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## ► Install tools

```
$ conda install nltk
```

# Language

A language is a set of strings.

- ▶ Symbols
  - ▶ Lexicon (alphabet)
- ▶ Tokens
  - ▶ Words: strings of symbols
  - ▶ Specified with regular grammar (regular expressions)
- ▶ Sentences
  - ▶ Strings of tokens
  - ▶ Specified with context-free grammar

# Natural and Artificial Languages

## Artificial language

- ▶ Prescribed by regular and context free grammars.

## Natural language

- ▶ Described by regular and context free grammars.

# Analyzing Natural Languages

## Symbolic NLP

- ▶ Parsing

## Statistical NLP

- ▶ N-grams
- ▶ HMMs
- ▶ Vector space model

# Bag of Words

- ▶ Documents as vectors of word counts
- ▶ Document categorization
- ▶ Information retrieval