

THE LANGUAGE OF ZÖHÆÑIAN

Natively known as: Zöhæñ /zʌhæn/

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

łarí ðy þutkæö þë ðy zö ðafí łarí ræö ðy zö žëðös þì csun žinß fæ

Pronunciation: /łarí ſe θutkæø þe ðø zø ðafí łarí ræø ðø zø žëðøs þì csun žinß fæ/
Zöhæñ word order: and he stood holding his hat and turned his wet face the wind to

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Phonology

Consonant inventory: /dʒ g h j k l n q t tʃ z ç ð ñ c ð g l þ n r v s ŋ z ʒ j θ χ/

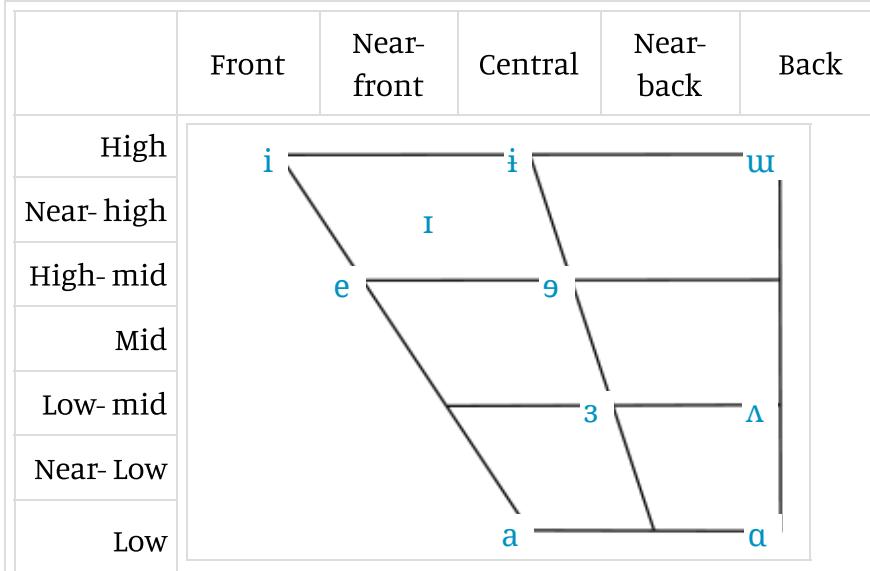
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↳Manner/Place→	Dental	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Retroflex	Alveolo-palatal	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	Glottal
Stop		t		d			k g	q ɣ	
Nasal		n				jn	ŋ		
Affricate			tʃ dʒ						
Fricative	θ ð	z	ʃ ʒ	ʂ ʐ	ç ʝ		x v	h	
Approximant		ɹ				j			
Lateral fricative		ɬ							
Lateral approximant		l							

Vowel inventory: /a e i ə ɔ ɜ ɪ u ʌ/

Diphthongs: None ?

IPA vowel chart



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

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

Word initial consonants: dʒ, g, gl, glj, gr, h, j, k, kj, kl, l, lj, n, q, t, tj, tʃ, z, ç, cj, ð, ñ, ɛ, d, ɡ, t, ʒ, n, r, s, f, fz, z, ʒ, j, θ, χ

Mid-word consonants: dʒ, g, gg, gl, h, j, jj, jn, k, kj, kk, ktj, l, lk, n, ng, nh, nj, nkj, nkl, nl, nt, nʒ, nθ, t, tg, tk, tʃ, z, zj, ct, ð, ñ, nkt, ɛ, d, ʒ, n, r, m, s, tʃ, ʃ, s, f, ft, ʒ, ʒr, θ, χ

