

Introduction to Ghurklasian

This book will show you the basics of Ghurklasian. Lessons will teach either a grammatical concept or vocabulary about a certain subject, each taking around one or three pages.

Pronunciation will be marked using the International Phonetic Alphabet (or IPA), written under brackets []. The french R will be written as [r] to simplify the transcribing.

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It is advised to join the online Ghurklasian communities and to speak to other learners in order to practice

Pronunciation

Pronosselan [pronoselan]

This lesson will teach you most differences between the Ghurklasian and English alphabet, and how to pronounce the language

Alphabet

The alphabet itself is derived from the latin one, as is English's and most western european languages:

*A a B b C c Č č D d E e Ě ě F f G g H h I i J j Ž ž K k L l M m N n O o P p Ľ ľ R r S s
T t Š š U u Y y V v W w X x Z z*

Letters not in English:

- **Č č** does the [tʃ] sound, similar to the English “ch” or “tsh”
- **Ě ě** does the [œ~ə] sound, similar to the English “uh”. After a vowel, it will sound more like a “w” (or [ʊ] in the IPA)
- **Ž ž** does the [ʒ] sound; there's not really any english equivalent, some people transcribe it as “zh” for some languages
- **Ľ ľ** does the [θ] sound; it is the unvoiced “th”, such as in **think**

- **Š š** does the [ts] sound, it is basically the same as how “ts” would sound in English.

Some look like their english counterparts, but are different in sound:

- **C c** always does the [ʃ] sound
- **E e** does the [e] sound
- **G g** does the [g] sound. In some cases the english one has the same pronunciation, however in this case, it will always be pronounced like that
- **J j** does the [j] sound, like how a **Y** would sound in English
- **R r** is the same as French’s, this is a sound that may be hard to pronounce for new learners. (precision: French technically has multiple way to pronounce R, however most of them are valid)
- **U u** does the [y] sound, like in French
- **Y y** does the [u] sound, similar to the English “oo”

A and E together (ae) will make the [aj] sound, similar to ai in English.

The “eu” digraph makes the [œ~ə] sound, just like an Æ.

The “ue” digraph makes the [y] sound, as the E becomes silent.

Accents

There are two accents present in Ghurklasian: ^ and ¨ those can be placed on top of vowels.

The *sirkaflex* (^) is added onto words to modify the meaning, to differentiate similar sounding words from each other. It will not affect the pronunciation.

du → *due*

dû → *expensive*

The *trema* (¨) is used to mark that each vowel is pronounced independently.

soə [soʊ]

söə [so.œ]

Greetings

Hojtehnēs [hojtenēs]

Vocabulary

hoj [hoj] - hi, hello

kos [kos] - bye

hojtehn [hojten] - greeting

salyt [salut] - salute

jots [jots] - good

â [a] - to

spetto [speto] - later

spat [spat] - late

den [den] - day

morən [mor^ən] - morning

sera [sera] - evening

nasc [naʃ] - night

Prefixes

afa-
After

for-
Before

mid(e)-
Middle of

Those can be added before words to change its meaning

mid(e) + den = midden

middle + day = midday

afa + midden = afamidden

after + midday = afternoon

Phrases

â spetto - see you later
to later

â demen - see you tomorrow
to tomorrow

jots moræn - good morning
good morning

jots midden - good midday

good midday

jots afamidden - good evening

good evening

jots nasc - good night

good night

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Conjugation

Kongapion [kongaθjon]

Verbs in Ghurklasian end in <er>. To see who does the action, you must replace the ending:

I	an
you	ec
he, she, it	e
we	et
you (plural)	es
they	ef

The form where the verb ends with <er> is called the infinitive, you'll use it when no one is doing the action. It is also the form used in the dictionary

Example

ester (<i>to be</i>)	
I	est <u>an</u>
you	est <u>ec</u>

he, she, it	este <u>e</u>
we	estet <u>e</u>
you (plural)	estes <u>e</u> s
they	estef <u>e</u> f

<i>aver (to have)</i>	
I	avan <u>a</u> n
you	avec <u>e</u> c
he, she, it	ave <u>e</u>
we	avet <u>e</u> t
you (plural)	aves <u>e</u> s
they	avef <u>e</u> f

<i>paler (to do)</i>	
I	palan <u>a</u> n
you	palec <u>e</u> c
he, she, it	pale <u>e</u>
we	palet <u>e</u> t
you (plural)	pales <u>e</u> s
they	palef <u>e</u> f

Vocabulary

Here is a list of commonly used verbs, feel free to practice conjugation on them!

berčamer [bertʃamer] - eat

ɸaler [θaler] - do

trawer [trawer] - make

flaner [flaner] - fly

serer [serer] - see

kloger [kloger] - go

frëater [fre.ater] - write

atter [ater] - wait

asker [asker] - ask

slauper [sloper] - sleep

blager [blager] - joke

kongaɸer [kongaθer] - conjugate

Note

This is the conjugation system for the present tense. It works the same for every other tenses, but the ending might change (past tense, future tense and imperative)