

Stedgogesgedbruvv

The essential guide to Greenspeak

First Edition

Phonology, Grammar and Translation Dictionaries.

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Introduction

The following book is a fully functional micro-language designed to be used for goblins, orcs, trolls, or any other traditional high fantasy cannon fodder. The language is an incredibly small language inspired by Proto-Indo-European and Toki Pona, a conlang created by fellow Canadian Sonja Lang. By using a minimalist language it can be taught and used by less intelligent races and has the added benefit of providing a narrow linguistic framework so that the species would not even have the linguistic skills to question their way of life. It was constructed for use in a high fantasy series I wanted to write, along with a few other languages. As with all my published work up to this point, I am publishing it under a cc-by-sa license. If you have a story in which you wish to include this language I encourage you to use it. I will stress to prevent confusion that the share-alike portion of the license applies only to the contributions you make to the language. For example new compound words created with Gogesged will not be copyrightable and will be usable by anyone who wants to. Your story and anything you make independent of the language is still yours and protected under your copyright. Just because this language features in a story doesn't mean the story is no longer yours. As always I appreciate anyone who reads my works and hope that it is useful or meaningful to you in some way.

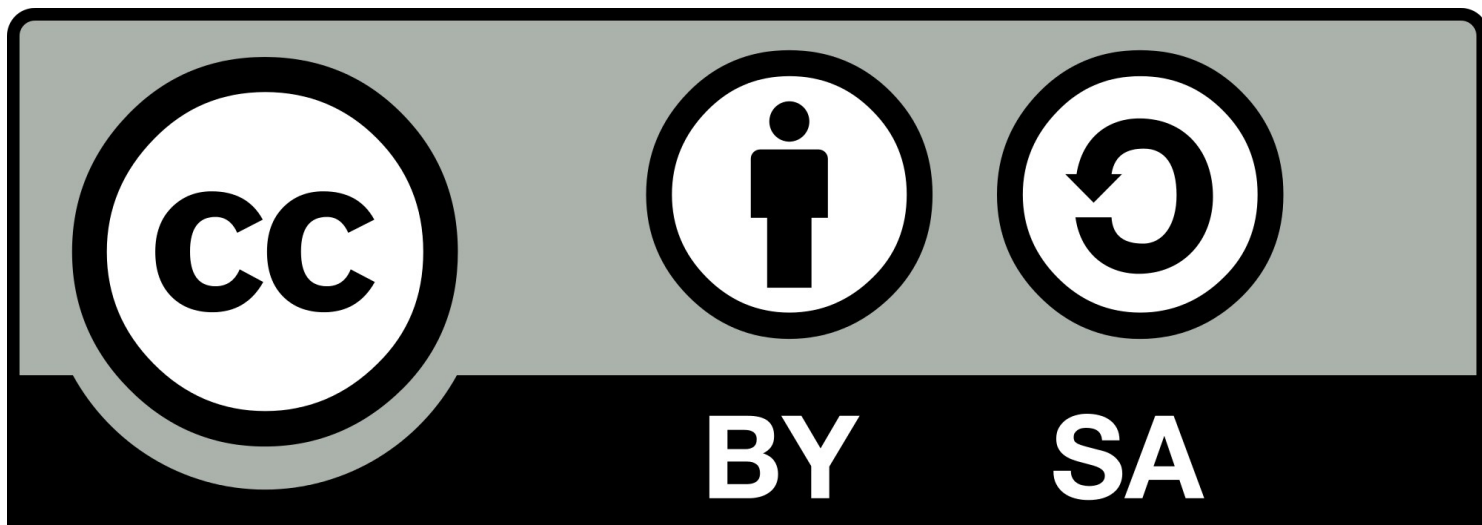
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Phonology and Grammar

Sound Structure:			
Vowels		Consonants	
a	ɒ	b	β
e	ə	d	dʒ
i	ɪ	f	φ
o	ɔ	g	ɣ
u	ʊ	k	kʰ
		p	pʰ
		r	ɾ
		s	sʰ
		t	tʰ
		v	v

Sentence structure:

Verb + Adverb – Direct object indicator (va) – Object + Adjective – subject indicator (sa) – Subject

Ex:

I have finished the dictionary for Greenspeak
 Gvev va stedgogesged sa give

Additional Notes:

Writing:

Greenskins do not have a formal writing system and instead use pictographs to communicate visually.

Numbers:

Greenskins do not have specific words for numbers and will instead hold up fingers or clap to convey numbers.

Dictionary:

On the next few pages are two dictionaries. I would recommend reading the Gogesged to English dictionary first. Many Gogesged words contain multiple connected concepts and doing direct translations without understanding the connected concepts can produce different results. For example Stedpagtergagas vs Kregpagtergagas. You could translate the first as an image of god and the second as a display of god, but kreg is a word associated with violence and bloodshed giving it a much different meaning to sted. Further the Gogesged to english dictionary is shorter.

Complex Words:

Words designed to convey more specific meaning can be created with compound words. For example Stedgogesged is a compound word containing the greenskin words for written record, green and speak. Other examples include Vavkvet for Elf and Vavkersavos for Dwarf. By combining words together you can create new concepts. I've played around with this concept and found some interesting poetic combinations like gogesgim to mean secret (Literally poisonous/rotten speech.) Complex words should follow the adjective/adverb rule. Describing words should be put secondary in the compound word relative to what it is describing. For example Gogesged is a combination of speech and green. It is a type of speech used by greenskins, not a type of greenskin that is speech. Therefore green is the adjective and comes second in the complex word.

