

Hungarian

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1 Background

Language family:

- Uralic
 - Finno-Ugric

Adopted variety: ECH (Educated Colloquial Hungarian) (Siptár and Törkenczy 2000)

2 Phonology

2.1 Consonants (Siptár and Törkenczy 2000, p 18-19; Szende 1994)

Table 1: Consonants

Voicing		labial		alveolar		post-alveolar		palatal		velar		glottal	
nasal		m	m	n	n	ɲ	ny						
vs		p	p	t	t			c	ty	k	k		

stop	vd	b	b	d	d			j	gy	g	g	
fricative	vs	f	f	s	sz	ʃ	s				h	h
	vd	v	v	z	z	ʒ	zs					
affricate	vs			ts	c	tʃ	cs					
	vd			dz	dz	dʒ	dzs					
tap/trill				r	r							
approximant				l	l			j	j ly			

^a placeless /N/ appears preconsonantly and receives place from the following consonant

^b The [O] columns stands for orthography.

^c [vs] and [vd] in the second column stands for voiceless and voiced

2.2 Vowels (Szende 1994)

	IPA	Writing	Example	Gloss
1	ɑ	a	agy	brain
2	aː	á	ágy	bed
3	ɛ	e	egy	one
4	eː	é	ért	understand
5	i	i	irt	eradicate
6	iː	í	ír	write
7	o	o	orr	nose
8	oː	ó	ól	sty
9	ø	ö	öl	kill
10	øː	ő	őr	guard
11	u	u	ujj	finger

	IPA	Writing	Example	Gloss
12	uː	ú	úgy	like that
13	y	ü	ügy	affair
14	yː	ű	űrr	space
Marginal ¹	a, e, ɔː, ɛː			

3 Orthography

A, a

Á, á

B, b

C, c

Cs, cs

D, d

Dz, dz

Dzs, dzs

E, e

É, é

F, f

G, g

Gy, gy

H, h

I, i

Í, í

¹typically used for pronouncing letters in abbreviations and borrowed words (Siptár and Törkenczy 2000, p 280)

J, j

K, k

L, l

Ly, ly

M, m

N, n

Ny, ny

O, o

Ó, ó

Ö, ö

Ő, ő

P, p

Q, q

R, r

S, s

Sz, sz

T, t

Ty, ty

U, u

Ú, ú

Ü, ü

Ű, ű

V, v

W, w

X, x

Y, y

Z, z

Zs, zs

3.1 Note on the Alphabet

Letters q, x, y, w as well as the combination ‘ch’ are excluded in hu.rules since they only occur in borrowed words like homoszexuális, and traditional surnames e.g. Andrásy.

4 Rules

see hu.rules written based on Section 2.1 and 2.2

4.1 Controversies and choices

1. Whether “ty”, “dy” are affricates or stops as seen in 2.1
 - stops (see Siptár and Törkenczy 2000, p 82)
 - does not changed the result of translation
2. Whether there are diphthongs
 - no (see Siptár and Törkenczy 2000, p 16-18)
3. Whether [dz] is a phoneme or just a surface sound
 - surface (see Siptár and Törkenczy 2000, p 87-89)
 - underlying (see Szende 1994)
4. The placeless [N] as the underlying default nasal preconsonantly that undergoes progressive nasal assimilation vs. [m], [n] as the same with surface and underlying

forms

- (see Siptár and Törkenczy 2000, p 207-212)
- decide on keeping [m] and [n] as underlying forms due to words such as háromdimenziós which is három+dimenziós. m keeps its place in this example.

5 Lenition Processes

- Degemination (Siptár and Törkenczy 2000, p 83): Across word boundaries, affricates remain unmerged in careful speech. In colloquial speech, the first affricate may lenite into a fricative due to OCP

Writing	careful speech	colloquial speech
rác cég	[ra:ts-tse:g]	[ra:s-tse:g]
bölcs csere	[bøltʃ-tʃɛɾɛ]	[bølf-tʃɛɾɛ]

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