🎓 Learn Lojban

Lesson 1. The language at a glance

Alphabet

The basic thing you need to know about Lojban is the alphabet.

Lojban uses the Latin alphabet (vowels are colored):

a b c d e f g i j k l m n o p r s t u v x y z ' .

Words are pronounced as they are written.

There are 10 vowels in Lojban:

a	as in *father* (not as in *face*)
e	as in *get*
i	as in *machine* (not as in *hit*)
o	as in *choice*, *not* or *ough* in *thought* (not as in *so*, **o** should be a "pure" sound).
u	as in *cool* (not as in *but*)
y	as in *comma* (not as in *misty* or *cycle*)

4 vowels are written using combinations of letters:

au	as in *cow*
ai	as in *high*
ei	as in *weigh*
oi	as in *boy*