Gogesged to English Dictionary

Bed: Hard/Strong
Ber: Brown
Bereg: Break/Damage/Harm/Injure
Berg: Bump/Hill/Mountain
Bre: He/Her/They/Them
Bregter: Same/Similar/Peer
Broididava: Breed/Sex
Bruvg: Must/Need/Want/Require
Buga: Insect
Dadas: Down/Lower/Below
Dakru: Heart/Feel/Emotion
Divev: Back/Behind
Duvos: Gas
Gab: Take/Steal
Gagas: Up/High/Above
Gekvo: Solid
Ged: Green/Yellow
Get: When/After
Gerb: Change/Different
Gevg: Alive
Gevi: Kin/Clan/Group
Gideg: Small/Young
Gim: Rotten/Poison
Gisu: Yes
Give: I/me
Gvev: End/Complete/Finish/
Dead/Death
Goges: Communication/Speak/
Hello
Govd: Mouth/Lips/Jaw/Kiss
Grod: Blood/Red
Grsvo: Plants
Gveg: By/From/Because
Gvgen: Battle/Fight/Challenge/Kill
Guvav: Human
Gy: Trade
Kap: Have
Kedg: Noise
Ken: Open/Begin/Start
Kent: Hunt/Forage
Kersavos: Black/Dark/Night
Kreg: Butcher/Display/Gore
Krep: Body/Health/Torso
Ktov: Many/Every
Kvet: White/Bright/Day
Kve: And
Pagter: Parent/Elder/Teacher
Pegvr: Fire/Burning
Peter: Sky
Potis: Head/Mind/Ruler

Predkos: Fresh/Recent
Sa: Subject Predicate
Sedg: Give/Send/Release
So: This/That
Spek: Endure/Keep/Guard/Protect
Sted: Image/Symbol/Write/Record
Steg: Foot/Walk/Climb
Sve: Unique/One (number and
person)
Svep: Sleep
Tek: Item/Tool/Weapon
Tu: You
Va: Object Predicate
Vas: Small/Nose
Vav: Man
Veg: Big/Old
Vek: Absent/Away/Ignored
Ves: Cloth/Cloathing/Cover
Vesr: Magic
Vedu: Sweet/Cute/Innocent
Verg: Do/Make/Work
Veso: Treasure/Valuable/Shiny/
Beautiful/Fun
Visu: No
Vodr: Liquid
Vorvos: Servant/Worker/Slave
Vukos: Animal

English to Gogesged Dictionary

Above: Gagas
Absent: Vek
After: Get
Alive: Gevg
And: Kve
Animal: Vukos
Away: Vek
Back: Divev
Battle: Gvgen
Beautiful: Veso
Because: Gveg
Begin: Ken
Behind: Divev
Below: Dadas
Big: Veg
Black: Kersavos
Blood: Grod
Body: Krep
Break: Bereg
Breed: Brodidava
Bright: Kvet
Brown: Ber
Bump: Berg
Burning: Pegvr
Butcher: Kreg
By: Gveg
Challenge: Gvgen
Change: Gerb
Clan: Gevi
Climb: Steg
Cloth: Ves
Clothing: Ves
Communication: Goges
Complete: Gvev
Cover: Ves
Cute: Vedu
Damage: Bereg
Dark: Kersavos
Day: Kvet
Dead: Gvev
Death: Gvev
Different: Gerb
Display: Kreg
Do: Verg
Down: Dadas
Elder: Pagter
Emotion: Dakru
End: Gvev
Endure: Spek
Every: Ktov
Feel: Dakru

Fight: Gvgen
Finish: Gvev
Fire: Pegvr
Foot: Steg
Forage: Kent
Fresh: Predkos
From: Gveg
Fun: Veso
Gas: Duvos
Give: Sedg
Gore: Kreg
Green: Ged
Group: Gevi
Guard: Spek
Hard: Bed
Harm: Bereg
Have: Kap
He: Bre
Head: Potis
Health: Krep
Heart: Dakru
Hello: Goges
Her: Bre
High: Gagas
Hill: Berg
Human: Guvav
Hunt: Kent
I: Give
Ignored: Vek
Image: Sted
Injure: Bereg
Innocent: Vedu
Insect: Buga
Item: Tek
Jaw: Govd
Keep: Spek
Kill: Gvgen
Kin: Gevi
Kiss: Govd
Lips: Govd
Liquid: Vodr
Lower: Dadas
Magic: Vesr
Make: Verg
Man: Vav
Many: Ktov
Me: Give
Mind: Potis
Mountain: Berg
Mouth: Govd
Must: Bruvg

English to Gogesged Dictionary Continued

Need: Bruvg
Night: Kersavos
No: Visu
Noise: Kedg
Nose: Vas
Object Predicate: Va
Old: Veg
One: Sve
Open: Ken
Parent: Pagter
Peer: Bregter
Plants: Grsvo
Poison: Gim
Protect: Spek
Recent: Predkos
Record: Sted
Red: Grod
Release: Sedg
Require: Bruvg
Rotten: Gim
Ruler: Potis
Same: Bregter
Send: Sedg
Servant: Vorbos
Sex: Brodidava
Shiny: Veso
Similar: Bregter
Sky: Peter
Slave: Vorbos
Sleep: Sveg
Small: Vas
Small: Gideg
Solid: Gekvo
Speak: Goges
Start: Ken
Strong: Bed
Subject Predicate: Sa
Sweet: Vedu
Symbol: Sted
Teacher: Pagter
That: So
Them: Bre
They: Bre
This: So
Tool: Tek
Torso: Krep
Trade: Gy
Treasure: Veso
Unique: Sve

Up: Gagas
Valuable: Veso
Walk: Steg
Want: Bruvg
Weapon: Tek
When: Get
White: Kvet
Work: Verg
Worker: Vorbos
Write: Sted
Yellow: Ged
Yes: Gisu
You: Tu
Young: Gideg