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# **Dwarven Language**

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# **Sounds**

a - as English 'cat'

aa - as English 'heart'

au - as English 'house'

b - as English 'big'

d - as English 'doubt'

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dd - as English 'this'
e - as English 'Mediterranean'
eh - as English 'Mate'
ei - as English 'day'
f - as English 'fat'
g - as English 'garden'
h - usually silent. Dialectally as English 'hot'
i - as English 'read'
j - as English 'joke'
k - as English 'kick'
kh - as English 'loch', German 'buch'
l - as English 'lead'
m - as English 'mate'
n - as English 'note'
o - as English 'doll
p - as English '\mathbf{p}et'
r - as English 'run'
rr - rolled R, as in Scottish English, Welsh English
s - as English 'sock'
t - as English 'top'
th - as English 'thigh'
u - as English 'hunt'
v - as English 'vine'
y - as English 'yellow'
yy - as English 'buy'
z - as English 'zebra'
zz - as English 'thigh'
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## Classification etc

Dwarven is considered the ancestor language of Common, which is essentially an offshoot with much mimicked vocabulary and the same writing system. In itself, it is a creole-type descendant of two ancient Dwarven languages, Dvaar Tunngr and Khazudul, with influences from Ancient Elven and Katarious (as well as modern vocabulary borrowed from Common and a few words from Kheprerven). Although modern dwarven has made most of its words uniform, following standard patterns, one main trace of the two original separate languages remains, in nouns. The *Unn* (Pillar) system of suffixes is used to create new nouns, but some roots have different meanings from others. For example:

In nouns of Dvaagr Tungr origin, a root is equivalent to an abstract concept, and a suffixed -r creates a specific noun. For example, *Zong* means the abstract concept of 'music' in general, whilst *Zongr* means a specific song.

In nouns of Khazudul origin, a root is generally equivalent to a specific, non-abstract, concrete meaning. For example, Godd means 'God', whilst Goddr has no meaning whatsoever.

Loanwords fall into categories at apparent random.

## Grammar

## **Pronouns**

I - Ohr

Me - Mi

You - Leib

He/She/It - E

Her/Him/It - Em

We - Ut

Us - Uz

They - Dey

Them - Dem

#### **Possessives**

Miz - My/mine

Leibz - Your/yours

Emz - His/her/its

Utz - Ours

Demz - Theirs

#### **Verbs**

Past tense is marked by 'An' before the verb. 'Ad' marks future. -en attached to the end of the word is equivalent to 'ing' in Common. 'Vald' is the dwarven root of the word 'would' in Common, and has basically the same meaning.

Ohr stroll - I walk

Ohr strollen - I'm walking

Ohr ad stroll - I walked

Ohr ad strollen - I was walking

Ohr an stroll - I will walk

Ohr an strollen - I will be walking

Ohr vald stroll - I would walk

Ohr vald (bi) strollen - I would be walking

Ohr vald ad strollen - I would have been walking

Ohr vald ad stroll - I would have walked

## **Adjectives**

Adjectives are placed before the noun as in common, i.e.:

Be'el De Marr - Above the mountain

In Old Dwarvish, this was different, so it must be remembered that in certain place names and older compound words, a different order (noun then adjective) was followed.

#### **Adverbs**

Adverbs are placed after the verb, i.e.:

Ohr ad strollen ghul - I was walking well

## **Comparisons**

The words 'Yz', 'Az', 'Iz' and 'Ez' are used for comparisons, combined with 'dan' (than).

For example:

Ez - Most Yz - More

Az - Less Iz - Least

Ez Bad - Most commanding

Yz Bad Dan - More commanding than

Az Bad Dan - Less commanding than

Iz Bad Dan - Least commanding

#### **Plural**

Generally, plural is formed by inserting an 'au' between the first and second consonants of the root. For example, 'Alug', armour, becomes 'Alaug', 'armours', Taang, 'bow', becomes 'Taung' 'bows'. Some plurals are formed irregularly (simply because of sound reasons), see the dictionary. These include 'Baruk' (Barak) axes. Generally, though, anything with the sound 'au' in it is plural.

#### 'The' and 'a'

De - The

An - A

#### **Suffixes**

- -am Suffix indicating a verb that will be completed fully. For example, Skilag means 'to learn', but Skilam means 'to understand' or 'to master' a skill.
- -an This is attached to verbs to make them passive, and overrides 'ag' and 'am', thus gogan blessed
- -at This is attached to words to mean 'a place of', thus, 'kampat' a warcamp
- $\hbox{-az}$  This is attached to words to mean 'like'. It also turns words into adjectives. Karaz thus means 'stone-like' or 'stony'.
- -ak This is attached to new words to show that they are abstract concepts, such as Kulak (blackness or darkness, literally 'abstract black'). This is also used to derive all sorts of similar word meanings.
- -en This is the equivalent of 'ing' in common, although it is used a lot more to indicate ongoing things i.e. Ohr strollen, I'm walking
- -ess This indicates (rarely) a female version of a noun for example, Dornessi (queen) as opposed to Dorni (king)
- -ar This is a kind of 'permanent' equivalent of -en. This indicates something that will be ongoing permanently - for example, Urtar (constant ongoing pain)

