

Watch these films:

Project Nim



Can Chimpanzees learn language? This film documents a linguistic experiment done in the 1970s that tested just that! A chimpanzee called Nim is brought up as a human child and he is taught sign language – would he learn grammar like human children? How sophisticated would his language become? Fascinating but a little sad

Mockingbird Don't Sing

Can humans who have been deprived of all human contact ever learn to speak? This film is a dramatisation of a true story – a little girl brought up in an abusive home where she is punished for speaking. Horrific. She was discovered age 13 and linguists tried to teach her language. But was it just too late?

Arrival

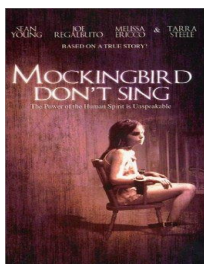


Can a linguist learn to communicate with an alien species?

It's genuinely more linguistic than you think – read this:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/films/features/arrival-jessica-coon-linguist-amy-adams-donald-trump-language-a7640106.html>

The King's Speech



Can a King with a very noticeable stammer learn to conquer his anxiety and speech impediment after coaching from a specialist. Based on a true story But how linguistically accurate is it? Read this:

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/oscar-or-not-the-kings-speech-teaches-about-stuttering-201102271582>

Social Network



A true story that documents how Facebook was formed and how social media changed how we communicate. The film makes you think about the new ways that we use language in technical contexts and how we talk to each other online.
Read more:

<https://linguagrec.com/blog/2014/08/how-social-media-is-changing-language/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2XVdDSJHqY>

Here are more movies with some language focus:

<https://k-international.com/blog/movies-about-languages/>

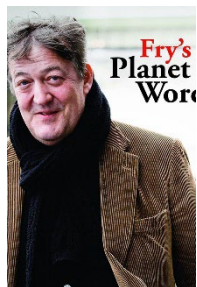
Research the invented Dothraki language in Game of Thrones!

<https://www.babbel.com/en/magazine/the-invented-languages-in-game-of-thrones>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VyxsplDQB8>

Watch these Documentaries:

Stephen Fry's Planet Word



Brilliant documentary series on all aspects of language – from how babies learn to speak to accents and dialects or why we swear! All episode available online, or DVD is available to buy. Truly fascinating and fun to watch!

The Secret Life of Four Year Olds or Five Year Olds



Brilliant documentary series on how children learn to interact with others in the world around them. Learning to use language is a key part of this – watch and see how children learn to acquire words and those all-important social skills

Listen to these Podcasts:

Something Rhymes with Purple



Something Rhymes with Purple is a **podcast** about **words** and language. It's hosted by Susie Dent, the star of dictionary corner on 8/10 Cats Does Countdown and author, broadcaster and ex MP Gyles Brandreth. (Susie Dent is at Chester Literature Festival, November 2020 – get tickets!)

Word of Mouth



Word of Mouth is a series exploring the world of words and the ways in which we use them. Recent episodes are on the language of the NHS, the language of lying, Anglo Saxon word origins, the language of science, the most powerful word in the English language and much more.....

The Language Revolution



The Language Revolution podcast is about changing attitudes to languages in the UK. There is information on bilingualism, child language acquisition, grammar, poetry and more!

Watch these TED Talks:

https://www.ted.com/talks/patricia_kuhl_the_linguistic_genius_of_babies?language=en

https://www.ted.com/talks/lera_boroditsky_how_language_shapes_the_way_we_think?language=en

https://www.ted.com/talks/david_peterson_why_language_is_humanity_s_greatest_invention

https://www.ted.com/talks/claire_bowern_where_did_english_come_from

https://www.ted.com/talks/steven_pinker_what_our_language_habits_reveal

https://www.ted.com/talks/andreea_s_calude_does_grammar_matter

https://www.ted.com/talks/john_koenig_beautiful_new_words_to_describe_obscure_emotions

https://www.ted.com/talks/anne_curzan_what_makes_a_word_real

https://www.ted.com/talks/suzanne_talhok_don_t_kill_your_language

https://www.ted.com/talks/karina_galperin_should_we_simplify_spelling

https://www.ted.com/talks/john_mcwhorter_txtng_is_killing_language_jk

https://www.ted.com/talks/jamila_lyiscott_3_ways_to_speak_english

https://www.ted.com/talks/safwat_saleem_why_i_keep_speaking_up_even_when_people_mock_my_accent

Watch these Online Videos:

Language as a window to understanding the brain:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-B_ONJIEcE

The History of English: <https://t.co/7boKtMl6wm>

What is Language?: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwG9SNeCof8#action=share>

Language and Creativity: https://youtu.be/-64_QUUjEv8

Shakespeare, the original pronunciation: <https://youtu.be/gPlpphT7n9s>

A Brief History of Emoji: https://youtu.be/_tTXLuZHYf4

Narrative in Journalism and Politics: https://youtu.be/iCP_ifjRZgA

Why do we swear?: https://youtu.be/TsFm-pN_XJO

Why did English become an International Language?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqDFPU9YeQM>

Child Language Acquisition: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs_Mjl08-Eo

How children learn Language: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ir7arILiqxg>

Child Directed Speech: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xuovu3Uk3dc>

Child Language Acquisition Theories: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jr_hK2Owq8o

**We hope you become as fascinated
by Linguistics as we are!**

