

Shared Understanding: We have the term, but we keep failing to achieve it. Maybe a new word for the concept would highlight the importance...

Irregardless was recently added to the dictionary Oof

Does anyone else find it brillig in here?



Origin of jitanjafora term: Alfonso Reyes.

words to address semantic diffusion

semantics debt is coming for you

devsecops

Need a "German equivalent" for these since they usually have words for concepts that don't show up elsewhere (e.g. *Backpfeifengesicht* — a face that's badly in need of a fist.)

seemingly meaningless fantasy words to replace offensive ones, e.g., "wp1" and "wp2" for misbehaving customers of different degrees

as a German I disagree 😊

And you probably have a word for disagreeing with an assertion about your language. :)



Depending on your language, and the academy in your country, words can evolve differently

agentic

May I propose that the official song of this room be [Prisencolinensinai nciousol?](#)



Words shape our experience. Our focus gravitates to concepts for which we already have words.



jitanjáfora:  
giving something an meaningless temporary name, so that it has one, so a meaningful name can come later



Words shape our experience. Working on shared definitions and understanding provides a platform to influence behavior in a group.



**Words are tools...**

*"We shape our tools and then the tools shape us."*

Combining McLuhan with Sapir-Whorf



Shared vocabulary can be a way to strengthen group membership, but it can also be exclusionary



It's interesting when we translate technical words into other languages (vs. borrowing the english word)

Losing semantics and resolution due to misuse of words such as bug or tech debt. Add Build to the list

counterpoint: mixing native language with lots of English because that's the language of programming

cf.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2V4bOL1jgM>

borrow words from other languages as a way to get fresh connotation

"a technical esperanto" - it's nobody's first language, but it's everybody's second language