

Knowledge Question: How does language help us know?

1. Do Now: Consider the following quotes

- “The limits of my language are the limits of my world.” –Ludwig Wittgenstein
- “I know more than I can say.” - Michael Polanyi

For each quote, explain its meaning in your own words. What connection does each quote make about the relationship between language and knowledge?

2. Introduction to language: With your partners, brainstorm some ideas about the following questions:

- What is language?
- What must be true for two people to communicate through language?
- What are the limitations of communicating through language?
- Why do people miscommunicate?
- How does it help us know? Try to map out the process of one person communicating with another.