

THE LANGUAGE OF ZÖHÆÑIAN

Natively known as: Zöhæñ /zɔhæn/

...and he stood holding his hat and turned his wet face to the wind...

łarı ɓy ɸutkæö ɸë ɓy zö ɓarı ɓarı ræö ɓy zö žëðös ɸi csun žinɓ ræ

Pronunciation: /ɬ'ɒ'ɪ ʃə θʊt'kæl θɜ ʃə jɒ ʃɒ'ɪ ɬ'ɒ'ɪ ɒɒ'ɒ ʃə jɒ zɜ'ðɒɛ θɪ tʃʊn zɪnʃ ɪɒ/
Zöhæñ word order: and he stood holding his hat and turned his wet face the wind to

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Phonology

Consonant inventory: /d͡ʒ ɡ ɦ j k l n ɧ t t͡ʃ z ʒ ð ŋ ɛ ɔ ɬ ɮ ɲ ɾ ʋ ʃ ʒ ʒ j θ ɣ/

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↕Manner/Place↗	Dental	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Retroflex	Alveolo-palatal	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	Glottal
Stop		t		ɖ			k ɡ	q ɢ	
Nasal		n				ɲ	ŋ		
Affricate			tʃ dʒ						
Fricative	θ ð	z	ʃ ʒ	ʂ ʐ	ɕ	ç j		χ ʁ	h
Approximant		ɹ				j			
Lateral fricative		ɬ ɮ							
Lateral approximant		l							

Vowel inventory: /a e i ɔ ɜ ɪ ʊ ʌ/

Diphthongs: None ?

IPA vowel chart					
	Front	Near-front	Central	Near-back	Back
High					
Near-high					
High-mid					
Mid					
Low-mid					
Near-Low					
Low					

Syllable structure: (C)(C)(C)V(C)(C) ?

Stress pattern: Second — stress is on the second syllable ?

Word initial consonants: dʒ, g, gl, glj, gɹ, h, j, k, kj, kl, l, lj, n, ɟ, t, tj, tʃ, z, ç, çj, ð, ɲ, ɛ, ɖ, ɠ, ʔ, ʒ, ɲ, ɹ, ʁ, ʂ, ʃ, ʃz, z, ʒ, j, θ, χ

Mid-word consonants: dʒ, g, gg, gl, h, j, jj, jɲ, k, kj, kk, ktj, l, lk, n, ng, nh, nj, nkj, nkl, nl, nt, nʒɹ, nθɹ, t, tgɹ, tk, tʃ, z, zj, çt, ð, ɲ, ɲkt, ɛ, ɖ, ʒ, ɲ, ɹ, ɲn, ʁ, ʁj, ʁtj, ʁʃj, ʂ, ʃ, ʃt, ʒ, ʒʁ, θ, χ

Word final consonants: dʒ, g, j, jɲ, jt, k, klz, l, lθ, n, nk, nt, nʃ, t, tl, tʃ, z, ç, ð, ɲ, ɲgl, ɛ, ɖ, ʔ, ʒ, ɲ, ɹ, ɲn, ɹz, ɹθ, ʂ, ʒ, θ, χ

Phonological rules (in order of application): ?

Guide to phonological rules: e → i / _g means 'e' turns into 'i' before a 'g'.

C = consonant, V = vowel, S = stop, N = nasal consonant, F = fricative, K = velar, L = lateral, R = resonant/sonorant, P = labial/bilabial E = front vowel. B = back

vowel, # = word boundary, \emptyset =
null/nothing

- $q \rightarrow h / _ \#$
- $je \rightarrow o / \# _$
- $S \rightarrow \emptyset / \# _ F$
- $e \rightarrow a / _ i$
- $\{k, g\} \rightarrow [+postalveolar] / _ i$

Grammar

Main word order: Subject-Verb-Object-Oblique. "Mary opened the door with a key" turns into *Mary opened the door with a key.*

Adjective order: Adjectives are positioned before the noun.

Adposition: postpositions ?

Noun morphology ?

