

# A Grammar of ENŁALEN

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# Background & Motivation

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# List of Glossing Abbreviations

# Chapter 1

## World & Culture

The term ‘Enlalen’ reportedly comes from the Old Elvish word *\*?inalawa:lahino*, a word which roughly means ‘a long time ago we talked like this’. This perception of the language, as some ancient thing that has endured through countless generations unchanged, is common among speakers of Enlalen. However, the language itself and the culture of its speakers has varied dramatically throughout the years, more than its speakers tend to be willing to openly acknowledge.

# **Chapter 2**

## **Phonology**

### **2.1 Modern Enġalen Phonology**

#### **2.1.1 Phoneme Inventory**

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## **Chapter 3**

# **Morphosyntax**

### **3.1 'Parts of Speech'**

### **3.2 Nominalization**

### **3.3 Word Order & Sentence Structure**

## **Chapter 4**

# **Semantics**

### **4.1 Definiteness & Specificity in Nominalizers**