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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:	Gerhardt Laves
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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and content note

This collection of papers consists mainly of field notebooks, correspondence and language cards, including major studies of the six languages listed below (from Kim Scott *et al.*, *A Protocol for Laves' 1931 Noongar Field Notes*, 2006), and minor studies of more than twelve other languages.

- Kumbaingeri [Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr] (northern NSW coast)
- Karadjeri, Karadyeri [Karajarri / Bidyadanga] (La Grange, near Broome, northern WA)
- Barda [Bardi] (Cape L'Évêque Peninsula, north of Broome, northern WA)
- Emdil [Matngele / Madngala / Matngele] (Daly Riiver, NT)
- Ngangumeri [Ngan'gimmerri / Ngangiwumirri / Ngangumiri] (Daly Rover, NT)
- Kurin [Kurrinj / Noongar] (Albany region, southern WA)

Provenance

Mark Francillon, an anthropologist, located the original papers in Gerhardt Laves's possession at his family home in Chicago in 1982-83. Laves' papers were copied under an Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies grant and the photocopies deposited in AIATSIS Library in 1987. The photocopies are held in MS 2189. In late 1991 Mark Francillon despatched Laves' original papers from Chicago to AIATSIS where they were received in March 1992.

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Material separated from collection

Two outsize Karadjeri linguistic documents (from MS 2188/8/7.4.1) and a genealogical chart (from MS 2188/8/7.1.4) have been transferred to the Manuscript Map Cabinet (PC7, Drawer 6).

Related material

For a complete listing of works by and about Gerhardt Laves held by the Library and for other related material consult Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue.

L.G. Cromwell prepared a detailed catalogue of the photocopies of Laves' papers in 1986. His catalogue can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/laves/catalogue.html>. (A copy is held as Appendix 1 to this MS 2188 finding aid.) This finding aid is based on Dr Cromwell's catalogue.

Barry Alpher's New South Wales and Queensland language index to Laves catalogue can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/laves/alpher.html>. (A copy is held as Appendix 2 to this finding aid.)

Photocopies of a further nine letters, from and to Gerhardt Laves, held at University of Chicago, were added to this collection in August 2001. These are described in this finding aid as Series 10.

Further information about this collection, about Laves, about Laves work and publications and about the use of Laves work by others, can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/laves/>

Archivist's note

Extensive conservation work was carried out on this collection in November 2001. Further work on development of a Finding Aid for the original documents (as opposed to the photocopies in MS 2189) was carried out in 2016. See also the note on numbering system used to identify the items in the Laves papers, below.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Gerhardt Laves, (1906-1993) was born and raised in Chicago USA, and studied anthropology and linguistics at the University of Chicago and Yale University. Laves visited Australia in August 1929 until August 1931, as a postgraduate student in anthropology and linguistics under the auspices of the Australian National Research Council and supervised by Professor A.R. Radcliffe-Brown of the University of Sydney.

Although principally interested in comparative linguistics, Laves drew much of his material from explanations of social and religious organisation, often through stories. Laves is believed to be the first person trained in modern linguistic fieldwork and analysis to study Australian languages.

His field work areas in Australia covered the New South Wales and Queensland border, Albany, Broome and Cape L'Évêque in Western Australia, Victoria and Daly Rivers, Arnhem Land and Cape York.

Laves did not continue linguistic research after his return to America in 1931.

An obituary of Laves, by David Nash, published in *Australian Aboriginal Studies*, 1/1993

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[1994], 101-102, can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/laves/obituary.html> and additional biographical information at <http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/laves/biog.html>

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NUMBERING SYSTEM

The item numbers allocated to the original documents in the Laves Papers are those given in Lawrence Cromwell's catalogue of the photocopies of Laves' papers (see Appendix 1), with the exception of the language cards and slips in Series 9.

Except for the language slips, Laves' original papers are arranged in order of the consecutive page numbers of the photocopies. Dr Cromwell's item descriptions, including his references to names and geographical locations, texts, research topics and other matters, have been transcribed from his catalogue.

In 2004 the finding aids for both the original Laves papers (MS 2188) and the photocopies (MS 2189) were revised. The series titles and numbers allocated as described above, have been retained, except for Series 9. It would seem that there was rehousing and renumbering of Series 9, during this revision. It is not possible (in 2019) to relate Item Nos. 4, 3.1 – 5.4, & 6.1 – 6.5, as described in Dr Cromwell's catalogue and the original finding aid, to the new housing arrangement, which formed the slips into bundles. The items in Series 9 are now numbered according to the notes on the bundles, from 7.1 – 9.12.

