer parts.)

Consider the sentence:

I shot an elephant in my pajamas.

What he was doing in my pajamas, I'll *never* know, as Groucho says. Of course, the trouble here is that "in my pajamas" refers to your shooting, *not* to the elephant. But English (as well as other natural languages) doesn't make that clear.

In Lojban, there are two versions of this sentence:

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mi cecla catra lo xanto pe ne'i lemi nicta taxfu
I shot- killed (an elephant which is-in my night clothes).
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That's the silly one, as opposed to:

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mi cecla catra lo xanto ne'i lemi nicta taxfu
I shot- killed (an elephant) being-in my night clothes.
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That's the sensible (but not funny) one. One little word "pe" makes all the difference. Don't worry, this doesn't mean that Lojban has no jokes!

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That's "new language" in Lojban, a new and more logical language.
(Pronounce it "LOZH-bahn").

Are you interested in new ways of communicating? Do you feel creatively oppressed by the weight of the English language? Check out Lojban! It began in a single person's brain, and has now spread to millions of people. (Well, hundreds, anyhow.)

Do you want to write the Great American Novel? Write it in Lojban!
How about epic poetry? Every language needs its founding epic, but Lojban doesn't have one yet. You could be the Shakespeare of a new language!

Too grandiose for you? How about limericks? Lojban, like English, is very easy to twist into limericks, like this one by Chris Bogart:

mi rau cidjrsuci cu ponse	I have enough sushi.
.i citka ri calenu ponytse	I eat it sitting Japanese-style.
.i cortu le cidni	The pain in my knees
noi na korcu di'i	which are not usually bent
.i badri felenu miponsei	makes me sad that I am un-Japanese.

(Say it like this:

Mee ROW* shee-jurr-SOO-shee shoo POHN-seh
Ee SHEET-kah ree SHA-leh-noo POHN-ut-seh
Ee SHOR-too leh SHEED-nee
noy NAH kohr-shoo DEE-hee
Ee BAHD-ree feh-LEH-noo mee POHN-say.

*This word rhymes with *how*, not with *hoe*.)

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