Word final consonants: dʒ, g, j, jn, jt, k, klz, l, lθ, n, nk, nt, nʃ, t, tl, tʃ, z, ç, ð, ñ, ngl, ɛ, d, t, ʒ, n, r, m, s, ʃ, 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 → h / _#
- je → o / #_
- S → Ø / #_F
- e → a / _i
- {k,g} → [+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	
Case	Gender	Form	Transliteration	Form	Transliteration
	Masculine	<i>man</i>	śun /ɛun/	<i>men</i>	No plural marker r̥jiśun /r̥ji 'ɛun/
Absolutive	Feminine	<i>woman</i>	żā /ʒa/	<i>women</i>	No plural marker żżā /ʒʒa/
	Masculine	<i>man</i>	Suffix: -u /-u/ śunu /ɛu'nui/	<i>men</i>	No plural marker íšun /i'ɛun/
Ergative	Feminine	<i>woman</i>	Suffix: -(a)ńp /-(a)ɹθ/ żarńp /ʒaɹθ/	<i>women</i>	No plural marker íżā /i'ʒa/
	Masculine	<i>man's</i>	Suffix: -u /-u/ śunu /ɛu'nui/	<i>men's</i>	No plural marker hōśun /hɔ 'ɛun/
Genitive	Feminine	<i>woman's</i>	Suffix: -(i)jt /-(i)jt/ żajt /ʒajt/	<i>women's</i>	No plural marker šyżā /ʂe'ʒa/
	Masculine	<i>to [the/a] man</i>	Suffix: -(ö)l /-(ʌ)l/ śunöl /ɛu'nal/	<i>to men</i>	No plural marker röśun /rɔ 'ɛun/
Dative	Feminine	<i>to [the/a] woman</i>	Suffix: - /-/ żā /ʒa/	<i>to [the/some] women</i>	No plural marker śżā /ɛʒa/
	Masculine	<i>in/at/by [the/a] man</i>	Suffix: -(a)s /-(a)ç/ śunaś /ɛu'nac/	<i>in/at/by [the/some] men</i>	No plural marker śuśun /ɛu 'ɛun/
Locative	Feminine	<i>in/at/by [the/a] woman</i>	Suffix: -(i)śi /iʂi/ żası /ʒaʂi/	<i>in/at/by [the/some] women</i>	No plural marker śżā /ɛʒa/

Plurals are optional for inanimate nouns. ?

Definite article ?

		Singular	Plural	
Absolutive	Masculine	<i>the [man]</i>	ćë /g3/	<i>the [men]</i> csa /tʃa/
	Feminine	<i>the [woman]</i>	žíđ /zjđ/	<i>the [women]</i> žíđ /zjđ/
Ergative	Masculine	<i>the [man]</i>	kan /kan/	<i>the [men]</i> lux /tux/
	Feminine	<i>the [woman]</i>	bíđ /θiđ/	<i>the [women]</i> czít /dʒit/
Genitive	Masculine	<i>the [man's]</i>	but /θurt/	<i>the [men's]</i> díg /d̥ig/
	Feminine	<i>the [woman's]</i>	šířz /ʂirz/	<i>the [women's]</i> tat /tat/
Dative	Masculine	<i>to the [man]</i>	ńöcz /ɲudʒ/	<i>to the [men]</i> ńít /ʃit/
	Feminine	<i>to the [woman]</i>	šöň /ʂʌŋ/	<i>to the [women]</i> qít /qit/
Locative	Masculine	<i>in/at/by the [man]</i>	jöcz /jʌdʒ/	<i>in/at/by the [men]</i> ńax /ʃax/
	Feminine	<i>in/at/by the [woman]</i>	žiň /jɪŋ/	<i>in/at/by the [women]</i> gljít /gljɪt/

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 žö /zɪ jʌ/	to me	žì ræ /zɪ rə/
2ND.SG.M	you (masc.)	lí /lɪ/	you (masc.)	la /lɑ/	yours (masc.)	lí žö /lɪ jʌ/	to you (masc.)	lí ræ /lɪ rə/
2ND.SG.F	you (fem.)	czö /dʒʌ/	you (fem.)	czag /dʒag/	yours (fem.)	czö žö /dʒʌ jʌ/	to you (fem.)	czö ræ /dʒʌ rə/
3RD.SG.M	he	þy /jə/	him	þe /ʃe/	his	þy žö /ʃe jʌ/	to him	þy ræ /ʃe rə/
3RD.SG.F	she	žinþ /ʒɪnʃ/	her	žíg /ʒɪg/	hers	žinþ žö /ʒɪnʃ jʌ/	to her	žinþ ræ /ʒɪnʃ rə/
1ST.PL	we	ðuþ /ðuθ/	us	ðucs /ðuτʃ/	ours	ðuþ žö /ðuθ jʌ/	to us	ðuþ ræ /ðuθ rə/
2ND.PL	you	csa /tʃa/	you	csaś /tʃaç/	yours	csa žö /tʃa jʌ/	to you	csa ræ /tʃa rə/
3RD.PL.M	they (masc.)	žu /zui/	them (masc.)	žì /zɪ/	their (masc.)	žu žö /zui jʌ/	to them (masc.)	žu ræ /zui rə/
3RD.PL.F	they (fem.)	þu /θui/	them (fem.)	þań /θaŋ/	their (fem.)	þu žö /θui jʌ/	to them (fem.)	þu ræ /θui rə/