Series No. & title MS 2188	Item Nos.	Item titles	Photocopy page Nos. in MS 2189
Series 1, Preliminary notes and plans	1.1	NSW Linguistic survey notes, Vol.1, Aug 1929	MS 2189, pp.1-111
Series 2, New South Wales	1.1 – 1.10	NSW, Linguistic survey notes, Vols.2-10, Nov 1929-Jan 1930	MS 2189, pp.112-1429
Series 3, Western Australia	2.1 – 2.26	WA, Linguistic survey notes and texts, Vols.1-26, May 1930-Feb 1931	MS 2189, pp.1430-5871
Series 4, WA & South Australia	2.27	WA & SA, Linguistic survey notes and texts, Vol.27, Feb 1931	MS 2189, pp.5872-6004
Series 5, Northern Territory	2.27a – 2.30	NT, Linguistic survey notes and texts, Vols.27a- Vol.31, Apr-Jun 1931	MS 2189, pp.6005-6549
Series 6, North Queensland and Cape York	2.31 – 2.32	North Queensland & Cape York, Linguistic survey notes and texts, Vol.31 (bis)-Vol.32, Jul 1931	MS 2189, pp.6550-6805
Series 7, Kumbaingeri and Karadjeri	2.33 & 7.1 – 7.1.2	Kumbaingeri and Karadjeri, Linguistic survey notes, Vol.33, c.Aug 1931, and texts and songs.	MS 2189, pp.6806-7330
Series 8, Miscellaneous reports, extracts and papers	7.1.3 – 7.4.3	Miscellaneous reports, extracts and papers	MS 2189 pp.7331-7848
Series 9, Language cards and slips	Bundles 7-1 – 9.12. (Dr Alpher's index uses the following	Language cards and linguistic notes	unpaginated

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	numbers for these bundles: 4, 3.1 – 5.4, & 6.1 – 6.5)		
Series 10, Addition, August 2001		University of Chicago, Photocopies of correspondence to and from Gerhardt Laves, 1929-1931	See MS 2189

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SPELLING

The table below cross-references the standard spelling used by AIATSIS for languages and people named in this finding aid, with the spelling used by Laves.

AIATSIS	Laves finding aid
Anaiwan / Nganyaywana	Anewan
Arrente / Aranda	Aranda
Bardi	Barda
Birpai / Biripi people	Birpai
Bundjalung / Banjalang	Bandyalang
Daingatti / Dunghutti / Thungutti	Dangati
Diyari / Dieri people	Dieri
Djawi / Djawi	Djawa
Euahlayi / Yuwaalaraay / Yuwaaliyaay	Yularai, Yularai, Yuwalo
Gadang / Kattang / Worimi	Gatang
Gamilaraay / Gamilaroi / Kamilaroi	Kamilarai (Narrim)
Goreng	Kurin, Kurinj
Gubbi Gubbi / Kabi Kabi / Gabi Gabi	Gabi Gabi, Kabi
Gumbaynggir / Gumbainggirr	Kumbaingeri
Karajarri	Karadjeri, Karadyeri
Malak Malak language	Malak, Mulluk Mulluk
Madngele / Madngala / Matngele	Emdil
Nangor / Murrinhpatha	Nangu
Narrinjeri / Ngarrindjeri	Narrinyeri
Ngambaa	Ngambar
Ngangiwumirri / Ngangumiri	Ngangumeri

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Ngiyambaa / Ngemba	Ngiambar
Weilwan / Wailwan	Weilwan
Yawuru people	Yauor
Yaegl / Yaygir	Yiegra
Yugambal	Yukumbil

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1 Preliminary notes and plans, Sydney, c.August 1929.

The first of ten volumes of field notebooks written during Laves' survey of Indigenous languages in New South Wales.

