

Toki Taster

Toki Pona is a human constructed language created by Sonja Lang in 2010. It was an attempt to simplify ideas to their most basic elements. For example, what is a professor but a ‘person of knowledge’? And if you’re hungry, then you ‘want eat’. In Sonja’s words,

“If English is a thick novel, then Toki Pona is haiku.”

Enough with the introduction though, let’s build some sentences using the sentence formula ‘Noun + li + Noun’. For example, ‘lipu li ijo’ translates to ‘a book is something’.

Nouns

<i>ijo</i>	something, thing, being
<i>jan</i>	person, human
<i>kili</i>	fruit, vegetable
<i>nanpa</i>	number
<i>lipu</i>	document, book
<i>telo</i>	water
<i>sona</i>	knowledge
<i>toki</i>	language

Adjectives