- -eh Someone who does something Shmekheh, 'killer'. Used interchangeably with i, though i is normally a profession or lifestyle (Shmekhi, for example, is usually an assassin).
- -i A person or profession, etc. For example: Dohi, 'Village idiot'
- -ig A tool used to do something. For example, Gedag, to mine, Ged*ig*, a mining tool.
- -id Forms a bigger version of something. Rarer than the reverse derivation using 'it', but works in the same way. The process can be applied multiple times, but the following -id becomes '-gid' Brizagid Giant Brizagidgid Immense giant, legendary giant
- -it A smaller version of something for example, Karit (small stone). This can be used multiple times, with uses after the first (and sometimes the first) taking an extra g (-git).
- -los Rough equivalent to -less in english. 'Without'.
- -r Forms a concrete, indefinite) generic noun (in most cases) i.e. Hring (specific circle, often translated as 'ring'), Hringr (circle)
- -ul Suffix indicating an art, discipline etc pertaining to something, a language, etc. For example, Goddul 'God-art' or 'God-discipline' translates as religion, whilst Brauzagul translates as either the Common Tongue or the art of farming (depending on the context).
- -uli Suffix indicating an individual who is a master of that art. For example, *Godduli* a master of religion (generally a priest or in some dialects a higher rank in the priesthood).

# Idioms, sayings etc

Although this practice has been fading out recently and more literal translations from common have been coming into play, many, many things in dwarven are said in seemingly bizarre ways. For example:

Common - I'm cold

Literal dwarven translation - Ohr bi issakaz

Normal dwarven translation - De iss bi annam mi (The ice is on me)

For temporary physical states like the above (including illnesses and feelings), 'on' is usually used. For possession, emphasis is often added using 'on' or 'with':

Common - I have a house

Literal dwarven translation - Ohr abb an drukat

Normal dwarven translation - Ohr abb an drukat annam/nos mi (I have a house on/with me)

Other phrases often used to at emphasis are *Vas em bi* (so it is) and *em bi* nai (is it not, particularly used for questions)

Leib gossen do jordrukat, vas em bi? - You're going to the city, so it is?

Ohr an tanzen kurs de innat, em bi nai? - I will dance in the inn, is it not so?

