

## Past Languages

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You know, it's weird to think that once I came here I immediately was able to speak English fluently. Of course, I came into a brain that could speak the language so naturally I'd also have access to the memories of how to speak it, but it's just... Strange feeling.

As a demon, we didn't "speak" like the mortals did. I mean, most, if not all of us didn't have mouths or anything similar to speak with. We communicated telepathically with what I can only describe as emotion. Not basic "happy" or "sad" emotions, we had full communication with abstract thoughts and emotions that combined to make what could pretty easily translate into "proper" sentences if you knew how. Going from that to speaking in words just feels like a weird transition.

I'd love to be able to speak like I used to in this world, but sadly there's no way that'd be possible outside of the headspace. In the headspace, some of us use nonverbal communication methods that are very similar to how I used to speak, so the brain knows how to speak and understand my old "language", but there's no way to transfer the thoughts to another brain.

Then there's my life as Longtail from Warriors. I have no idea how we communicated—did we meow to each other? Was it a very complex system of body language? A combination of the two? It makes little sense to me as to how we would've had complex conversations as cats without some sort of telepathy, which I doubt we had. I have very few memories of that life, however, so it's possible we didn't have as advanced of communication as is shown in the books.

I know there's others in my system who are (or were) trying to re-learn old languages they used to speak in past lives, but considering our brain is made to convert those into English in an instant, it's very hard to actually remember what the old languages sounded like or how they worked.

I'm posting this mainly to post my thoughts, but also to see if anyone else has similar experience with languages you spoke in your 'types memories. I don't see much talk of people speaking differently in their memories and I'm wondering if that's because the brain automatically makes it English/whatever language you speak because that's all you know in *this* lifetime, or if people just don't talk about their old languages.