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The purpose of this analysis was to look at the linguistic features in Klingon, Sindarin, and Na'vi and compare them to a set of linguistic universal tendencies. It sought to determine how different each was compared to Earth languages and how difficult it might be for a human being to learn one of the languages. The analysis was designed to present background information on each of the topics, then each of the languages, and then make comparisons between them. The results of the study were the languages of the three alien species fell within the set of universal tendencies for the most part. Relative clauses were the syntactic feature that departed from the universal tendencies for two of the three languages. Despite being very different from Earth languages and each other, a person should be able to learn these languages, and while some of the alien languages have sounds not commonly used in the learner's native language, it still remains very possible with extra practice.

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