

Appendix F - Name Conversion

The method for converting an English/Anglic name to Zdetl is a fairly simple five-step process. Try it with your own name, or use it when you need to come up with Zhodani names quickly.

Step 1. Drop all starting and ending vowels. For example, Jeff Kazmierski becomes Jeff Kazmiersk.

Step 2. Combine repeated consonants. For example, Jeff Kazmiersk becomes Jef Kazmiersk.

Step 3. Apply vowel changes as shown on table 1, Vowel Conversions. In these examples, Jef Kazmiersk becomes Jaf Kezmersk.

Step 4. Identify syllable breaks and apply the Initial Consonant changes as shown on table 2. Consonant Conversions (column 2). In these examples, Jaf Kezmersk becomes Naf Fezzersk.

Step 5. Apply the Final Consonant changes as shown on table 2, Consonant Conversions (column 3). Now, Naf Fezzersk becomes Nasht Fezzedichf.

Step 6. Finally, edit any extraneous consonants to fit the Zdetl word construction rules. In this step, Nasht Fezzedichf becomes Nasht Fezedl.

Step 7 (optional). For nobility, drop the surname and append the noble suffix to the first name.

The same process can be used to create new words as well, though for that purpose it is better to do a thorough etymological analysis of the *meaning* of the word and if possible, derive the new form from existing vocabulary.

Noble Ranks	
Rank	Suffix
Intendant	-iepr
Aspirant	-stebr
Wellborn	-atl
Highborn	-tlas
Noble Born	-tlasche
Princely Born	-iashav

Table 1. Vowel Conversion		
Anglic	Zdetl	Written
A	E	⋈
AE	I	⋈
AU	IA	⋈
E	A	⋈
EA	E	⋈
EO	A	⋈
I	O	⋈
IE	E	⋈
O	IE	⋈
U	O	⋈
UE	E	⋈
final 'y'	Q (or drop)	⋈
other 'y'	E (or drop)	⋈

Table 2. Consonant Conversion

Anglic	Initial Zdetl	Written	Final Zdetl	Written
B	ST	ㅍ	Z	ㅈ
BR	DR	ㅍ	DR	ㅍ
C	M	ㅌ	M	ㅌ
CH(R)	QR	ㅍ	QR	ㅍ
CY			NJ	ㅈ
D	ZD	ㅈ	N or TL	ㅈ, ㅊ
F	SHT	ㅍ	SH	ㅍ
FR	Q	ㅍ	Q	ㅍ
G	ZHD	ㅈ	ZH	ㅈ
GL	JD	ㅈ	JD	ㅈ
H	SH or drop	ㅍ	SH or drop	ㅍ
J	N	ㅈ	N	ㅈ
K	F	ㅌ	F	ㅌ
L	KL	ㄹ	L	ㄹ
LT	QL	ㅍ	QL	ㅍ
M	Z	ㅍ	Z	ㅍ
N	D	ㅈ	QR	ㅍ
ND	Y or V	ㅈ, ㅊ	V	ㅈ
(R)NS			ZH	ㅈ
(l)ON				ㅇ
P	TL	ㅊ	TL	ㅊ
PH	L	ㄹ	L	ㄹ
Q	FL	ㅌ	FL	ㅌ
R	DL	ㅈ	M	ㅌ
RD(S)			BR	ㅌ
RK			NT	ㅌ
RN	V	ㅈ	V	ㅈ
RT	CHT	ㅍ	NTS	ㅌ
S	SH	ㅍ	R	ㅍ
SH	PL	ㅌ	KR	ㅌ
SM	VL	ㅌ	VL	ㅌ
ST	K	ㄴ	KL	ㄴ
T	BR	ㅌ	J	ㅈ
TE(R)	KR	ㄴ	KR	ㅌ
TH			F	ㅌ
TH(L)	FR	ㅌ	FR	ㅌ
TH(R)	J	ㅈ	J	ㅈ
V	P	ㅌ	DL	ㅌ
W	VR	ㅌ	VR	ㅌ
WN			K	ㄴ
X	(drop)		(drop)	
Y			Q	ㅍ
Z	Z	ㅍ	Z	ㅍ

Behind the Name

Naming in Zhodani culture follows many patterns typical of most other human societies. Children are given individual names at birth (or some time after, usually before their third **chten**) which remain largely unchanged throughout their lives.

Zhant'ad choose a second name upon adulthood. This is traditionally a clan or family name, and is not always permanent as changing clans or families is more common among the Zhodani than other humanity. Among **zhant'ad**, one's clan name tells others what one's current profession or station in life is, and depending on regional traditions, can even indicate relative social rank or status within the clan.

All Zhodani are tested for psionic potential throughout childhood; those who show high ability are elevated to the ranks of **dlenchiepr** and upon adulthood, assuming they show the appropriate aptitude, devotion, and talent, they are allowed to append the suffix **-iepr** to their given names.

