

Reading Notes: Story of Your Life

- did their child die or just grow up?
- is the mother also narrator and talking about aliens
- if they want to know more info why won't they disclose more info...
- "the less the aliens knew the better"
 - ↳ why?
- Are the aliens actually present or is the "looking glass" like some sort of communication tool
- How did her daughter die?
- Why the sudden changes from flashbacks to present

1) How do Aliens in the stories language and communication style differ from human's language?

- no alphabet
- written language } completely different
- spoken language }
- written language labelled semagram
- no way to learn spoken language solely based on written language
- reminds me of learning chinese as a speaker of languages that both have alphabets
 - ↳ pin yin is only way we could learn to speak
 - ↳ chinese and heptapod different in that

many Chinese characters are pictographs

2) How does the physical structure of our body inform the way we communicate? How about the Aliens?

- Human's body language is an important part of communication nonverbally. Body language gives the receiver cues as to what the atmosphere of the conversation is or even what could be coming next.

- Aliens structure of nonsymmetry translates into their written language as they don't have a set direction or plane in which they write.