Material for Linguistics Clubs

Practice Problems:

- **NACLO:**
  - 2007
  - 2008
  - 2009
  - 2010
  - 2011
  - 2012
  - 2013

- **ILO:**
  - 2003
  - 2004
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  - 2006
  - 2007
  - 2008
  - 2009
  - 2010
  - 2011
  - 2012
  - 2013

- Princeton archive:

Movies:

- *The Linguists*
- *The Story of Human Language*
- *The Grammar of Happiness*
- *Project Nim*

Books:

Textbooks:

- Contemporary Linguistics: An Introduction
- By William O'Grady, John Archibald, Mark Aronoff, Janie Rees-Miller
  - (Textbook; available in 5th or 6th editions)

- An Introduction to Language
  - By Victoria Fromkin, Robert Rodman, Nina Hyams
  - (Textbook; available in the 8th edition)

**Introductory book to linguistics:**

- Biting the Wax Tadpole
  - By Elizabeth Little
  - (Excellent introduction to linguistics—about interesting features of languages and learning languages)

**Books about language change:**

- The First Word
  - By Christine Kenneally

- The Power of Babel
  - By John McWhorter
  - (Broadly, about historical linguistics and language change, but there are lots of interesting tidbits about different languages included as well)

- The Unfolding of Language
  - By Guy Deutcher
  - (About the evolution of language, and the evolution of complexity in language)

**Books about language extinction:**

- Spoken Here
  - By Mark Abley
  - (About language extinction)

- When Languages Die
  - By K. David Harrison
Books about writing:

- Lost Languages / The Enigma of the World's Undeciphered Scripts
  - By Andrew Robinson
  - (About scripts which have not been decoded yet)
- The Story of Decipherment
  - By Maurice Pope
- The Story of Writing
  - By Andrew Robinson
  - (Explains the evolution of writing, in the process explaining how many writing systems work)

Topical Books:

- Bastard Tongues
  - By Derek Bickerton
  - (About pidgins and creoles)
- The Language Instinct
  - By Steven Pinker
  - (In which he sets forward his view that language is hardwired into the human brain)
- The Universal History of Numbers
  - By Georges Ifrah
  - (Explains everything about the history of numbers, [almost no hyperbole {this book is very lengthy}]])

Web Resources:

Constructed Languages:

- AkanaWiki
  - (A website for constructed languages, especially focusing on historical linguistics)

- **Sentences to Test Constructed Language Syntax**
  - [http://fiziwig.com/conlang/syntax_tests.html](http://fiziwig.com/conlang/syntax_tests.html)
  - (A variety of sentences to test the capabilities of a constructed language)

- **Virtual Verduria**
  - [http://www.zompist.com/virtuver.htm](http://www.zompist.com/virtuver.htm)
  - (The most famous online constructed language project)

**Numbers:**

- **Numbers in over 5000 Languages**
  - [http://www.zompist.com/numbers.shtml](http://www.zompist.com/numbers.shtml)
  - (The numbers 1-10 in over 5000 languages)

- **Of Languages and Numbers**
  - (Higher counting in many languages, plus books about many languages)

**Orthography / Writing:**

- **Omniglot**
  - [http://www.omniglot.com/](http://www.omniglot.com/)
  - (A website dedicated to the writing systems, orthographies, and languages of the world; indispensable)

- **Sign Language IPA**
  - [http://dedalvs.conlang.org/slipa.html](http://dedalvs.conlang.org/slipa.html)
  - (An invented phonetic method to write sign languages, analogous to the IPA for spoken languages; no system like this one existed previously)

- **Type IPA Phonetic Symbols**
  - [http://ipa.typeit.org/full/](http://ipa.typeit.org/full/)
(For typing the IPA without a special keyboard format)

- X-SAMPA
  - [http://www.theiling.de/ipa/](http://www.theiling.de/ipa/)
  - (A commonly used, easier-to-type alternative to the IPA)

### For Specific Languages:

- Ethnologue
  - [http://www.ethnologue.com/](http://www.ethnologue.com/)
  - (The definitive encyclopedia of the world’s languages)

- Open Language Archives Community
  - (More than 100000 language resources for specific languages)

- SIL Bibliography
  - (A large set of publications representing thousands of languages, many free and online)

### Miscellaneous:

- Leipzig Glossing Rules
  - (The definitive rules for making glosses of sentences)

- LINGUIST List
  - [http://linguistlist.org/](http://linguistlist.org/)
  - (A website containing many resources for linguists, such as MultiTree, a mapping device for phylogenetic language trees, and lists of dictionaries in many different languages)

- LSA: Linguistic Style Sheet
- [http://www.lsadc.org/info/pubs-lang-style.cfm](http://www.lsadc.org/info/pubs-lang-style.cfm)
  - (The formatting commonly used throughout the linguistic world)

- **SIL Linguistic Resources**
  - [http://www.sil.org/linguistics/resources.html](http://www.sil.org/linguistics/resources.html)
  - (Software, fonts, glossaries of linguistic terms, etc.)

- **Wikipedia**
  - (Free encyclopedia, 282 languages offered)