		Singular		Plural	
Absolutive	Masculine	<i>man</i>	śun /ɛʷn/	<i>men</i>	No plural marker rʃjśun /ʃʃi'ɛʷn/
	Feminine	<i>woman</i>	ža /ʒa/	<i>women</i>	No plural marker žža /ʒʒa/
Ergative	Masculine	<i>man</i>	Suffix: -u /-ʷ/ śunu /ɛʷ'nʷ/	<i>men</i>	No plural marker śsun /i'ɛʷn/
	Feminine	<i>woman</i>	Suffix: -(a)ʃp /-(a)ɪθ/ žaʃp /ʒaɪθ/	<i>women</i>	No plural marker iža /i'ʒa/
Genitive	Masculine	<i>man's</i>	Suffix: -u /-ʷ/ śunu /ɛʷ'nʷ/	<i>men's</i>	No plural marker höśun /hʌ'ɛʷn/
	Feminine	<i>woman's</i>	Suffix: -(i)jt /-(i)jt/ žajt /ʒajt/	<i>women's</i>	No plural marker šyža /ʃə'ʒa/
Dative	Masculine	<i>to [the/a] man</i>	Suffix: -(ö)l /-(ʌ)l/ śunöl /ɛʷ'nʌl/	<i>to men</i>	No plural marker röśun /ʀʌ'ɛʷn/
	Feminine	<i>to [the/a] woman</i>	Suffix: - /-/ ža /ʒa/	<i>to [the/some] women</i>	No plural marker šža /ɛʒa/
Locative	Masculine	<i>in/at/by [the/a] man</i>	Suffix: -(a)ś /-(a)ɕ/ śunaś /ɛʷ'nʌɕ/	<i>in/at/by [the/some] men</i>	No plural marker śuśun /ɛʷ'ɛʷn/
	Feminine	<i>in/at/by [the/a] woman</i>	Suffix: -(i)ši /iʃi/ žaši /ʒaʃi/	<i>in/at/by [the/some] women</i>	No plural marker šža /ɛʒa/

Plurals are optional for inanimate nouns. ?

Definite article ?

		Singular		Plural	
Absolutive	Masculine	<i>the [man]</i>	ǵë /Gɜ/	<i>the [men]</i>	csa /tʃa/
	Feminine	<i>the [woman]</i>	žíð /zɪð/	<i>the [women]</i>	žíð /zɪð/
Ergative	Masculine	<i>the [man]</i>	kan /kan/	<i>the [men]</i>	ħux /ħux/
	Feminine	<i>the [woman]</i>	þíð /θið/	<i>the [women]</i>	czìt /dʒit/
Genitive	Masculine	<i>the [man's]</i>	þut /θut/	<i>the [men's]</i>	díg /dɪg/
	Feminine	<i>the [woman's]</i>	šírz /ʃɪrz/	<i>the [women's]</i>	tat /tat/
Dative	Masculine	<i>to the [man]</i>	ńöcz /ɲadʒ/	<i>to the [men]</i>	ʃít /ʃit/
	Feminine	<i>to the [woman]</i>	šöñ /ʃɔɲ/	<i>to the [women]</i>	qít /qit/
Locative	Masculine	<i>in/at/by the [man]</i>	jöcz /jɔdʒ/	<i>in/at/by the [men]</i>	ʃax /ʃax/
	Feminine	<i>in/at/by the [woman]</i>	žìñ /jɪɲ/	<i>in/at/by the [women]</i>	gljít /gljit/

Uses of definite article that differ from English:

- Definite article can be omitted
Example: 'I am going to jacuzzi'

Indefinite article ?

Numeral for 'one' is used as indefinite article.

Uses of indefinite article that differ from English:

- Not used for non-specific uncountable nouns:
non-specific = 'Would you like some (any) tea?'
specific = 'Some tea (a specific amount) fell off the truck'

Personal pronouns

	Absolutive		Ergative		Genitive		Dative	
1ST.SG	I	žì /zɪ/	me	ža /zɑ/	mine	žì zö /zɪ jʌ/	to me	žì ráæ /zɪ ja/
2ND.SG.M	you (masc.)	hí /hi/	you (masc.)	ha /ɦɑ/	yours (masc.)	hí zö /hi jʌ/	to you (masc.)	hí ráæ /hi ja/
2ND.SG.F	you (fem.)	czö /d͡zʌ/	you (fem.)	czag /d͡zɑg/	yours (fem.)	czö zö /d͡zʌ jʌ/	to you (fem.)	czö ráæ /d͡zʌ ja/
3RD.SG.M	he	šy /ʃə/	him	še /ʃe/	his	šy zö /ʃə jʌ/	to him	šy ráæ /ʃə ja/
3RD.SG.F	she	žinš / zɪnʃ/	her	žig / zɪg/	hers	žinš zö / zɪnʃ jʌ/	to her	žinš ráæ / zɪnʃ ja/
1ST.PL	we	ðuþ / ðwθ/	us	ðucs / ðwɪʃ/	ours	ðuþ zö / ðwθ jʌ/	to us	ðuþ ráæ / ðwθ ja/
2ND.PL	you	csa /tʃɑ/	you	csaš /tʃɑç/	yours	csa zö /tʃɑ jʌ/	to you	csa ráæ /tʃɑ ja/
3RD.PL.M	they (masc.)	žu / zʉ/	them (masc.)	ži /zɪ/	their (masc.)	žu zö /zʉ jʌ/	to them (masc.)	žu ráæ /zʉ ja/
3RD.PL.F	they (fem.)	pu / θw/	them (fem.)	pań / θɑŋ/	their (fem.)	pu zö /θw jʌ/	to them (fem.)	pu ráæ /θw ja/

