Cookie Policy

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1. What are cookies?

Cookies are small text files stored on your device when you visit a website. They help the website work properly, remember your preferences, and (where you've agreed) understand how the site is used.

2. How The Language Vault uses cookies

We use four categories of cookies:

Strictly necessary (always on — these can't be switched off)

These are essential for the site to function and are not subject to consent under UK/EU law.

Cookie	Purpose	Duration
Authentication / session cookie	Keeps you logged in as you move between pages	Session, or per your chosen "remember me" duration
Cookie consent record	Remembers your cookie preference choice so we don't ask every visit	12 months

Functional (on by default, you can disable in preferences)

Cookie	Purpose	Duration
Theme preference (light/dark mode)	Remembers your display preference	Until changed or cleared

Analytics (only set with your consent)

Cookie	Purpose	Duration
Google Analytics (`_ga`, `_ga_*`)	Helps us understand aggregate site usage — pages visited, general	Up to two month

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	behaviour. We do not pass your name, email, or account details into Analytics; it only ever sees anonymised activity.	

These cookies are not set until you actively consent via our cookie banner. If you decline, no analytics cookies are placed and no data is sent to Google Analytics.

Third-party / embedded content

We currently don't embed third-party content (e.g. YouTube videos) that would set its own cookies. If this changes, we'll update this policy and our cookie banner accordingly.

3. Cookies from our service providers

Some of the services that power The Language Vault may set their own cookies when you use features that depend on them:

- **Stripe** — if you're on our billing/checkout pages, Stripe may set cookies for fraud prevention and to process your payment securely. See Stripe's cookie policy for details.
- **Supabase** — our authentication provider may use cookies/local storage to manage your logged-in session securely.

These are necessary for the relevant feature to work and aren't optional in the same way analytics cookies are.

4. Managing your cookie preferences

You can change your cookie preferences at any time:

- **On our site:** use the **Cookie preferences** link in the footer to reopen the consent banner and update your choice.
- **In your browser:** most browsers let you block or delete cookies through their settings. Note that blocking strictly necessary cookies will likely stop you from being able to log in or use the site properly.

5. A note for younger users

If you're under 18, the same choice applies to you — we ask for your consent (or your parent/guardian's, if you're using a linked account) before any analytics cookies are set, and strictly necessary cookies are the only ones active by default.

6. Changes to this policy

We may update this Cookie Policy if the cookies we use change. Check back here for the latest version, and we'll update the "Last updated" date above whenever we make a change.

7. More information

For how we handle your personal data more broadly (not just cookies), see our Privacy Policy.. For questions about this Cookie Policy, contact us at **hi@thelanguagevault.com**.