

Долой ГРамматику!	Down with GRammar!
Doloy GRammatiku!	
A: I'd like a martino, please.	B: you mean a martini?
A: if I want two, I'll ask for them!	

Our Focus Here Is Meaning!

Magic Letters: What Are They?

Magic Letters (“MagLets”) are “Meaningful Letters.”

According to “Magic Letter” Theory (see languagebazaar.com), the first consonant letter (in any word in any language) is an “Icon” (a picture) of the meaning of the whole word.

For example:

The MagLet **C** looks like it’s “Catching” the rest of the word, to **C**ollect it.

This MagLet suggests the meanings of: *Cup, Cap, Chair*. Spanish *Casa* ‘house,’ & *Comer* ‘to eat.’ For example,

The MagLet **M** meaning ‘TOGETHER’ in Hebrew & Italian.

MagLet	Meaning	Hebrew	Italian	meaning
M	TOGETHER	^a <i>aMen</i> ‘agreed’	Mamma	Mama
		^o <i>aM</i> ‘people’	Molti	Many
		^a <i>iMa</i> ^a ‘Mom’	Mescolare	Mix
		<i>Mèlekh</i> ‘king’	Mondo	world
			Maestro	teacher

How many of these foreign words can you explain as deriving from the MagLet Meaning ‘TOGETHER’?

the words vary from language to language, but they’re all based on the same Magic Letters. (The Magic Letters themselves have two Main Meanings each.)

The most obvious use of MagLets is:

- 1. Helping you to guess the meaning of any unknown word, especially in a foreign language.**
- 2. Showing you how to list words that you're learning to highlight MagLet "Parallels."**

MagLet "Parallels" can make it easier to learn new words, or even to guess their meanings when you don't actually know them.

Examples:

<i>Greek</i>			<i>Chinese</i>	
Neos	'New'		Muchin	'Mother'
Nyn	'Now'		Fuchin	'Father'

Two Easy Brain-Games.

These Brain-Games show how Parallels can help you learn unknown words in new foreign languages.

<i>Italian</i>		
<i>Meanings</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Italian</i>
Blessed	?	Chiesa
Mother		
Church		Beato
		Madre

<i>Hebrew</i>		
<i>Meanings</i>		<i>Hebrew</i>
Leaf	?	Baqar
Cap		Kipah
Beef		Min
		°aLeh

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Of course most words aren't Parallel across languages. But when they are, they can make learning easier.

More important, knowing the Meanings of Magic Letters gives direct help on the meanings of unknown words.

There are some two dozen Magic Letters. (See my homepage at languagebazaar.com.) **But even 7 of them give the whole system, since there are just 7 MagLet Groups.**

Feedback? Questions?

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The Wow Factor.

Wouldn't it be **worth** a 'Wow!' if you could learn **something about language in general** that would allow you to do this matching exercise?

You might even just try **guessing on your own.**

You may actually reveal the **hidden “trick”** in this **Brain Game.**

Hebrew & Chinese are not related to each other, of course. But they both share the **universal features of all human languages, namely Magic Letters!**

An Easier Brain-Game (with Spanish & Russian).

<i>meanings</i>		<i>Spanish</i>
eat	?	Bendecir
Bless		Chulo
“Cool”		Muchos
Many		Comer

<i>Meanings</i>		<i>Russian</i>
Big	?	R'ad
Much, Many		Shinel'
Overcoat		Mnogo
Row		Bol'shoy

If you happen to see the “hidden trick” (hiding in Plain Sight!), you may dismiss it as insignificant. But if you should (imho) force yourself to guess all the matches, you might see some **new ideas** pop up!

Catalogue of Handouts For Languagebazaar.

All 8 handouts are available for those who wish to follow up on **“Magic Letters”** beyond the website **languagebazaar.com**.

The “*Hava NaGilah*” website itself focuses on **MagPairs: pairs of Magic Letters** like $\sqrt{\text{GL}}$ meaning ‘ROLL’; $\sqrt{\text{PL}}$ meaning ‘PULL UP’; Hebrew $\sqrt{\text{DV}}$ meaning ‘BUZZ/STICK,’ & others.

For solitaire Magic Letters (MagLets), take the link to my homepage. There are two dozen **universal MagLets**, like $\sqrt{\text{L}}$ meaning ‘LIFT’ & $\sqrt{\text{SH}}$ MEANING ‘PEACE&QUIET/ORDERLINESS/SHINE.

Which Alphabet? Which languages?

Surprise: There is only one alphabet!

Not only do all alphabets derive (historically) from the **(Paleo)Hebrew Alef-Bet**.

The most important aspect showing the **Unity Of All Alphabets** is **MEANING: the Letters have the same Meanings!**

So why don’t we just learn two dozen letters with their Meanings instead of the many hundreds of words in each of them?

This is indeed the “Point” of “Magic Letter” Theory.

In MagLet Theory, the meaning of of any word in any language can be “TWEAKED” from its MagLet’s Meanings.

So if you know (as you already do) that Sh! means ‘PEACE&QUIET, you should be able to to tweak that Hebrew *SHalóm* means ‘PEACE.’

In fact, you may not be very surprised to hear that this Hebrew sentence, **with its repeated *Sh***, means what it does.

<i>Hebrew</i>	SHotrim	vv-SHoftim	SHmorim	SHeqet	w-SHalom.	b-SHabat.
<i>meaning</i>	police	&judges	Guard/keep	quiet	&peace.	on-the-Sabbath.

(It's not a true sentence, of course, since countries are secular in the Judeo-Christian West. The point here is that its **meaning is transparent—because of the Poly-Symbolic Nature of Language!**

It actually sounds like an official saying “*Sh! Sh! Sh!...*”

There are just 7 MagLet Groups.

Don't try to learn them all. Just learn as many words from handouts as needed to exemplify one MagLet at a time. The Groups are given here **with their 2 Main Meanings, mm1 & 2.**

group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	SHINER S	POPPER S	POINTERS	HUGGER S	SPINNER S	JUTTER S	DROPPER S
	Sh, Z	B, P, F	L, M, N	C/k, Q, H, M	S, G	X, J, Tz	D, T, t
mm1	SPREAD	BULGE	LIFT/POINT	CUT/KIL L	SPIN	JUT	DROP
Mm2	SHINE	BREAK	LOCK/NEGAT E	COLLECT	SEAL	EXIT	JUDGE

Be Try-Lingual!

You know the tune, so you can be Try-Lingual by just singing this Greek ditty.

Λαμπε λαμπε, μικρο αστρο	Lampe lampe, mikro astro,	Shine, shine, Little Star,
ετσι καλο, ετσι σιοπιλο	Etsi Kalo, etsi Shopilo!	So beautiful, so silent.