

A Grammar of ENŁALEN

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Background & Motivation

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List of Glossing Abbreviations

Part I

Old Elvish Grammar

Chapter 1

Context & Culture

Chapter 2

Phonology

	Labial	Alveolar	Dorsal	Glottal		Front	Back
Stops	p	t	k	ʔ	High	i i:	o o:
Non-Stops	m	n l		h	Low	a a:	
	(a) Consonants					(b) Vowels	

Table 2.1: Old Elvish Phoneme Inventory

Part II

Enſalen Grammar

Chapter 3

Context & Culture

blabla add stuff in about this later

Chapter 4

Phonology

4.1 Modern Enlalen phonology

4.1.1 Phoneme inventory

	Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Back
Lenis Stop	p	t		k
Aspirated Stop	p ^h	t ^h		k ^h
Ejective Stop	p'	t'		k'
Fricative	f	s		χ
Nasal	m	n		
Lateral		l		ɭ
Glide	w		j	ɰ
Vowel	o		i	a

Table 4.1: Enlalen Phoneme Inventory

4.1.2 Allophony & phonotactics

- Vowels /i, o, a/ become nasal [ẽ, õ, ã] when they precede a nasal
- Front vowels and semivowels [i, ẽ, j] become central [i, ʕ, u] before dorsal sonorants [ɭ, w, ɰ, a] and after dorsal obstruents [k, k^h, k', χ]
- Back vowel [o] becomes central [ə] before [j, i]
- Mid, non-front vowels [ə, ʕ, o, õ] become high [i, ɨ, u, ʊ] after a high semivowel [j, w, u]
- Mid vowels [o, õ, ẽ, ə, ʕ] become low lax [ɒ, ɔ̃, æ, a, ʌ]
- Aspirated stops /p^h, t^h, k^h/ become unaspirated [p, t, k] before a nasal vowel.
- Nasal and lateral consonants /m, n, l, ɭ/ assimilate in place-of-articulation to a following obstruent – before labials, /l/ becomes [ɭ] and /ɭ/ remains [ɭ].
- /lw, ɭw/ become [ɽ^w, ʁ^w].
- Fricatives /f, s, χ/ are voiced [v, z, ʁ] intervocalically and when following a voiced consonant.
- Unaspirated stops /p, t, k/ are voiced [b, d, g] intervocalically.
- Aspirated stops /p^h, t^h, k^h/ become voiceless fricatives [f, θ, χ] intervocalically
- Ejectives /p', t', k'/ become unaspirated voiceless stops [p, t, k] intervocalically

4.1.3 Romanization

The ‘romanization’ of Enlalen is a near-phonemic representation, with the exception of using ⟨e⟩ to represent /i/ when it occurs before a nasal (where it is allophonically lowered).

p	t	<u>k</u>	p ^h	t ^h	<u>k</u> ^h	p'	t'	<u>k</u> '	f	s	χ	m	n	l	<u>l</u>	w	j	ɸ	o	i	a	[ẽ]
p	t	k	φ	θ	χ	π	τ	κ	f	s	h	m	n	l	ɫ	w	y	q	o	i	a	e

blablabla « balakanaxan en olipafikato iranoli kaφenpan enθilpati akiten » blabla

Chapter 5

Morphosyntax

5.1 'Parts of Speech'

5.2 Nominalization

5.3 Word order & sentence structure

Chapter 6

Semantics

6.1 Definiteness & specificity in nominalizers

Part III

Dictionary

Placeholder

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enɫalen [ẽŋɫalẽn]

from Old Elv. **ʔɪnalaʔaːlahiːno* ‘we talk to each other like this’, from **ʔiːna-* GNO- + **hiːno* -1PL.RECP + **laʔaːla* ‘to talk, to speak, to chatter, to gossip’, from **ʔaːla* ‘to say’ with frequentative reduplication

this language, Enɫalen, to speak Enɫalen

Part IV

Texts & Translations