Item	Description	Corresponding page numbers in photocopy (MS2189)
MS2188/1/1.1	NSW Linguistic Survey Notes, Volume 1, <i>Sydney NSW, Maclean NSW, 22 August 1929</i> , Ms., 94pp. (unnumbered) & two inserts. Includes notes on preparatory reading for fieldwork, New South Wales travel plans; coding scheme for linguistic field notes, as follows:	pp.1-111
	Miscellaneous notes	pp.1-10
	'Notes on language from W.E. Roth, <i>Ethnological studies among the N.W. Central Queensland Aborigines</i> '	pp.11-26
	A.R. Radcliffe-Brown, 'The social organisation of Australian tribes', Ms., continued below.	pp.27-53
	'Notes on NSW plans'	p.54
	Coding (English/Native, Native/English) of linguistic slips	p.56
	'Letter to Penhallariack' on linguistic slips coding	pp.56-57
	A.R. Radcliffe-Brown, 'The social organisation of Australian tribes', Ms., continued.	pp.58-75
	'Questions to Elkin'	pp.76-79
	A.R. Radcliffe-Brown, 'The social organisation of Australian tribes', Ms., continued.	pp.80-90
	Notes on rail fare to Grafton	p.91
	'Notes on phonetic transcription and translation proposals' in <i>Proceedings of the Copenhagen Conference April 1925</i> , Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1926	pp.92-100
	Miscellaneous notes	pp.101-105

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	Vocabulary entries [Yukumbil?]	pp.106-110
	Notes in German (ref. 'Macdonald'), impressions on walking home in the evening air with Schmidt [presumably German] of the local Medical Association	p.111

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Series 2 New South Wales, Linguistic Survey Notes, Vols.2-10, Aug 1929-Feb 1931.

Nine volumes of field notes documenting Laves' survey of Indigenous languages in NSW.

The first section of this series relates to the North Coast of New South Wales. It includes linguistic notes and stories, mourning customs and sacred sites (Chandlers Creek to Little Nymboida).

Languages included are Kumbaingeri (Nymboida-Grafton, Bellingen-Bowraville), Yukumbil (Clarence River), Dangati (Bellingen-Bowraville, Bellbrook, Armidale), Gatang (Purfleet Mission, Taree), Karbung (Bellbrook, Armidale), Anewan and Ngambar (Bellingen-Bowraville), Kamilarai (Kempsey, Moree, Inverell) and Gawal (Richmond).

The second section covers the New South Wales-Queensland border. It includes linguistic survey notes and topographic stories.

Languages included are Yularai, Kamilarai (Narrim) and Weilwan/Ngiambar.

Item	Description	Corresponding page numbers in photocopy (MS2189)
MS 2188/2/1.2	NSW Linguistic Survey Notes, Volume 2, <i>Maclean, NSW, 15 November 1929</i> , Ms., c.166pp. Linguistic field notes, notes on Informants, and the Story of Madain, as follows:	pp.112-294
	'Preliminary linguistic notes transferred to slips at Maclean'	pp.112-210
	'Story of Madain and two wives whom Birugan was interfering with', copied and partly annotated	pp.211-288
	German notes	pp.289-293
	Note	p.294
MS 2188/2/1.3	NSW Linguistic Survey Notes, Volume 3, <i>Maclean, NSW, 23 November 1929</i> , Ms., c.130pp. Principal Informant (Philip Shannon) and First Kumbaingeri Stories, Maryborough region, as follows:	pp.296-462
	Vocabulary lists and miscellaneous notes	pp.295-310
	Notes on the coal mining legislation problems	pp.299-308
	Fire origin story	pp.311-314
	Vocabulary lists	pp.315-323

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	Philip Shannon's fire story	pp.324-441
	Story of first canoe. In English and Kumbaingeri	pp.442-462
MS 2188/2/1.4	NSW Linguistic Survey Notes, Volume 4, <i>Maclean, NSW, 27 November 1929</i> , Ms., c.130pp., c.Sep-Oct 1929. Kumbaingeri Stories, Nymboida-Grafton, as follows:	pp.463-605
	Story of the first canoe (continued from 1.4, above)	pp.463-575
	'Blind man story like in Bible'	pp.547-559
	Sea story ('Story of the night owl who killed his two wives')	pp.576-603
	Grass story (No.8).	pp.592-593
MS 2188/2/1.5	NSW Linguistic Survey Notes, Volume 5, <i>Maclean, NSW, 2 October 1929</i> , Ms., c.130pp. Kumbaingeri Stories, Mt. Gidno[?], as follows:	pp.606-766
	'Continuation of story about night-owl and his two unfaithful women'	pp.606-701
	'Story of two goanna', two brothers who keep to themselves ('debbil them two feller'), English	pp.702-710
	Very short tale of old woman Frizzed Lizard of Mt Gidno[?] who spit fire until she turned to stone, English [See Item 1.6 for text]	pp.711-715
	Story of blind boy and his two sisters	pp.716-765
	Brief note, 'How the jackass laughed'	p.766
MS 2188/2/1.6	NSW Linguistic Survey Notes, Volume 6, <i>Maclean, NSW, 7 October 1929</i> , Ms., c.156pp. Orara and Kumbaingeri Stories, Yiegra linguistic notes, Orara, as follows:	pp.767-938
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	Resume	p.834
	Frizzed Lizard Story, [see p.711-715 for English version]	pp.835-858
	'Story of Swearing Couples and the Girl who was taken advantage of', English abstract and text	pp.859-876
	Comparative vocabulary lists. Yiegra and Kumbaingeri to English, principally animals, plant names and kinship words	pp.877-896
	Brief tale of two old men who hit water and porpoise drive fish in	pp.897-899
	'Story of Swearing Couples and the Girl who was taken advantage of (continuation)'	pp.900-916
	'Story of how greyface (kangaroo) got tail' [See also Item 1.7]	pp.917-918