## **Common-Khazdul**

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above - be'el
adamantine - grumdek
advice, advise - kajulag
after - glot
against - ugun
age, white hair - gamul (Plu. gaumul)
air - alf
ale - ail (Plu. aul )
all - allaz
amnesia - De Varrlosak
and - vel
anger - lamak
angry - lamaz
animal - frul (Plu. fraul )
anvil - dorheusat (Plu. daurheusat, formal ), dormark (Plu. daurmark)
armor - alug (Plu. alaug )
arrive - vennagav
arrival - venn
arrow - taangit (Plu. taungit )
ask - azkag
assassin - shmekhi (Plu. shmaukhi )
at - att
axe - burk (Plu. baruk)
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bad - illraz
bag - kurm (Plu. kaurm )
bald - egraslos
battle - khaz (Plu. khauz )
beard - tarag (Plu. taurag ) (also 'to grow a beard')
beautiful - vaen
before - toglot
behind - abat
below - behl
beside - neahez
big - mar
bitch - haak (plural hauk)
black - kul
to bless - gogag
blessing - gogaz (plu. gaugaz)
blessed - gogan
blood - barath
bloody - barathaz
blue - vol
bow - taang (Plu. taung )
bravery - bravaz
bread - kloskorn (Plu. klauskorn )
bribe - valtohstag (Plu. vaultohstag )
build - zahag
building - zahar (Plu. zauhar)
bull - taror (Plu. tauror)
but - mosk
call, shout - yel
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camp, warcamp - kampat (Plu. kaumpat )
Carror - Karrar
carvable rock - dur (Plu. daur )
carved stone - dur felekan (Plu. daur felekan), felek (Plu. faulek, formal)
cave - khavit (Plu. khauvit )
celebrate - merag
change (concept) - vaarak (uncountable)
i.e. Vaarak an vennag - Change will come
change (general) - vaar (Plu. vaur)
i.e. Ad bi jor-vaur kurs de Dornat - There have been many changes in the
Kingdom
to change - vaarag
chest - argul (Plu. argaul)
circle - hringr (Plu. hraungr)
city - jordrukat (Plu. jaurdrukat )
clan, people - gray/grey/ray
cleanse - klaennag
clothing - ragg
cloud - shath (Plu. shauth )
(the) cold (sometimes illness) - issak (Plu. aussak)
cold - issakaz
come - vennag
Common (language) - Brizagul
core, centre - tor (Plu. taur )
corn - korn
cow - taror (Plu. tauror), less commonly taroress (Plu. tauroress)
cowardice - val
cowardly - valaz
to craft stone - felekag
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curse - kurzr (Plu. kaurzr)
daemon - drakh (Plu. drakuh )
daemonic (adjective pertaining to daemons) - drakhaz
daemonic (language) - drakhul
dance - tanz (Plu. taunz )
danger - gend
darkvision - kulkan
daughter - berch (Plu. baurch )
to dare - thrag
dark - kulaz
darkness - kulak
day - glus (Plu. glaus )
deity - varmornlos (Plu. vaurmornlos )
desert - lyvvlosat (Plu. lyvauvlosat)
die, death - morn
dig - gedag
(a) drunk - nommi (Plu. naummi) (also a term of affection)
drunk - nommaz (also means: Well)
drunkeness - nommak (also means: good health)
dwarf - khuzd (Plu. khazad )
dwarven (language) - khazdul, De KhuzdTunng
dwarven (pertaining to dwarves, about dwarves) - khuzdaz (most
contexts, sometimes just 'khuzd')
earth - lannd (Plu. launnd )
east - osst
elder - kajul (Plu. kaujul )
elf - dekhel (Plu. daukhel)
elven (language) - dekhul
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elven (of elves, pertaining to elves) - dekhaz (sometimes dekh or dekhel)
endless - rar
enemy - kurn (Plu. kaurn )
Espardius - De Espparddaz
Espardian (pertaining to Espardius) - Esparddaz
Espardian (member of Espardius) - Esparddi
eternal - rar
evening (sunsetting) - aevenen (Plu. aevaunen )
evil - der
evil magic - kurz
eye - kan (Dual kaon, Plu. kaun [i]Note: the 'dual' is used for most plural
circumstances, the plural for more than two eyes[/i])
father - taad (Plu. taud)
faith - din
false - lyyaz
face - vazr (Plu. vauzr)
far, long journey - drek
few - hrot
fierce - grimmaz
fight - kamp (Plu. kaump )
to find - khannam
fire - taal (Plu. taul)
be on fire - taalenag
set fire to - taalag
to find treasure, veins of metal etc - berran
fist - fisst (Plu. fausst)
flee - valag
food - klos (Plu. klaus )
for - fur
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forest - gurnvosat (Plu. gaurnvosat )
forge - taalomar (Plu. taulomar )
forget - varrlosag
fortress - khazat (Plu. khauzat )
foundation - kasr (Plu. kaussr)
freeze - issag
friend - meri (Plu. mauri ) To make friends: Merag
gear, general moving part - gyyr (Plu. gaur)
gem - nur (Plu. naur )
giant - brizagid (Plu. brauzagid)
give - kaglem
glass - kheled
glory - glorak
glitter/bright - khun
gnarled (root) - krogan
go - gos
goblin - rukhsit (plu. raukhsit)
goblin (about goblins, pertaining to goblins) - rukhsitaz
god - godd (Plu. gaudd)
godly - goddaz
gold - ar (Plu. aur )
good - ghul
gray/grey - avor
great - gabil
greed - tohst
green - gurn
group - grup (Plu. graup)
hair - egras (Plu. egraus)
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half - aalv
hall - irkul (Plu. irkaul )
hammer - heus (Plu. haus )
hand - hannd (plu. haunnd)
hardy - dekhum
have - abb
head - bund (Plu. baund)
heal - gulm
heavy - hunkaz
helmet - halmr (Plu. haulmr)
here - haar
hero - brav (Plu. brauv )
high - rasuh
hold (to hold) - holdd
hollow - tumun
holy - kestaz, goddaz
home - drukat (Plu. draukat )
horse - derfruli (Plu. derfrauli )
how - zut
human - brizag (Plu. brauzag )
human (adjective pertaining to humans) - brizagaz
human language (i.e. Common) - brizagul
to hurt - hurtag
in - kurs
injury - hurt
inn - ardrukat (Plu. aurdrukat ), Innat (Plu. Aninnat)
iron - dor
ice - iss (Plu. isaus)
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island - iyl (Plu. iyaul)
katarious - hurmfar (Plu. haurmfar), khatari (Plu. khautari, formal)
katarious (language) - hurmfarul, khatarul (formal), dekhul (literally
'elven', properly used to describe the old elven language)
katarious (pertaining to Katarious, Katar) - khataraz
kill - shmek
killer - shmekheh (Plu. shmaukheh )
king - dorni (Plu. daurni )
kingdom - dornat (Plu. daurnat)
land - lannd (Plu. launnd)
language - aglab (Plu. aglaub)
leather - raggderfrul (Plu. rauggderfrul )
learn - skilag
liar - lyyi
lie - lyy (Plu. lyauy)
lie (down) - lyggag
to lie - lyyag
life - lyvv (Plu. lyvauv)
like - likkag
limp - hob (Plu. haub)
to limp - hobag
liquid - ath (Plu. auth)
to live - lyvvag
lode - nad (Plu. naud)
long - sigin
to look for - khann
love, desire - duzkak
to love - duzk
