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This thesis purports to clarify Wittgenstein's private language argument. The first part is concerned with the philosophical significance of the private language argument and the philosophical problems that Wittgenstein has to answer within this private language argument. The next chapter surveys some remarks and explanations on this argument by contemporary philosophers, especially Saul A. Kripke, who suggests that the private language argument is only a special case of Wittgenstein's concept of rule following. The fourth chapter consists of my explanations of the concept of rule following together with relating concepts of the later Wittgenstein and the content of the private language argument. The fifth chapter is concerned with my remark on those philosophers' views presented in Chapter Three. The last chapter is my conclusion that the community interpretation of the concept of rule following does solve the problem of private language, namely, that a private language is impossible. The concept of community interpretation itself also proposes an alternative to understanding the nature of language.