As is the case with other civilized peoples, Zhodani names are not mere strings of syllables and sounds; they have meanings and often a rich cultural history behind them. The construction of a given name typically involves elements from Zdetl, with roots in philosophical, familial, or cultural practices. In many Terran cultures, names like "John" or "Mary" have religious origins, coming from Hebrew names such as Yohanan ("God is gracious") or Mariam ("beloved"). These names reflect the cultural and religious contexts of the time, where religious texts were central to society.

In other parts of the world, such as in Africa or Asia, given names often hold specific meanings that can relate to the circumstances of birth, the wishes of the parents, or spiritual beliefs. For instance, in many African cultures, names like "Kwame" (born on Saturday in the Akan culture) reflect the day of the week on which the child was born. Similarly, in many Asian cultures, names are carefully constructed with meaning tied to elements of nature, virtues, or ancestral heritage.

Most Zhodani given names are derived from similar traditions. A child born under a full moon, for example, might be given the name "Shivvazin", or "moonlit child"; a parent who cultivates decorative gardens might choose a name derived from a flower, much like "Rose" or "Hyacinth" in Terran English. Sometimes alternative spellings become popular as a way of making a name more unique or unusual; these are, of course, subject to review for moral appropriateness and cultural fitness. For example, alternatives to Shivvazin might include Chiva, Shivaz, Shiva, or Ch`vazi. Zhodani parents are just as imaginative in naming their children as are Terran parents.

Note that while most Zhodani given names are usually neutral, some are more commonly associated with specific genders. This is more reflective of their popularity of usage than any gendered association, however. Often, boys' names are given an -o or -fri ending while girls often end in -qi, -ia, -i or -a. Note that many names appear in both columns without change.

It is left to the reader to decide the story behind each name.

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d66	Typical Boys' Names	Etymology/Meaning
11	Abrio	surprise; sudden arrival (root: abrř)
12	Achitlo	cosmic; (from achitetlivr)
13	Aelo	fortune; fortunate (from aelyi)
14	Azelo	stony; rocky (from aizel)
15	Akimatado	knowing one (from akimate`)
16	Alekro	favored one (from alekre`)
21	Ayozar	difficult journey (ayochak + zar) marked by flames (tezintla + benze`)
22	Tezinbenzo	
23	Chekamizho	nebula; variation on chekamizh
24	Dranzin	sun-child
25	Miztlo	cat, lion, tiger, etc
26	Lienjo	wind (masc)
31	Chapanizin	morning's child
32	Tyezin	third child
33	Chepio	sprite; spirited child
34	Vachikano	dawn's light
35	Chiklikrilio	bitter tears
36	Teyochilotl	evening's comfort
41	Chilofri	serious one
42	Jirtodikiefri	reflection of myself
43	Lienjchepiskatlo	wind spirit
44	Fevrliapatlo	faith's (duty's) reward
45	Dranzhraitsiefri	child of the sunrise
46	Shtiaqi	studious one
51	Tiki	tiny (may be a nickname, ironic)
52	Temaelvo	fortune seeker
53	Techtotlefri	blue eyed (boy)
54	Zanizar	epic journey
55	Zhdieplo	wise; wisdom
56	Zhdanjo	release or escape
61	Zhotlikiefri	golden boy
62	Kokatizin	child of music
63	Kitlolo	beetle; bug
64	Keklio	fun or amusing child
65	Zdezin	dreamer
66	Zdiefazin	empathy

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d66	Typical Girls' Names	Etymology/Meaning
11	Achatlia	spirit; ephemeral (from achatliqika)
12	Achitla	surprise; sudden arrival (from abrř)
13	Aelyi	fortune; fortunate (from aelyi)
14	Aflaji	sweet (from aflaja)
15	Atlotli	little bird (from atlotl)
16	Bezhaflī	sweet kiss (from bezhe` + aflaja)
21	Chekamizhi	nebula; variation on chekamizh
22	Shivvazin	moon-child
23	Ayozaria	difficult journey (fem)
24	Pierzokatlia	butterfly
25	Pipa	dragonfly
26	Mitsi	"little cat", kitten
31	Lienji	wind (fem)
32	Chani	valley
33	Tyezin	third child
34	Cheji	sweetness
35	Chepia	sprite; spirited child
36	Vachikani	dawn's light
41	Chiklikrilia	bitter tears
42	Chia	first child
43	Chiloqi	serious one
44	Epenzi	wisp, willowy
45	Kieko	celebration
46	Jirtodikoqi	reflection of myself
51	Lienjchepiskatli	wind spirit
52	Fevrliapatlia	faith's (duty's) reward
53	Dranzhimanioqi	child of twilight (or sunset)
54	Shtiefoqi	focused child
55	Techtotloqi	blue eyed (girl)
56	Zazani	story
61	Zhdepli	wise; wisdom
62	Zhdanji	release or escape
63	Zhiazhoqi	wonderful, miraculous ("Miranda") after a type of flower common to Dleqiats, with pale red petals
64	Tlazhdetli	
65	Zdezin	dreamer
66	Zdiefazin	empathy