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loyal, loyalty - varak
luck - gullend
lycanthropy - vaargrimmak
mace - mazz
mage - tharki (Plu. thaurki), maagr (Plu. maugr)
magic - maag (general context), thark (Plu. thaurk, formal)
magical - tharkaz, maagaz
make (weapons, armour, also general) - smiddag
make armour - alugag
make friends - merag
make new - tagnag
make peace - gelmag
make weaponry - omarag
many - jor
Marchane - markkn (Plu. maurkkn)
Marchane (adjective pertaining to Marchane) - marrkanaz
mark, sign - maark (Plu. maurk)
married partner - duzki (Plu. dauzki )
master - skilami
to master - skilam
meat - klosfrul (Plu. klausfrul )
Mellus - de Malaz
memory (countable) - varr (Plu. waurr)
memory (uncountable, general, 'my memory's bad') - varrak
metal (kursh) - kurj
mind - minnd (Plu. maunnd)
mine - gedat (Plu. gaudat)
to mine - gedag
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miner - gedi (Plu. gaudi)
mining (general concept) - ged
mining tool - gedig (Plu. gaudig)
mithral - silfdor
moon - aef (Plu. auf)
mother - maamr (Plu. maumr)
mountain - marr (Plu. maurr )
mouth - maaw (Plu. mauw)
movement - gossak
music (general concept) - zong
mustard/spice - deg (Plu. daug)
name - tnam (Plu. tnaum )
natural cavern - khav (Plu. khauv )
near - neah
need - nurv (Plu. naurv)
new - tag
night - azan
no - nai
noble (description) - ddanaz
noble person - ddan (Plu. ddaun)
nor - nai
north - nord
not - nai
nugget - kurjit (Plu. kaurjit )
Oaken - dekhit (Plu. daukhit)
Oaken (adjective, about oaken) - dekhitaz
of - al
of an - aln
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of the - ald
old - aald, gamulaz
on - annam
one - hrun
orc - rukh(s) (Plu. Raukh(us))
orcish (pertaining to orcs) - rukhsaz
orcish (language) - rukhsul
other - andr
paper - karta (Plu. kaurta )
pass - rast (Plu. rausst)
to pass - rastag
path - naal (Plu. naul)
peace - gelm (Plu. gaulm, general ), kurnmornlosthim
(kurnmornlosthaum, formal, period of peace) make peace: gelmag
pebble - karitgit (Plu. kauritgit )
pickaxe - felekburk (Plu. felekbaruk), felekit (Plu. faulekit, formal),
felekig (Plu. faulekig, formal)
pillar - unn (Plu. unaun )
poison - gren
to pool - zarag
pool - zaram (Plu. zauram), ad-zaram (Plu. ad-zauram, formal)
power - gonn (Plu. gaunn)
powerful - gonnaz
praise - glor (Plu. glaur)
to praise - glorag
praised - gloran
praiseworthy - gloraz
priest - horm (Plu. haurm )
protector - arkul (Plu. arkaul)
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prince - dorniti (Plu. daurniti)
princess - dornessiti (Plu. daurnessiti)
queen - dornessiti (Plu. daurnessiti)
question - azk (Plu. azauk)
questioner - azki (Plu. auzki)
rage - lam
rain - alfan
red - bar
remember - varrag
religion - goddul (Plu. gauddul)
rest, sleep - mornit (Plu. maurnit )
ring - hring (Plu. hraung) (see also: Hringr)
riverbed - naal (Plu. naul)
rock - kar (Plu. kaur)
rocky - karak
rope - farl
rot - mag
rune - rhun
runt - urg (Plu. uraug)
sacred - leshon
say - remag
scout - drekkani (Plu. draukkani )
scroll - kartagit (Plu. kaurtagit )
sea - zeaz (Plu. zauz )
to search for treasure, veins of metal etc - berrag
see - kannag
to seek - khann
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seeker - khanneh (Plu. khaunneh)
servant - smeri
serve - smerag
shadow - uzn (Plu. uzaun )
shake - shakk
sharp - numol
shield - rond (Plu. raund )
shifter - vaari (Plu. vauri)
silver - silf
sing - zongag
sis'ralar/sis'harrani - vosduzki (Plu. vausduzki )
sis'ralar/sis'harrani (adjective, pertaining to sis'ralar or sis'harrani) -
vosduzkaz
sis language - vosduzkul
skill - skil (Plu. skaul)
small - git
smart - dug
smith - smiddi (Plu. smauddi)
smithy - smiddat (Plu. smauddat)
snow - issit (Plu. isausit)
snowflake - issitgit (Plu. isausitgit)
so - vas
soldier - kampi (Plu. kaumpi )
some - zom
son - makk (maukk)
song - zongr (Plu. zaungr )
soul - torak (Plu. taurak )
soulforge - toraktaalomar
South - sudd
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speak - rem
spear - rosh (Plu. raush ), zigilomar (Plu. zaugilomar )
spell - zuyn (Plu. zauyn ), thark (Plu. thaurk)
spike - zigil (Plu. zaugil )
spirit - klyn (Plu. klaun )
spy - azki (Plu. auzki)
staff, magic wand - tharkun (Plu. thaurkun )
star - giml (Plu. gauml)
steel - grum
stone - karit (Plu. kaurit )
stonecrafter - feleki (Plu. fauleki)
stop, stopping place - marnat
to stop - marnag
storm - sturm (Plu. staurm)
to storm (i.e. 'it's storming', or fig. i.e. 'he stormed at me') - sturmag
stream - ur (Plu. aur)
strong - kheluz
stupid, fool - doh (Plu. dauh )
sun - zonn (Plu. zaunn)
sunset - aeven (Plu. aevaun )
suspicious - azkaz
sword - nus (Plu. naus )
take - horlem
tauror - taruri (Plu. taururi)
tauror (language) - tarurul (lit. 'bull language')
tears, to cry - zhufitak
templar - leshonkhuzi (Plu. leshonkhauzi )
that - dat
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then - den
there - deyr
thick - ddyk
thief - tohsti (Plu. tauhsti )
those - doz
through - hermot
time - thim
to - do
to be - bi
to love - duzk
tomb - mornat
tomorrow - drekglus
tooth - tudd (Plu. taudd)
tongue - tunng (Plu. taunng)
travel - farag
treasure - berr
tree - gurnvos
true - mal/mul (dialectal)
tunnel - gunud (Plu. gaunud)
to tunnel - gunudag
to twist - krog
twisted - krogan
ugly - kos
undead - magmorni (Plu. maugmorni ) (see also: Vishlum)
undead (adjective pertaining to the undead) - magmornaz
under - mord
understand - skilam
up - upp
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upon - aya
valley - bizar (Plu. bauzar)
vein (of metal) - vaynn (Plu. vauynn)
Vishlum - Vosslum (Plu. Vausslum)
Vishlum (adjective pertaining to Vishlum) - Vosslumaz
Vishlum language - Vosslumul
volcano - taalmarr (Plu. taulmarr )
walk - stroll
war - kurnmorn (Plu. kaurnmorn )
warrior - khuzi (Plu. khauzi )
water - an (Plu. aun )
waterfall, rapids - zhuf (Plu. zhauf)
we - ut
weapon - omar (Plu. omaur )
well, in good health - nommaz (literal meaning: drunk)
werewolf - vaargrimm (Plu. vaurgrimm)
West - veztr
what - vass
who - vu
white - ney
wide - vidr
wild - tobaz
wilderness - tobas (Plu. taubas)
wild person - tobi (Plu. taubi)
with - nos
wolf - grimm
wood - vos
work - grunnj
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to work - grunnjag
writing - kartak (Plu. kaurtak )