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	Brief tale, 'Story of creation of blackfellows', English	p.919
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MS 2188/2/1.7	NSW Linguistic Survey Notes, Volume 7, <i>Maclean, NSW, 13 October 1929 also 23 December 1929</i> , Ms., c.103pp. Kumbaingeri and Yukumbil Stories, Nymboida, Grafton, Clarence River, c.December 1929, as follows:	pp.939-1074
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	Text of the story of how Greyface (Kangaroo) got his tail, [see Item 1.6 for English version].	pp.1009-1019
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	Draft of letter to 'Dr. Sapir', in answer to Sapir's letter regarding his automatic phonetic typewriter, and its usefulness to Radcliffe-Brown who is trying to decide on a consistent phonetic system for his Journal 'Oceania which is appearing'; mention is made of a field trip taken jointly by Radcliffe-Brown and Laves, and of Radcliffe-Brown's functionalist analysis of NSW tribes. [See also Item 1.9.]	pp.1182-1192
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MS 2188/2/1.9	NSW Linguistic Survey Notes, Volume 9, Maclean, NSW, 10 December 1929, Ms., c.130pp. Stories relating to the topography of the Coff's Harbour	pp.1212-1371

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Series 3 Western Australia, Linguistic survey notes and texts, Vols.1-26, May 1930-Feb 1931.

Laves' notes on his survey of Indigenous languages in Western Australia, May 1930-February 1931.

The first section of this series covers the Broome area. It includes stories, Bagadjimbiri, Djibi and Mirin cycles, constellations, funeral and haunting and the Karadjeri language.

The second section covers Cape Leveque, Lombadina and Sunday Island. It includes language survey notes, texts, correspondence, a tribal map, bullroarers and the Barda, Djawa and Ngijina languages.

The third section covers Albany, Esparence and Mt Barker. It includes texts, social organization and genealogies and the Kurin language.

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	Text (No.12). Story of Barnangu, English abstract and text.	pp.1686-1695
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MS 2188/3/2.3	WA Linguistic survey notes and texts, Volume 3, <i>LaGrange, Western Australia, 1 June 1930</i> , Ms., pp.1-122. Djibi Story and others from Karadjeri Country, Western Australia, May 1930.	pp.1754-1896
	Djibi story (the hawks who ate a man and were banned by barnangu and walumba to appear only in the night), English abstract and Text (No.14).	pp.1754-1805

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	'Story of two wallabies, yalwa and nalgumidi, who fought because nalgumidi did not give yalwa any good food in exchange', Text only (No.15).	pp.1806-1823
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	Story of barda (the sun) who swallowed the women he asked for (instead of having intercourse with them) and became so dizzy he died, which is why he goes round and round, (No.17), English abstract and Text	pp.1873-1881
	'Story of dardada (moon) who roasted lots of blackfellow. The new moon is explained by the sun's capturing him periodically', English abstract and Text (No.18).	pp.1882-1890
	English abstract of kalbaing (pigeon) story (No.19); [see Item 2.4 for text].	pp.1891-1896
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	'Story No.24 of barkara (turkey) and mali wira (curlew), two initiated boys who want to put nose bones through their septums', English abstract and Text.	pp.2034-2069
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	Story of two women, one of whom loses her baby only to have the daughter of the other find the lost baby and raise him and marry him later, ('No.28'), English abstract (with some question of accuracy by the informant), interpretation note, and Text.	pp.2165-2184
	Notes on Bajadjimbiri cycle, relation of bullroarer names to tribe, tradition, circumcision and subincision technique [see also Item 2.1], and explanation of the circumcision technique of bajadjimbiri initiating blacksnake [see Text No.11 in Item 2.1].	pp.2185-2197
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	with Timothy following, and 'R.' [Ralph Piddington, presumably] and Laves following, expecting a large white 'ungeheuer' [monster] visitation, and 'with the blacks breathing in as they whisper so that it is barely audible', (and referring to a similar description in 'vol.5' [see Item 2.5]), in German.	
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This volume contains miscellaneous notes, mainly on publications by D.M. Bates, G. Bateson, W. Reuter and G. Taplin and lectures by R. Firth and A.R. Radcliffe Brown.

