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Lwalajulili

Lit. 'the language of people'

Phonology

Unless otherwise indicated, characters are as in IPA

Consonants

	Bilabial	Dental	Alveolar	Palatal
Plosive	p		t	c
Nasal	m		n	
(Lateral) Fricative		θ ⟨Þ⟩ ð	s z ɬ ⟨ł⟩	ç
(Lateral) Approximant	w		l lː ⟨ll⟩	j

Vowels

	Front	Back
Close	i y ⟨ü⟩	u
Near close	ɪ ⟨y⟩	
Mid	e	o
Open	a	

Phonotactics

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C = p t c ç l ll ł m n s z ð Þ w j;
P = p t c;
V = i a o e u ü;
L = l ll w j;
N = m n;

syllable: ($C)($L)$V($V)(l)($N);

reject: ii|aa|ee|oo|uu|üü|jj|ww|łl|lll|llll|$P$C;
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Grammar

Pronouns

	Formal	Informal
1S	cül	içi
1P	tua	açu
2D.IN	daðu	ami
2S	tull	ju
2P	łusa	ima
3S	×	tyn
3P	×	ðem

Cases

NOM si	ACC ma	DAT ca	LOC ço
	ABL we	CAUS ðo	INST þu

Verbs

Verb Endings

Verb endings agree with subject in gender, number, and how liked they are by the subject (in the time described). They agree in frontedness harmony with the previous vowel. /a/ is considered frontedly neutral.

Following a Front Vowel:

	Singular, liked	Plural, liked	Unliked
Exalted	ty	tey	tai
Animate	mio	mian	mimi
Inanimate	Þü	Þül	Þi
Food	çey	çejae	çam

Following a Back Vowel:

	Singular, liked	Plural, liked	Unliked
Exalted	no	nuo	na
Animate	ma	mayn	mam
Inanimate	Þol	Þoll	Þwo
Food	çan	çonae	çana

Aspect/Tense

Tone Marking

The 'xx' represents the first two vowels in the verb.

	Rising	Falling	No Change
Rising	x́x́ IMP.PRS	x̀x́ PER.FUT	x́x HAB.FUT
Falling	x́x̀ PER.PST	x̀x̀ IMP.PST	x̀x HAB.PRS
No Change	xx́ HAB.PST	xx̀ IMP.FUT	

Gender

Words occur in order of importance, most important coming first and least important coming last.

Hierarchy of Genders

From most important to least, going down.

- **Exalted** (ex. elders, gods, mountains, the ocean, time, babies, milk)
- **Animate** (ex. people, pronouns, animals, plants)
- **Food** (ex. edible plants, bark, water, salt)
- **Inanimate**/Abstract (ex. language, cloth, nouns)