year - farrenglos
yellow - yar
yes - ai
yet - aglot
you - leib
young, youth - rukum
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# **Khazdul-Common**

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aald - old
aalv - half
abat - behind
abb - have
ad-zaram (Plu. ad-zauram) - pool (formal)
aef - moon
aefvenn (Plu. aevaun ) - sunset (mooncome, moon arrival)
aefvennen (Plu. aevaunen ) - evening (moon arriving)
aglot - yet
ai - yes
ail (Plu. aul ) - ale
al - of
ald - of the
allaz - all
aln - of a
alf - air
alfan - rain
alug (Plu. alaug ) - armor
alugag - to make armour
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an (Plu. aun ) - water
andr - other
annam - on
ar (Plu. aur ) - gold
ardrukat (Plu. aurdrukat ) - inn
argul (Plu. argaul ) - chest
arkul (Plu. arkaul ) - protector
ath (Plu. auth) - liquid
att - at
avor - gray/grey
azan - night
azk (plu. auzk) - question
azkag - to ask
azkaz - suspicious
azki (plu. auzki) - questioner, spy, sometimes suspicious person (i.e.
'doubting Thomas')
bar - red
barath - blood
barathaz - bloody
be'el - above
behl - below
berch (Plu. baurch ) - daughter
berr - treasure
berrag - to search for treasure, veins of metal etc
berran - to find treasure, veins of metal etc
bi - to be
bortr (Plu. partur) - port
brav (Plu. brauv ) - hero
bravak - bravery
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bravaz - brave
brauzagul - common (language)
brizag (Plu. brauzag ) - human
brizagid (Plu. brauzagid) - giant
bund (Plu. baund) - head
burk (Plu. baruk ) - axe
dat - that
ddan (Plu. ddaun) - noble person
ddanaz - noble
ddyk - thick
deg (Plu. daug ) - mustard/spice
dekhaz - elven (adjective)
dekhel (Plu. daukhel ) - elf
dekhit (Plu. daukhit) - oaken
dekhitaz - oaken (adjective)
dekhul - Elven language (either Katarious or more correctly Old Elven)
dekhum - hardy
den - then
deyr - there
der - evil
derfruli (Plu. daurfruli ) - horse
din - faith
do - to
doh (Plu. dauh ) - stupid, fool
dor - iron
dorheusat (Plu. daurheusat ) - anvil
dornat (Plu. daurnat) - kingdom
dornessi (Plu. daurnessi) - queen
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dornessiti (Plu. daurnessiti) - princess
dorni (Plu. daurni ) - king
dorniti (Plu. daurniti) - prince, or lord - i.e. the 'little-king' of an isolated
settlement
doz - those
drakh (Plu. drakuh ) - daemon
drek - far, long journey
drekglus - tomorrow
drekkani (Plu. draukkani ) - scout
drukat (Plu. draukat ) - home
dug - smart
dur (Plu. daur ) - carvable rock
duzk - to love
duzkak - love, desire
duzki (Plu. dauzki ) - married partner
egras (Plu. egraus) - hair
egraslos - bald
(de) Espparddaz - Espardius
farag - travel
farl - rope
farrenglos - year
felek (Plu faulek) - hewed stone
felekag - to hew stone
felekan - carved
felekburk (Plu. felekbaruk) - pickaxe
feleki (Plu. fauleki) - stonecarver
felekig (Plu. faulekig) - pickaxe (formal)
felekit (Plu. faulekit) - pickaxe (formal)
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fisst (Plu. fausst) - fist
frul (Plu. fraul ) - animal
fur - for
gabil - great
gamul (Plu. gaumul ) - age, white hair
gamulaz - old
ged - mining (general concept)
gedag - mine, dig
gedat (Plu. gaudat) - mine
gedi (Plu. gaudi) - miner
gedig (Plu. gaudig) - mining tool
gelm - peace
gelmag - make peace
gend - danger
ghul - good
giml (Plu. gauml) - star
git - small
glot - after
glor (Plu. glaur) - praise
glorag - to praise
glorak - glory
gloran - praised
gloraz - praiseworthy
glus (Plu. glaus ) - day
godd (Plu. gaudd ) - god
goddaz - holy, godly
goddul (Plu. gauddul) - religion
gogag - to bless
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gogaz (plu. gaugaz) - blessing
gogan - blessed
gonn (Plu. gaunn) - power
gonnaz - powerful
gos - go
gossak - movement
gray/grey/ray - clan, people
gren - poison
grimm - wolf
grimmaz - fierce
grum - steel
grumdek - adamantine
grup (Plu. graup) - group
grunnj (Plu. graunnj) - work
grunnjag - to work
gullend - luck
gulm - heal
gunud (Plu. gaunud) - tunnel
gunudag - to tunnel
gurn - green
gurnvos - tree
gurnvosat (Plu. gaurnvosat ) - forest
gyyr (Plu. gaur) - moving part/gear
haak (plural hauk) - bitch
haar - here
hai - how
halmr (Plu. haulmr) - helmet
hannd (Plu. haunnd) - hand
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hermot - through