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Series 5 Northern Territory, Linguistic survey notes and texts, Vols. 27a-31, April-June 1931

This series includes a diary (Darwin-Daly River, 1931), notes and texts, lists of material culture specimens (Daly River), Brinken and Ngangumeri (Daly River and Hermit Hill), Emdil (Hermit Hill), Milingimbi and Elcho Island, Anjumarla (Wave Hill), Wademan (Willeroo), Nangu (Fitzmaurice River (Bathurst Island, Djamandju (Victoria River), Yenyula (Borrooloola) and Aranda (Fanny Bay Goal).

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MS 2188/5/2.29	Volume 29, <i>Daly River N.A.</i> , 4 June 1931, Ms., c.135pp., includes:	pp.6229-6377
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Series 8 Miscellaneous reports, extracts and papers

This series includes early and final drafts of Gerhardt Laves' *Preliminary survey of Australian Aboriginal languages*, his notes on people of southwest Western Australia (mainly extracts from Daisy Bates' writings, with a genealogical chart of Jimmy Wms), and extracts from letters of W.E. H. Stanner (1932) on Brinken, Mulluk Mulluk, Nangomeri and other Daly River people.

There are also notes on Karadjeri social organization, mythology, kinship and cultural history, Karadjeri stories collected by R. Piddington, *'Preliminary survey of the social organization of the Karadyeri tribe'* by R. Piddington, Karadjeri linguistic analysis, Emdil word cards and linguistic notes.

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	Some Customs of the West Australian Aborigines', <i>Victorian Geographical Journal</i> , Vol. XXIII, 1905, 36-60, Ts., 8pp.	
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This material comprises photocopies of correspondence between Gerhardt Laves and Fay-Cooper Cole, 1929-31. The originals are held in the Department of Special Collections, The Joseph Regenstein Library, University of Chicago. The correspondence documents the period when Laves was in Australia collecting material for his Ph.D. thesis.

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APPENDIX 1.

CATALOGUE OF THE LAVES PAPERS BY DR. LAWRENCE CROMWELL

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[The following is a transcription of typescript copies of Dr Cromwell's catalogue and Dr Alpher's index. These are the last item in Box 9, in a folder labelled 'Catalogue'.]

Papers, mainly field notebooks, correspondence and language cards, 1929-1932. Holograph and typescript (processed).

11 (17cm) boxes.

Gerhardt Laves carried out linguistic and anthropological field work in Australia between 1929 and 1931 under the auspices of the Australian National Research Council. He was supervised by Professor A.R. Radcliffe-Brown of the University of Sydney. Although principally interested in comparative linguistics, Laves drew much of his material from explanations of social and religious organisations, often through stories. His field work areas were the North Coast of New South Wales, Albany, Broome, and Cape Leveque in Western Australia, Victoria and Daly Rivers, Arnhem Land and Cape York. He did not continue anthropological research after his return to America in 1931.

The original papers were found in the Library of the University of Chicago by an anthropologist, Mr Mark Francillon, and were copied under an AIAS grant for deposit in the Library in 1985. Dr L.G. Cromwell prepared a detailed catalogue of the papers in 1986. This is available on computer in the AIAS Library.

[Note: the papers were not at the University of Chicago but in Laves' house, where Laves showed them to Francillon. -DGN]

Items correspond to sections and subsections of the manuscript where possible. Names, geographical references, stories, research topics, and other matters

are indexed by page number for in Item 7.2.5. (Items 3 through 6 are comprised of language cards and have not been numbered.)

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