

Language in Tribes

Language brings comfort and ease to a tribe. The language that we use within a community or group of people makes us feel as though we belong. When people have common language between them, speech can become tailored to that group. For example, in *Lord of the Flies*, the boys all have a common language of English. Within their tribe though, they have terms and phrases that relate to their specific situation. Nicknames, locations, and events can be referred to by tribe members yet not understood by outsiders speaking the same language. For example, Piggy, the fire, and the crash are all terms that the boys have associated with certain parts of their environment. However, to anyone else, these words wouldn't have the history that they do for the boys. Language is full of history, and tailors to tribes based on their individual experiences.