helggag - to rejoice

helggak - joy

helggaz - joyful

heus (Plu. haus ) - hammer

hob (Plu. haub) - limp

hobag - to limp

holdd - hold (to hold)

horlem - take

horm (Plu. haurm ) - priest

hring (Plu. hraung) - ring

hringr (Plu. hraungr) - circle

hrot - few

hrun - one

hunkaz - heavy

hurmfar - katarious

hurmfarul - katarious language

hurt - injury

hurtag - to hurt

illraz - bad

irkul (Plu. irkaul ) - hall

innat (Plu. Aninnat) - Inn

iss (Plu. isaus) - ice

issag - to freeze

issak (Plu. aussak) - (the) cold (sometimes illness)

issakaz - cold

issit (Plu. isausit) - snow

issitgit (Plu. isausitgit) - snowflake

iyl (Plu. iyaul) - island

jor - many

jordrukat (Plu. jaurdrukat ) - city

kaglem - give

kajul (Plu. kaujul ) - elder

kajulag - advice, advise

kamp (Plu. kaump ) - fight

kampat (Plu. kaumpat ) - camp, warcamp

kampi (Plu. kaumpi ) - soldier

kan (Dual kaon, Plu. kaun) - eye

kannag - see

kar (Plu. kaur) - rock

karak - rocky, rock-like

karit (Plu. kaurit ) - stone

karitgit (Plu. kauritgit ) - pebble

Karrar - Carror

karta (Plu. kaurta ) - paper

kartagit (Plu. kaurtagit ) - scroll

kartak (Plu. kaurtak ) - writing

kasr (Plu. kaussr ) - foundation, safe rock

kestaz - holy

khann - to seek, to look for

khannam - to find

khanneh (Plu. khaunneh) - seeker

khataraz - Katarious (adjective)

khatari - Katarious (formal)

khav (Plu. khauv ) - natural cavern

khavit (Plu. khauvit ) - cave

khaz (Plu. khauz ) - battle

khazat (Plu. khauzat ) - fortress

khazdul - dwarven

kheled (Plu. khauled) - glass

kheluz - strong

khun - glitter/bright

khuzd (Plu. khazad ) - dwarf

khuzi (Plu. khauzi ) - warrior

klaennag - cleanse

klos (Plu. klaus ) - food

klosfrul (Plu. klausfrul ) - meat

kloskorn (Plu. klauskorn ) - bread

klyn (Plu. klaun) - spirit, legendary creature

korn - corn

kos - ugly

krog - to twist

krogan - twisted, often 'gnarled' (as in a root)

kul - black

kulak - darkness

kulaz - dark

kulkan - darkvision

kurj - metal (kursh)

