

LinguaQuest — Concept Poster

Print this and pin it up — an at-a-glance map of the LinguaQuest cast and the ideas each one carries. Come back to it whenever you want to remember who teaches what.

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Meet the cast — and what each one teaches

Character	What they carry
Bough	Language families (genetic descent — Indo-European / Sino-Tibetan / Afro-Asiatic / Niger-Congo / Austronesian)
Drift	Sound change (phonological evolution — Grimm's Law, vowel shifts, palatalization)
Glyph	Writing systems (alphabetic / abjad / abugida / syllabic / logographic — and how each captures speech)
Bridge	Cognates and loanwords (shared roots across languages; trade-route borrowings)
Cant	Sociolinguistics — dialect, register, code-switching, formal/informal speech
Sign	Signed languages — full natural languages spoken with hands, face, and space; each Deaf community's own, never 'just gestures'
Swoop	Tone — pitch that changes a word's meaning (tonal languages); precise and sophisticated, never 'sing-song' or 'exotic'
Weft	Word order / syntax — languages arrange words differently (SVO/SOV/verb-first); no order is 'backwards,' each is complete
Lex	Untranslatable words — words no other language has in one breath; not a gap in your language but a gift another can offer
Nook	Endangered languages + revitalization — keeping fading languages safe; decline is from histories of harm, never the speakers' fault; communities lead the revival

Key ideas at a glance

The big concepts this cast helps you master:

- Language Families of the World
 - Greetings and Basic Phrases
 - Cognates and Word Origins
 - Writing Systems and Alphabets
 - Food, Culture, and Language
 - Grammar Across Languages
 - Translation and Interpretation
 - Endangered Languages and Preservation
 - World Languages & Linguistics
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