Kursae Language At-A-Glance

A Brief Overview

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# Features

* No interrogative marker

## Consonants

* ch d g j k l m n p r s sh t th tr z

## Vowels

* a ae e i o ya

# Example Titles/Names

* Metanath Pajan “The Inner Planet”
* Ka Remish “Gotta Run”
* Guzler Laeyam
* Pona Thirg “The Cause of Big Problems”
* Ningrid Maz “The People’s Blood”

# Syntax

Subject Phrase – Verb Phrase – Object Phrase – Direct Object Phrase

Adjectives follow nouns.

## Pronouns

## Noun Marking

Classes

Remnants of an old noun class system exist but is no longer grammatical. For example:

* Me- sometimes starts moving objects or transportation things.
* Ni- (*Nin*) often represents characteristics of people.

Possessive

The suffix /-rid/ turns a noun into a possessive form.

Examples:

* /Metanath/ the planet; /Metanathrid/, the planet’s \_\_\_.
* /Ning/ the people; /Ningrid/, the people’s \_\_\_.

Mood

Absolute nouns end in consonants, and force an indicative mood. Nouns can be vowel-suffixed in three different modes:

* -a = Active: the noun instrumentally caused a particular state. Forces a dynamic mood.
* -e = Bearing: the noun is in motion. Forces a progressive (participle) mood.
* -ya = Incubating: the noun is potential. Forces a subjunctive mood.

Examples:

* /Pon/ The problem.
* /Pona/ Is a problem on purpose; is causing a problem.
* /Pone/ An approaching/emerging problem.
* /Ponya/ Could be a problem.

## Verb Marking

Verbs have preclitics for:

* /Dya/ Benefactive
* /Shi/ Direction, Purpose, or Intent (e.g. towards)
* /Na/ Future tense
* /Go/ Imperative
* /Pa/ Past tense
* /Ka/ Urgency

Examples:

* Ka Remish “Gotta Run”

## Adjectives

Adjectives can be formed from verbs with the suffix -an.

Examples:

* /Remish/, run: /Remishan/, running or runner.
* /Paj/, be inside: /Pajan/, inner.

# Numerals

One Kit

Two Lap

Three Choch

Four Til

Five Tilit

Six Tilap

Seven Tiloch

Eight Konan

Nine Konkit

Ten Konlap

Eleven Konch

Twelve Kontil

13 Kontilip

14 Kontilap

15 Kontiloch

16 Laponan

17 Laponkit

18 Laponlap

19 Laponch

20 Lap Kontil

32 Tilkon

64 Konig

100 Konig Tilkon Til

# Vocabulary

A Long Time

A Short Time

Above

Activator

After

Ahead, be(v) Kon

All

Bad

Be Born

Bearer

Because

Before

Be-Someone/thing

Be-Somewhere

Below

Big(adj) Thirg

Blood Maz

Body

Bone

Can

Child

Die

Do

Don’t-Want

Dull (edge)

Ear

Egg-layer

Eye

Face

Far

Feel

Few/Little

Flat

For Some Time

Good

Hand (grasper) Til

Happen

Hard

Hear

Heavy

Here

I

If

Inner(adj) Pajan

Inside(v) Paj

Intelligence Niyan

Kind/Type

Know

Light-weight

Like/As/Way

Live

Long

Many/Much

Maybe

(Is) Mine

Moment

More

Mouth

Move

Near

Nose

Not

Now

Part

People Ning

Planet Metanath

Problem Pon

Rough

Round

Run Remish

Say

See

Sharp

Short

Side

“Skin”

Small

Smooth

Soft

Some

Someone

Some/thing

Strength Niket

Tooth

There-Is

Thin

Think

Touch

True

Very

Want

What-Time

Where

Words

You

# Words to Translate:

Gache

Dikelo

Gonigae

Trozegit

Rekne

Manape

Takeza

Pesume

Kitha

Shobodetho

Naeseti

Tilo

Rothe

Rosopagi

Baepotaza

Lege

Koni

Trataloshe

Pakoyathogeka

Tapaeda

Rechomilora