kurjit (Plu. kaurjit ) - nugget

kurm (Plu. kaurm ) - bag

kurn (Plu. kaurn ) - enemy

kurnmorn (Plu. kaurnmorn ) - war

kurnmornlosthim (Plu. kurnmornlosthaum) - peace (formal, historical, period of peace)

kurs - in

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kurz - evil magic
kurzr - curse
lam - rage
lamak - anger
lamaz - angry
lannd (Plu. launnd ) - earth, land
leib - you
leshon - sacred
leshonkhuzi (Plu. leshonkhauzi ) - templar
likkag - to like
lyggav - to lie down
lyy (Plu. lyauy) - a lie
lyyag - to lie
lyyaz - false
lyyi - liar
lyvv (Plu. lyvauv) - life
lyvvag - to live
lyvvlosat (Plu. lyvauvlosat) - desert
maag - magic
maagr (Plu. maugr) - mage
maam - motherhood
maamr (Plu. maumr) - mother
maark (Plu. maurk) - mark, sign
mag - rot, rotting
magmorni (Plu. maugmorni ) - undead
magmornaz - undead (adjective)
makk - son (of)
mal - true
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(de) Malaz - Mellus
mar - big
markkn (Plu. maurkkn) - Marchane
markkanaz - Marchane (adjective)
marnag - to stop
marnat - stopping place
maw (Plu. mauw) - mouth
marr (Plu. maurr ) - mountain
merag - make friends, celebrate
meri (Plu. mauri ) - friend
mord - under
morn - die, death
mornat - tomb
mornit (Plu. maurnit ) - rest, sleep
mosk - but
mul - true
nai - no, nor, not
naal (Plu. naul) - path, riverbed
nad (Plu. naud) - lode (of metal)
neah - near
neahez - beside
ney - white
nommi (Plu. naummi ) - a drunk (also a term of affection)
nommaz - drunk (also means: Well)
nommak - drunkenness, good health
nord - north
nos - with
numol - sharp
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nur (Plu. naur ) - gem
nurv (Plu. naurv) - need
nus (Plu. naus ) - sword
omar (Plu. omaur ) - weapon
omarag - to make weapons
osst - East
ragg - clothing
raggderfrul (Plu. rauggderfrul ) - leather
rar - endless, eternal
rasuh - high
rast (Plu. rausst) - pass
rastag - to pass
rem - speak
remmag - say
rhun - rune
rond (Plu. raund ) - shield
rosh (Plu. raush ) - spear
rukh(s) (Plu. Raukh(us)) - orc
rukhsit (plu. raukhsit) - goblin
rukum - young, youth
shath (Plu. shauth ) - cloud
shakk - shake
shmek - kill
shmekheh (Plu. shmaukheh ) - killer
shmekhi (Plu. shmaukhi ) - assassin
sigin - long
silf - silver
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silfdor - mithral
skil (Plu. skaul ) - skill
skilag - to learn
skilam - to master a skill, to understand
smerag - to serve
smeri - servant
smiddag - to make (particularly armor and weapons but also general)
smiddat - smithy, workshop
smiddi - smith (or general craftsman)
stroll - walk
sturm (Plu. staurm) - storm
sturmag - to storm
sudd - South
taad (Plu. taud) - father
taal (Plu. taul ) - fire
taalag - to set fire to
taalenag - to be on fire
taalmarr (Plu. taulmarr ) - volcano
taalomar (Plu. taulomar ) - forge
taalomarag - to forge
taang (Plu. taung ) - bow
taangit (Plu. taungit ) - arrow
tag - new
tagnag - to make new
tanz (Plu. taunz ) - dance
tarag (Plu. taurag ) - beard, (also: to grow a beard)
taror (Plu. tauror) - bull, cow
taroress (Plu. tauroress) - cow
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tarori (Plu. taurori) - tauror
tarorul - 'bull language', tauror language
thark (Plu. thaurk) - magic
tharkaz - magical
tharkun (Plu. thaurkun ) - staff, magic wand
thim (Plu. thaum) - time
thrag - to dare
tnam (Plu. tnaum ) - name
tobas (Plu. taubas) - wilderness
tobaz - wild
tobi (Plu. taubi) - wild person
toglot - before
tohst - greed
tohsti (Plu. tauhsti ) - thief
tor (Plu. taur ) - core, centre
torak (Plu. taurak ) - soul
toraktaalomar - soulforge
tudd (Plu. taudd) - teeth
tumun - hollow
tunng (Plu. taunng) - tongue
ugun - against
unn (Plu. unaun ) - pillar
upp - up
urg (Plu. uraug) - runt
ut - we
uzn (Plu. uzaun ) - shadow
vaar (plu. vaur) - change (general)
vaarag - to change
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vaarak - change (abstract concept)
vaargrimm (Plu. vaurgrimm) - werewolf
vaargrimmak - lycanthropy
vaari (Plu. vauri) - shifter
vaen - beautiful
val - cowardice
valaz - cowardly
valag - flee
valtohstag (Plu. vaultohstag ) - bribe
varak - loyal, loyalty
varr (plu. Vaurr) - memory
varrag - remember
varrak - memory (uncountable, general - 'my memory's bad')
varlosag - forget
De Varrlosak - amnesia
varmornlos (Plu. vaurmornlos ) - deity
vas - so
vass - what
vaynn (Plu. vauynn) - vein of metal
vazr (Plu. vauzr) - face
vel - and
venn - arrival (plu. vaunn)
vennag - to come
vennagav - to arrive
veztr - west
vidr - wide
vol - blue
vos - wood
vosduzkaz - Sis'Ralar (adjective)
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vosduzki (Plu. vausduzki ) - sis'ralar, sis'harrani
vosduzkul - sis language
vosslum (Plu. vausslum) - Vishlum (formal, more commonly 'magmorni')
vosslumul - Vishlum language
vu - who
yar - yellow
yel - call, shout
zahag - to build
zahar (Plu. zauhar) - building
zarag - to pool, to collect (liquid)
zaram (Plu. zauram, formal ad-zaram, ad-zauram) - pool
zeaz (Plu. zauz ) - sea
zhuf (Plu. zhauf ) - waterfall, rapids
zhufitak - tears, to cry
zigil (Plu. zaugil) - spike, spear
zigilomar (Plu. zaugilomar) - spear
zom - some
zonn - sun
zongag - sing
zong - music (general concept)
zongr (Plu. zaungr ) - song
zut - how
zuyn (Plu. zauyn ) - spell
Numbers
Hrun - One
Tva - Two
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Tva - Two
Tria - Three
Fott - Four
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Fiff - Five

