



Language . . . Quotations

Language is a city to the building of which every human being brought a stone. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Without knowing the force of words, it is impossible to know men. (Confucius)

Think like a wise man but communicate in the language of the people. (William Butler Yeats)

Spoken language is merely a series of squeaks. (Alfred North Whitehead)

Because everyone uses language to talk, everyone thinks he can talk about language.
(Jojann Wolfgang von Goethe)

It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech. (Mark Twain)

Words are tools which automatically carve concepts out of experience. (Julian Sorrell Huxley)

A word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged, it is the skin of a living thought and may vary greatly in color and content according to the circumstances and the time in which it is used. (Oliver Wendell Holmes)

The finest words in the world are only vain sounds if you cannot comprehend them. (Anotole France)

One great use of words is to hide our thoughts. (Voltaire)

The safest words are always those which bring us most directly to facts. (Charles H. Packhurst)

Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it. (Robert Frost)

The true use of speech is not so much to express our wants as to conceal them.(Oliver Goldsmith)

Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Suit the action to the word, the word to the action. (William Shakespeare)

Eating words has never given me indigestion. (Winston Churchill)

Whatchoo talkin' 'bout, Willis?! (Arnold, *Different Strokes*)

What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. (William Shakespeare)

If language be not in accordance with the truth of things, affairs cannot be carried on to a success.
(Confucius)

The sum of human wisdom is not contained in any one language, and no single language is capable of expressing all forms and degrees of human comprehension. (Ezra Pound)

"The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make a word mean so many different things."

"The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master – that's all."

(Lewis Carroll, *Through the Looking Glass*)