Verbs

Indicative mood				
		Past	Present	Future
Perfective		<i>studied</i>	<i>study</i>	<i>will study</i>
	1st.sg	Suffix: -(a)ʃy /aʃə/ śatíraʃy /çə'ti.ɾaʃə/	Suffix: -(a)t /-(a)t/ śatírat /çə'ti.ɾat/	Suffix: -(æ)ny /anə/ śatírny /çə'ti.ɾnə/
	2nd.sg	Suffix: -(u)rí /u.ɾi/ śatírurí /çə'ti.ɾu.ɾi/	Suffix: -í /-i/ śatírí /çə'ti.ɾi/	Suffix: -(æ)d /-(a)d/ śatíræd /çə'ti.ɾæd/
	3rd.sg	Suffix: -ö /-ʌ/ śatírö /çə'ti.ɾʌ/	Suffix: -(æ)ś /-(a)ɛ/ śatíræś /çə'ti.ɾæɛ/	Suffix: -(a)cs /-(a)tʃ/ śatíracs /çə'ti.ɾatʃ/
	1st.pl	Suffix: -a /-a/ śatíra /çə'ti.ɾa/	Suffix: -(a)t /-(a)t/ śatírat /çə'ti.ɾat/	Suffix: -a /-a/ śatíra /çə'ti.ɾa/
	2nd.pl	Suffix: -(a)ɾ /-(a)ɾ/ śatíraɾ /çə'ti.ɾaɾ/	Suffix: -(i)t /-(i)t/ śatírít /çə'ti.ɾit/	Suffix: -a /-a/ śatíra /çə'ti.ɾa/
	3rd.pl	Suffix: -(a)cs /-(a)tʃ/ śatíracs /çə'ti.ɾatʃ/	Suffix: -(u)l /-(u)l/ śatírul /çə'ti.ɾul/	Suffix: -(i)rí /i.ɾi/ śatírírí /çə'ti.ɾi.ɾi/

Perfect aspect

'have studied'

No perfect aspect.

Progressive aspect

'am studying'

Uses the particle **qajt** /qajt/ before main verb.

Imperative

'study!' (as a command)

First person: Suffix: **-u** /-u/

Second person: Suffix: **-(i)cs** /-(i)tʃ/

Negation

Uses the particle **tæg** /tag/ before main verb phrase.

Derivational morphology

Noun → adjective: Suffix: **-(a)n** /-(a)n/

Adjective → noun: Suffix: **-(æ)ž** /-(a)ʒ/

Noun → verb: Suffix: **-(ö)nge** /Δnge/

Verb → noun: Suffix: **- /-**

Verb → adjective: Suffix: **-(æ)ś** /-(a)ś/

Adjective → adverb: Suffix: **-ö** /-Δ/

One who Xs (e.g. paint → painter): Suffix: **-æ** /-a/

Place where (e.g. wine → winery): Suffix: **-(a)t** /-(a)t/

Diminutive: Suffix: **- /-**

Augmentative: Suffix: **-(a)śu** /aśu/

Zöhæñ - English Dictionary

Key: **spelling** /pronunciation/ *part of speech*. definition(s)

a /a/ *adv.* now

a /a/ *prep.* in

agla /a'gla/ *nf.* island

aka /a'ka/ *nf.* soil

aki /a'ki/ [a'ti] *nf.* excrement;
v. defecate

akæ /a'ka/ *nm.* holiday

akæjn /a'kajn/ *adj.* purple

alka /al'ka/ *nf.* diamond

anžrí /an'žri/ *v.* fix, mend

au /a'u/ *adj.* subtle

auž /a'už/ *nf.* subtlety

aśæ /a'śa/ *nf.* wrist

ađu /a'du/ *adj.* anxious

ađuž /a'duž/ *nf.* anxiety

ađæ /a'da/ *nf.* bag

ańu /a'ņu/ *adj.* strong

ańuž /a'ņuž/ *nf.* strength

ańa /a'ņa/ *nf.* rhythm

ańaśöśu /a'ņaśöśu/ *conj.*
whether

ańi /a'ņi/ *adv.* yesterday

ańktu /aņ'ktu/ *nf.* thought

ańktu /aņ'ktu/ *v.* think

ańktuś /aņ'ktuś/ *adj.* pensive

aři /a'ri/ *adj.* vague

ařæ /a'ra/ *nf.* company

ařænge /a'range/ *v.*
accompany

aštì /aç'ti/ *nf.* trip

aští /aç'ti/ *nf.* mood

aśížružaś /a'śižružaś/ *v.* kiss;
nf. kiss; *v.* embrace

ašu /a'šu/ *nf.* ornament

aši /a'ši/ *nf.* east

aža /a'ža/ *nf.* piece

aži /a'ži/ *v.* drink