Sikk - Six

Set - Seven

Ott - Eight

Ninn - Nine

Ton - Ten

Kantuz - One Hundred

Milluz - One Thousand

Adjectives like 'third', 'seventh' etc are treated slightly differently in Khazdul. Rather than having their own special word, they are instead written *Al* (number) - 'of (number)'. 'First' is written *Ald Hrun*, 'of the one'.

# Names and sound changes

Many dwarven names are derived from the language itself, and especially old dwarven, which was in some ways very different to today's equivalent (particularly in sound). Some of the differences include:

A preference of 'I' sounds over today's 'U' sounds (Irg over Urg).

'Uz' and sometimes 'Us' rather than today's 'Az' (Valuz/valus over Valaz)

'Ek' and sometimes 'Ech' rather than today's 'Ak' (Varek/Varech over today's Varak)

'O' rather than today's 'Eh' (Khanno rather than Khanneh)

# **Phrases**

Vass bi leibz tnam? - What is your name?

Miz tnam bi... - My name is...

Vass bi leibz gray? - What is your clan?

Miz gray bi... - My clan is...

Vass bi leibz ray? - What is your realm?

Miz ray bi... - My realm is...

Do you speak dwarven? - Rem leib de KhuzdTunng? Rem leib de Khazdul?

Ghul burk! - Nice axe!

Miz heus/burk vel leibz vazr an merag! - My hammer/axe and your face will be friends!

Shmek dem! - Kill them!

Ohr an-shmek leib! - I kill you!

Glor do de Tria! - Praise to the Three!

De Tria bi lyauy! - The Three are lies!

LyyazGaudd - False Gods

GhulGlus - Good day!

Ut an merar - We will be friends (forever)

Ohr/Ut an urtag leib... - I/We will hurt you...

Makk aln ha'ak! - Son of a female dog!

Leibz maamr as bi an ha'ak! - Your mother was a dog!

## **Placenames**

De Malaz - Mellus

De AvorMaaw Taalmarr - Grey Mouth Volcano

De MarGurnvosat - Forest of the Hidden Ones

De MarrkanazKhazat - Marchane

De Baal-Todd ald Vaurgrimm - Bal-Toth

De RondLaunnd - The Shieldlands

Issitholden - Snowbourne

Karrar - Carror

Maurr ald RalGrey - Ral-Grey Mountains

 ${\it Maurr\ ald\ MalGrey}$  - Mal-Grey Mountains

Dornat ald Ezparddaz - Lands of the Espardius

Launnd ald Vosduzki - Lands of the Sis'Ralar

Launnd ald Daukhel - Lands of the Eringalen

Launnd ald Elonn - Lands of Helon (also known as MagLaunnd, or 'rotting land', by those more opposed to the Helonites)

Launnd ald Draukh - Daemon lands, Senf-Duu

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GrayLaunnd ald MalGrey - Lands of Mal-Grey

GrayLaunnd ald RalGrey - Lands of Ral-Grey

De Nord - The North

De KulazKasr - Darkhaven

De Sparrorvaal - Sparrowvale

De Veztrportr - Westport

De BehlMarr - Undermountain

De TharkazGossak - Stormnexus

DornatLaunnd ald Hurmfarid Ralakeem - Ralakeem

Launnd ald Du-Kilzzak vel Taurori - Lands of Du'Kilzak

De Barlyl - Crimson Isle

De GurnTaalLyvvlosat - Green Fire Desert

Khazat ald... - ... Keep

De RaukhusLaunnd - Bloodstone

De TaalMaurr - Firecrags

Unn al Pallando - Pallando's tower

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