Fiat Lingua

SUPERBASIC FULL CONLANG STARTERPACK

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Basically tried to create a kit for express creation of fairly good (although lexically limited) conlangs. It contains 8 pronoun categories, 9 basic conjunctions/adverbs, 13 adpositions/cases and modal verbs, and 52 other words – with derivation suggestions and hints.

I, we [and their variations]
you [and their variations]
they [and their variations]
all, every, each, yes, universe
no, nothing, neither
this, that [and their variations]
some, any, a few, whatever
what, who, where, when

and, thus, so, too
but, in contrary, instead
or, either … or, whether
that [conj], which [rel. pron.], to, than, as
yet, still, unprepared
already, ready
a lot, many, much
more
less

Think of honorifics, vocative, and formality

Can merge both, or use "this" for inanimate 3P

Do you want dual or paucal?

Spanish uses "que" for "what", "that", and "than"

You can build superlative using "more/less than all". There might be adjective inflections meaning "very", like *guapísima* in Spanish

You have to choose your alignment, and which case is unmarked (if applicable). How do morphosyntactic alignment and number interact?

for the sake of, dedicated to, instead of or BENEFACTIVE
towards, for or ALLATIVE
from, because of or ABLATIVE
near, by, together with or PROXIMITIVE/COMITATIVE
in, at, on or LOCATIVE
like, -ish [adjective derivation or SEMBLATIVE]
away from, off, without or ABESSIVE
through, across, according to or PERLOCATIVE
circle → around or CIRCUMLATIVE
use [v] → with, by (e.g. using) or INSTRUMENTAL

How do you derive verbs from nouns? Do they have an infinitive form (Bulgarian hasn't)? Do your verbs express past, non-past, other tenses, and if the action is or will be complete? Continuous aspect? Person and animacy? Is evidentiality/certainty part of the conjugation, or do you use auxiliaries or modal verbs to say "maybe", "should be", "is said to be", "could happen"? Do you differentiate between realis and irrealis moods? How do you give orders in your language, are there levels of politeness?

Do you have a copula (verb "to be")? How do you say "to become" or "to be a teacher" (Russian uses instrumental)?

How do you treat modal verbs and modal constructions?

can [v], ability, strong
will, want [v], command [v]
need [v], must [v], have to [v], duty

human, person → man, woman, folk, people, tribe
child, offspring
parent, care [v]
sibling, cousin
nature, wild, normal
society, cultivate [v] → crops
tree → wood, forest
grassland, grass, field
fruit → fertile, rich, abundant
complete, full, continue [v], fulfill [v], satisfy [v]
desert, void → dry, poor, scarce, empty, hungry
mountain, hill, pile
sea, ocean → salt
water (fresh) → lake, river

How do you say "grandparent"? Are kinship terms gendered?

How do you form mass nouns (tree → forest, book → library)?

Where does your conculture live? What items or phenomena are significiant there?

walk [v], go [v], run [v], flow [v]
attack [v], jump [v], storm [v]
air, wind, blow [v], whistle [v]
talk [v], speak [v], word → tongue
lead [v] → chief, road
follow [v] → then, next
meet [v], encounter [v] → against
include [v], contain [v] → with
exclude [v], single out [v] → except
case → in case that, if, as
beginning, start, ignite [v] → since
end, cease [v], put off [v] → until

In case you use "excluding" and "encountering", think of participle formation. Do active (and passive) participles indicate time? Can they be used predicatively?

What creatures and beings inhabit your world? Think of what your conculture uses for food and what they have to defend themselves from, customize your vocab.

You can replace the passive voice with generic active ("Stole the car" instead of "The car was stolen") or form it with an auxiliary verb + passive participle.

little, weak → slightly
big, strong → very (e.g. bigly)
heat, warm, fire, cozy
nice, good, virtuous, true
cold, bad, rude
light, day, sun, glory, show [v]
dark, night, shame, cover [v], forget [v]
happiness, bliss, joy, paradise
pain, grief, gloom, doom [v]
crown, prince → king
rod, stick, bar, pole
boat, ship, sail [v], seaman

horse, donkey
cat, dog, pet
leather, wool, clothes
linen, cotton, dress
hen, fowl, poultry
bread, food
mollusk, snail, octopus

cow, cattle, goat
fox, weasel
lion, wolf, carnivore
bird (insectivore)
insect, fly, mosquito
fish
snake, lizard, dragon