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Planet Word Debuts New Conversational Program Series “Language &”
Language Museum hosts virtual talks on games, climate change, food, gender & more

(Washington, D.C.) The national museum for celebrating words and language, [Planet Word](https://planetword.org), announces a brand new program, **Language &**, blending dialogue and demonstrations to explore the crucial role language plays in our world. Trailblazers on hot topics like games, climate change, food, and gender, will join Planet Word experts for lively virtual conversations monthly according to the schedule below.

“One of the most fascinating aspects of language is how quickly it evolves,” said Ann Friedman founder and CEO of Planet Word. “Our interactive and voice-activated galleries immerse the visitor in the wonder of words through delightful and meaningful experiences. Knowing our galleries can’t possibly keep pace with the innovations of language, programs like **Language &** are critical to exploring words as dynamic and relevant tools for shaping our world.”

February 15, 6:30 p.m.

Language & Games

Game masterminds Kathryn Hymes (linguist) and Hakan Seyahioğlu (cryptographer) explore the power and playfulness of language used to explore our world and create new ones.

March 17, 12:00 p.m.

Language & Climate

Science communicator, author, and climate activist, Alice Bell delves into the complex and often intimidating vocabulary surrounding climate change, as well as the agendas that accompany it.

April 27, 6:30 p.m.

Language & Food

What happens when a linguist reads a menu? Stanford professor Dan Jurafsky explores global culinary influences and how they shape how we talk about food.

May 24, 6:30 p.m.

Language & Gender

Amanda Montell, reporter and feminist linguist, deconstructs language—from insults and cursing, gossip, and catcalling, to grammar and pronunciation patterns—to reveal the ways it has been used for centuries to keep women and other marginalized genders from power

The **Language &** program is one of the programs generously sponsored by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation. For more info about Planet Word visit: planetwordmuseum.org.

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