An Idiot’s Guide to Drakanian

Introduction - Ínerihaj:

It has been bought to my attention that some members of this writing team are having a hard time reading Drakanian. Therefore I am writing this guide to try and help sort that out.

In theory, Drakanian is being developed as a simple and easy-to-learn language. In practice, this is a bit hard to achieve as not only have I neglected to provide this guide earlier (My bad, sorry), there are also some characters that aren’t in the English alphabet. The following guide will begin with the alphabet, covering how to pronounce each letter as well as the Drakanian diphthongs, or ‘vowel pairs’ in layman’s terms. I will then talk about grammar, which is a lot simpler than English grammar.

Alphabet – Skrít:

Ka: Pronounced ‘k’, as in English

Ga: Pronounced ‘g’, never pronounced ‘j’

Da: Pronounced ‘d’, as in English

Ta: Pronounced ‘t’, as in English

Sa: Pronounced ‘s’, never pronounced ‘z’ (Yes this happens in quite a few languages)

Za: Pronounced ‘z’, never pronounced ‘s’ (This also happens)

Ma: Pronounced ‘m’, as in English

Na: Pronounced ‘n’, as in English

La: Pronounced ‘l’, as in English

Fa: Pronounced ‘f’, as in English

Ra: Pronounced ‘r’, as in English. Rolled after ‘l’

Ha: Pronounced ‘h’, unless at the end of a word where it is pronounced ‘ch’, as in loch. ‘h’ or ‘ch’ when not at the end of a word is purely personal choice.

Va: For simplicity, pronounced ‘v’. Actual pronunciation is somewhere between ‘v’ and ‘w’, leaning towards the former

Ah: Pronounced ‘a’, as in English

Eh: Pronounced ‘ai’, as in ‘pain’ (Noah should know what I mean)

Ih: Pronounced ‘I’, as in ‘pin’. Never ‘ai’ or ‘ee’

Íh: Pronounced ‘ee’ or ‘y’

Oh: Pronounced ‘o’, as in ‘bone’

Uh: Pronounced ‘oo’, as in ‘food’

Øh: Pronounced ‘ur’, as in ‘Purple’

Åh: Pronounced ‘or’, as in ‘form’

Z’gat (‘): Pronounced ‘uh’, as in ‘uh-oh’

Aí: Pronounced ‘aye’

Eí: Pronounced ‘ai’, as in ‘pain’

Ei: Pronounced ‘air’

(V)’: A vowel followed by ‘ is shortened. (Try stopping half way through a vowel sound)

Ae: Pronounced ‘ai’, except for when it is used to denote a plural, then it is pronounced ‘aye’. The actual sound is very hard to pronounce. It’s somewhere between ‘aye’ and ‘ai’, but don’t worry if you can’t get it.

Final note on Pronunciation: Drakanian words are pronounced as you see them. Read new words slowly to try and get the sound right. And remember ‘Say What You See’.

Grammar – Langveta:

Drakanian uses a subject-verb-object structure, like English (Something did something to something).

**Pronouns:**

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| Subject/Object | | Possessive | | Reflexive | |
| I | M’ken | My/Mine | M’entka | Myself | M’ril |
| You | Tau | Your/Yours | Tauentka | Yourself | Tauril |
| He/Him | K’t | His | K’tentka | Himself | K’til |
| She | Í’t | Her/Hers | Í’tentka | Herself | Í’til |
| It | Tz’r | Its | Tz’rentka | Itself | Tz’ril |
| They | T’k | Their | T’kentka | Thereselves | T’kil |
| We | Nal | Our/ours | Nalentka | Ourselves | Nalil |

**Plurals and Articles:**

Plurals: add –ae suffix for words ending in consonants or –rae suffix for words ending in vowels.

Articles: The definite article, the, is ‘Lo’ in Drakanian. There is no indefinite article, a, in Drakanian, so a phrase like ‘He is a great Drakan’, would translate to ‘K’tehrta gaína Drakan’ (He is great Drakan).

**Possession:**

Possession is shown by the –entka suffix on the subject. For example ‘My sword’ would be ‘M’entka svípen’. Plural possession is shown by adding the –nka suffix. E.g. ‘The Drakans’ land’ is ‘Lo Drakanaenka tíh’.

**Tense:**

Words in drakanian don’t change according to tense. Instead the word is the prefix ‘Kilk’-’ for past and ‘Ralshí-’ for future.

**Is/Am/Are:**

There is only one word for Is/Am/Are. That is ehrta. It follows the tense rule, so ‘Were/was’ is ‘Kilk’ehrta’ and ‘will be’ is ‘Ralshíehrta’.

**Negation:**

To negate a phrase, add ‘gen’ into the sentence. It can go anywhere in the sentence so long as the meaning is clear.

**Foreign words:**

Foreign words have the suffix ‘-kezen’ add. Foreign phrases start with ‘Kothta’ and end in ‘kezen’.