LANGUAGE connects and changes our world

Discover different linguistic realities in six themed rooms. Create your personal language portrait, try your hand at untranslatable words, test your knowledge of bureaucratic German, and boost your mood with an affirmation from our Courage Machine.

Language is something you can hear, see, and experience. Lexi, the little blue creature, and a few other colourful friends guide children and curious adults through the exhibition. Together, you can find out what language is, guess where everyday words come from, and invent new words for the future.





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Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays 10 am – 6 pm
Every third Wednesday of the month 9 am – 8 pm
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Easter Monday and Whit Monday

Entrance ticket
8 euros, reduced 4 euros
free entry for persons under 18 Jahre

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Explore and experience the wonderful world of LANGUAGE

An exhibition about language?! Nothing seems as everyday, yet relevant at the same time. And Chat, we are here for it.

Language affects us all. It reveals how our society works. New media, mobility, and migration keep it in flux. We're finding new ways to be multilingual, our cities now speak more languages than their street signs, and AI is breaking down some language barriers faster than ever. Yet, there's a parallel reality: We are losing languages at an alarming pace; thousands of languages are at risk of disappearing by the end of this century.

Language is also our greatest creative tool. We use it to express who we are, what we think, and what we're obsessed with this week. A single word can empower a generation; others are used to polarise, misinform, and cause harm. This is where the Real Talk begins. Whatever language you speak, this exhibition invites you to explore how language, identity, and power are tied together.

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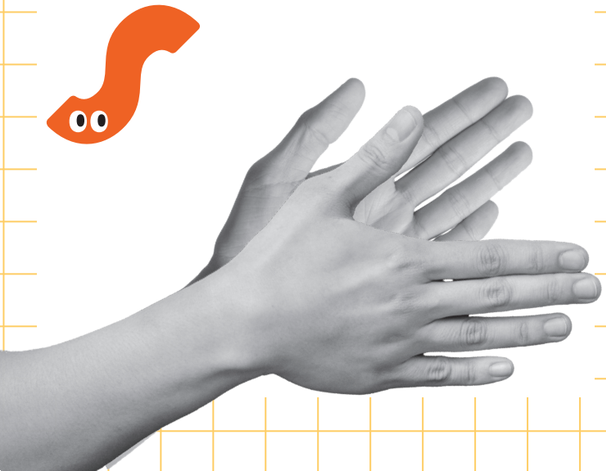
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LANGUAGE WORLDS

How does the brain process a word? Why can't we speak to animals? And what exactly is a language family? Join us on a journey to uncover the origins of language! Explore how language connects us, from ancient myths and legends to the knowledge that we share today.

DIVERSITY

Did you know that people were already multilingual more than 4,000 years ago? Travel through the diversity of languages from ancient coins to lullabies from present-day Berlin. Then it's off to fantasy worlds, where you can learn a few phrases in Elvish and Klingon.





» LANGUAGE IS A WEAPON, KEEP IT SHARP. «

Kurt Tucholsky

IDENTITIES

Language shapes who we are. Travel back in time to find out what slang was popular in the 1900s and in the early 2000s (Cringe, but make it nostalgic). Explore personal language biographies and see how closely language is tied to our identity.

CONTACT

We bet the first foreign words you ever learned are swear words – don't deny it, we've all been there, even 500 years ago! Explore how we have crossed language barriers, then and now. In translation and interpreting, it's not just the words that matter but also culture and context. And how good is AI at that, really?

POWER

Language and power are closely linked. Add politics to the mix, and their relationship becomes even more complicated. But people also use language to protest, show solidarity, and reclaim words once used against them. Which words give you strength? Discover the power of language here.

FUTURE

How will we speak in the future? Four perspectives show how language is changing. Chatbots are influencing how we talk, the youth are finding new ways to express themselves, and people are working to preserve endangered languages. German is changing all the time too, and you're part of it.
Do you speak Future German?
Find out in the quiz!

» LANGUAGE EXERTS HIDDEN POWER, LIKE A MOON ON THE TIDES. «

Rita Mae Brown





Guided Tours

Public tours (in German)
Every Sunday at 1.30 pm
2 euros plus Entrance ticket

Bookable guided tours
From Grade 7
60 min., school classes 50 euros
other groups 90 euros plus reduced Entrance ticket

More information
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