

### Peaceful Places with Cats Purring in Tall Grass

Good places Peaceful places and well-made things are found between a whisper and an effort we can find the best parts of the Agusans' world "peace" or "hagsay" found after "excitement" or in the local dialect "hagam" and a whisper "ha'gas" in the Agusan Manobo-English dictionary

Next comes "'hagbay" "long ago" and "'hagdan" "a ladder or stairs" climbing towards peace there are trees and vines creeping across the entries

"Ha'gimit" or "a kind of medium sized softwood tree that grows on flat ground and bears large bunches of edible fruit" and "hag'naja" "a kind of strong vine that grows well in moist places" the tops of which are eaten as a vegetable near the water "'hag-om" means to soak in water and also refers to a kind of water snake

Following the trees, vines and snakes is "'hagong" to snore or the purring of a cat on the "'hagpà" a noun that means low flat ground characterized by tall grass and low trees

And there near the tall grass we come to peaceful "'hagsay" means good, peaceful, well-made it is said of places and things in hot countries where cold is a pleasant experience

Good peace is followed by "'hagsiy" "cold" and "'hagtong" "quiet" the respite before the "effort" or as it is called in Agusan Manobo "'hagù"

Then crashing through the words "ha'gudhud" for "people or animals to stampede" are more flowers and plants "ha'gunuy" a kind of vine bearing yellow bell-shaped flowers and "'hagupit" a plant with sandpaper-like leaves

Another snake "hag'wason" a large venomous cobra with a yellow belly and black back

Before ending the "hag" words with "'hagyung" "roomy, to have plenty of room or fit loosely" making me marvel at this roomy landscape filled with trees, vines, people and snakes where good things and those well made are equated with peace as the land stirs with the sound of purring cats in the tall grasslands of the Philippines' Agusan River Valley

### Romani Peace Homonyms

In Romani a language of the travelling people "miro" similar to the Russian or Slovenian "mir" is peace

"patcha" similar to the Italian "pace" is peace

"spokojstvo" similar to Polish "pokój" or

Serbian "spokoj" is peace

and "kotor" is piece, patch or part

### Emotional Shades of Kete

"Kete" is liver in Mbula

an Austronesian language of Papua New Guinea

"Kete-iluumu" (at peace)

literally liver cool

"Kete-imalmal" (angry)

literally liver fight

"Kete-ibayou" (very angry)

literally liver hot

"Kete-ibelev" (uncontrollably angry)

literally liver swirl

"Kete-pitpit" (get excited too quickly)

literally liver jumps

"Kete-ikam ke" (startled)

literally liver does snapping

"Kete-kutkut" (anxious)

literally liver beats

"Kete-paana" (calm, unmoved, long-suffering)

literally liver is rock-like

### Reidh Peace Synonyms

Peace juxtaposed against level

"reidh" is peace in Gaelic

as well as smooth, polished, straight, uninterrupted, free, exempt, reconciled, at peace, safe, not dangerous

ready, prepared, disentangled, not raveled

harmonious, clear, melodious, ordered

arranged, disposed, all meanings of "reidh"

how can five letters hold so much

## SLM Peace Connections

peace shalom salaam  
shalom salaam peace hopeful  
salaam shalom peace



## Shalom in Jewish Malayalam

"Samadhanam" peace  
Malayalam the language  
of Jews in Kerala India

The 1940s 25 thousand Jews  
spoke Malayalam now maintained  
by Israeli immigrants

## Brain and Language Research

### Structural Changes in The Brain

"The human capacity to master multiple languages is remarkable and leads to structural and functional changes in the brain. These results provide evidence for differences in neural responses to linguistic competition between versus within languages, and demonstrate the brain's remarkable plasticity, where language experience can change neural processing." Marian, V., J. Bartolotti, et al. (2017). "Bilingual Cortical Control of Between- and Within-Language Competition." *Sci Rep* 7(1): 11763.

### Cognitive and Brain Reserves

"Maintaining two active languages may increase cognitive and brain reserve among bilingual individuals. We explored whether such a neuroprotective effect was manifested in the performance of memory tests for participants with amnesic mild cognitive impairment. The bilingual group significantly outperformed the monolingual group. Superior memory performance of bilinguals over monolinguals suggests that bilinguals develop a different and perhaps more efficient semantic association system that influences verbal recall." Rosselli, M., D. A. Loewenstein, et al. (2019). "Effects of Bilingualism on Verbal and Nonverbal Memory Measures in Mild Cognitive Impairment." *J Int Neuropsychol Soc* 25(1): 15-28.

### Brain Plasticity and Brain Network Organization

"Overall, our study revealed more insights in functional network reorganization caused by auditory deprivation and cross-modal plasticity. It further supports the idea of a brain plasticity potential in deaf and hearing people. The association between network organization and acquired sign language experience reflects the ability of ongoing brain adaptation in people with hearing disabilities." Sinke, M. R. T., J. W. Buitenhuis, et al. (2019). "The power of language: Functional brain network topology of deaf and hearing in relation to sign language experience." *Hear Res* 373: 32-47.

### Context Relevant Word Learning

"These findings suggest that the language control network is shared across bilingual language production and comprehension. We argue that activation of the language control network in language comprehension allows bilinguals to quickly and efficiently grasp the context-relevant meaning of words." Peeters, D., F. Vanlangendonck, et al. (2019). "Activation of the language control network in bilingual visual word recognition." *Cortex* 111: 63-73.

### Cognitive Processing Enhanced

"Bilingualism is associated with enhancements in perceptual and cognitive processing necessary for juggling multiple languages. Findings underscore that the plasticity afforded by speaking multiple languages shapes extra-linguistic brain regions and can enhance audiovisual brain processing in a domain-general manner." Bidelman, G. M. and S. T. Heath (2019). "Neural Correlates of Enhanced Audiovisual Processing in the Bilingual Brain." *Neuroscience* 401: 11-20.