

# Krainova: the language

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## 1 Preamble

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## 2 General information

## 3 Phonology

### 3.1 Consonants

Consonants	Labial	Alv.	Alv.-Pal.	Post-alv.	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasals	m	n			ɲ		
Affricates (v)		dz	dzʲ	dʒ			
Affricates (u)		ts	tsʲ	tʃ			
Stops (v)	b	d			ʃ	g	
Stops (u)	p	t			c	k	
Fricatives	f	s	sʲ	ʃ	ç		h
Continuants	v	z	zʲ	ʒ	j		ɦ
Liquids		r	rʲ		lʲ	ɭ	

### 3.2 Vowels

Vowels	Front unrounded	Central	Back
High	i	ɪ	u
Mid	e		o
Low	ɛ	a	
Diphthongs	aɪ eɪ oɪ aʊ		

### 3.3 Phonotactics, allophony, and stress

Stress is non-phonemic and somewhat weak, mostly quantitative. Generally, it falls on the penultimate syllable, provided it's a part of the word root; otherwise, it falls on the last syllable of the root. It does not cause vowel reduction.

TODO: syllable structure

## 4 Orthography

### 4.1 Romanisation

Consonants	Labial	Alv.	Alv.-Pal.	Post-alv.	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasals	m	n			ɲ		
Affricates (v)		dz	dz'	dʒ			
Affricates (u)		ts	ts'	ʈ			
Stops (v)	b	d			d'	q	
Stops (u)	p	t			t'	k	
Fricatives	f	s	s'	ʃ	x		h
Continuants	v	z	z'	ʒ	j		g
Liquids		r	ɾ		ɭ	l	

Vowels	Front unrounded	Central	Back
High	i	y	u
Mid	e		o
Low	ä	a	
Diphthongs	ai ei oi aw		

## 5 Pronouns

0	I	II	I + II	III, animate	III, inanimate
la	mi	tu	mito	ne	sy

Basic pronouns present in Adellian are shown in the table above. They are declined by case and number, like any other noun, but typically do not require any article.

Zero pronoun is used when the subject is abstract, somewhat like “one” or “generic you” in English. Additionally, it can serve as a placeholder pronoun when a word root is needed grammatically, but isn’t present, meaning-wise.

Demonstratives are distinguished by three degrees of proximity.

Proximal	Medial	Distal
mes	täs	nay

## 6 Nouns

Adellian nouns decline in the following way:

*root + article + number + case [+ locative postfix]*

*Ex.: kassaqdes*

*kassa + NEG + DET + ACC*

*whom? - the majority of cats*