Verbs

Indicative mood				
		Past	Present	Future
Perfective		<i>studied</i>	<i>study</i>	<i>will study</i>
	1st.sg	Suffix: -(a)ßy /ɑʃə/ śatíráßy /çɑ'tiʃəʃə/	Suffix: -(a)t /-(a)t/ śatírat /çɑ'tiʃət/	Suffix: -(æ)ny /anə/ śatírn̩y /çɑ'tiʃnə/
	2nd.sg	Suffix: -(u)rí /uʃiʃi/ śatírurí /çɑ'tiʃuʃiʃi/	Suffix: -í /-i/ śatírí /çɑ'tiʃi/	Suffix: -(æ)d /-(a)d/ śatírád /çɑ'tiʃad/
	3rd.sg	Suffix: -ö /-ʌ/ śatífö /çɑ'tiʃʌ/	Suffix: -(æ)s /-(a)s/ śatíræs /çɑ'tiʃəs/	Suffix: -(a)cs /-(a)tʃ/ śatíracs /çɑ'tiʃətʃ/
	1st.pl	Suffix: -a /-a/ śatírá /çɑ'tiʃə/	Suffix: -(a)t /-(a)t/ śatírat /çɑ'tiʃət/	Suffix: -a /-a/ śatírá /çɑ'tiʃə/
	2nd.pl	Suffix: -(a)í /-(a)i/ śatíráf /çɑ'tiʃəf/	Suffix: -(i)t /-(i)t/ śatífit /çɑ'tiʃəfɪt/	Suffix: -a /-a/ śatírá /çɑ'tiʃə/
	3rd.pl	Suffix: -(a)cs /-(a)tʃ/ śatíracs /çɑ'tiʃətʃ/	Suffix: -(u)l /-(u)l/ śatíful /çɑ'tiʃəl/	Suffix: -(i)rí /iʃi/ śatírifí /çɑ'tiʃəfɪ/

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)ž/
Noun → verb: Suffix: **-(ö)nge** /ange/
Verb → noun: Suffix: **-/-**
Verb → adjective: Suffix: **-(æ)s** /-(a)s/
Adjective → adverb: Suffix: **-ö** /-ʌ/
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)šu** /aču/

Zöhæn̄ - 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'wž/ *nf.* subtlety

aßæ /a'ʃa/ *nf.* wrist

aðu /a'ðu/ *adj.* anxious

aðuž /a'ðuž/ *nf.* anxiety

aðæ /a'ða/ *nf.* bag

ańu /a'ju/ *adj.* strong

ańuž /a'juž/ *nf.* strength

aňa /a'ňa/ *nf.* rhythm

aňaßößu /a'ňaʃaʃu/ *conj.*
whether

aňi /a'ňi/ *adv.* yesterday

ańktu /a'ńktu/ *nf.* thought

ańktu /a'ńktu/ *v.* think

ańktus /a'ńktus/ *adj.* pensive

aří /a'ři/ *adj.* vague

ařæ /a'řa/ *nf.* company

ařänge /a'řange/ *v.*
accompany

aštì /a'ști/ *nf.* trip

aští /a'ști/ *nf.* mood

ašížružaš /a'šížružaš/ *v.* kiss;
nf. kiss; *v.* embrace

ašu /a'šu/ *nf.* ornament

aší /a'ší/ *nf.* east

aža /a'ža/ *nf.* piece

aži /a'ži/ *v.* drink