

Horn Language (Cetianic)

Cetianic is the official language of the United Cetian Worlds, a dialect of the majority language spoken on Tau Ceti IV, a world in the Foreven sector.

The language is largely VSO. Occasionally, an emphatic or topical subject may be placed in front of the verb.

Verbs typically end in -AT, -AST, or -ART, and form simple tenses by ablaut. More complicated tense, aspect, or mood distinctions are by way of affixes.

How are you?	Bish a nah? (lit. "How is the fire?")
Good, and you?	Ma ansk, kush tee?
What's your name?	Dish a lan?
How is it looking?	Bish a kastnih?
Let's go!	Essho!
Go!	Etih! (or just "E!")

Pronouns

I	yin
You	tee

Verbs

Attack it	sashat
Bad, be	anskat
Be	a(t)
Below, be	rofnast
Big, be	kat
Carve	ajat
Cook, bake	sejat
Cut	rat
Die	nakat
Drink, smoke	dat
Eat	mat
Flow	shathat
Go	e(t)
Hold it, keep it	sat
Look	kast
Open it	hat
Slice	lat
Small, be	nilat
Speak with	jart
Wander	relirt

Verb Suffixes

Imperative	-tih (<tee) or -0
Let's ~ !	-(s)sho
One who does	-(j)jih
Progressive	-(n)nih

Adjectivals

As	kush
Bad	ansk
How	bish

Near	meyar (<yar)
Not	ma-
On top of	-ih
Under	-rof
What	dish

Nouns

Age	anesya
Animal, meat	finash
Ancestors	lashosht-si
Arm, hand	thah
Bard	sajjih nilat-nah
Body, corpse	shanak
Cave	din
Current	sho
Day, sun	saneh
Ditch, furrow	danesh
Down, below	ron
Ear	yar
Embers	nilat-nah
Face, nerve	jasht
Fire	nah
Fire-keeper	sajjih nah
Forest, wood	nahof
Front, appearance	karaf
Grassland, grass	nefr
Horn, honor	kenid
Hour, time	danesh
Leg, foot	safr
Light	sunoisa
Mountain	sirles
Name	lan
Oven	sejih (<sejat)
River, stream	shoshen
Side, surface	tosesh
Skin, leather	leeh
Star	nin
Stone, rock	yanles
Tent	syhelo
“Tentholder”	sajjih syhelo
Water	shash
World	shenke
Year	nasya

Noun Suffixes

Plural	-si
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