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0. Introduction

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0.1. Inventory of the Segmental Phonemes

The Vowel Phonemes: / i, ê, a, â, ô, u, ə /

The Consonant Phonemes:

Stops: /p, b, t, d, ʈ, ɖ, k, g /

Fricatives: /s, z, š, ž, ṣ̌, ẓ̌, x, γ /

Affricates: /c, j /

Liquids: /l, r, ṛ /

Nasals : /m, n, ŋ /

Glottals : /h, ' /

Learned Phonemes : /f, q, ḥ /

1. Gender There are two grammatical genders in Pashto--masculine and feminine. Genders are determined by meaning and form.

A. Meaning: lâlâ 'elder brother' plâr 'father'
xôr 'sister' môr 'mother'

B. Form :

B.1. Masculine All nouns ending in a consonant in the singular, including /y/ as in /ay/ and /əy/, or in /u/ are masculine.

kôr 'house' kələy 'village' largay 'wood'
dâru 'medicine' bânu 'eyelash' sôy 'hare'

Exceptions:

zrə 'heart' psə 'sheep' wêštə 'hair'

B.2. Feminine All nouns ending in a vowel such as /a/, /ə/, /i/, /ei/, /â/, /ê/, /ô/ in the singular are feminine.

šadza 'woman' pašto 'Pashto' badi 'feud'
šâ 'tha back' zangô 'cradle' šambê 'Saturday'
mdzeka 'earth, ground' cârə 'knife'

Exceptions:

břesten 'cotton blanket' tsərmən 'leather'
stən 'needle' təršədz 'seam of a dress'
lâr 'road, way' ləmən 'hem' mēcən 'flour mill'
lwêšt 'span' miâšt 'month' mřədz 'quail'
mangwəl 'claw' pəltən 'military unit'
wradz 'day' 'uriadz 'cloud' žmundz 'comb'
tsəngəl 'elbow'

2. Number Nouns have two numbers--singular and plural.

Pluralia tantum Some nouns that designate liquids, material, granular substance, and the like, usually occur in the plural.

Masculine:

cars 'hashish' kuci 'butter' teryâk 'opium'
šarâb 'liquor' tambaku 'tobacco' srəp 'lead, metal'
zar 'gold' mis 'copper' 'urbəši 'barley'
'ôrə 'flour' taratêzak 'water-cress' jas 'zinc'
šaršam 'mustard'

Feminine:

wařei 'wool' cây 'tea' šidê 'milk'
pəi 'human milk'

3. Case Nouns have four cases--Absolute Case, Oblique Case I, Oblique Case II and Vocative Case

4. Classification Nouns can be subdivided according to their plural formation into five masculine and six feminine sub-classes.

Examples:

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|-------|--|------------------------------|-----------|
| m 1 | kôr 'house' | zrə 'heart' | Inanimate |
| m 2 | mâr 'snake' | dôst 'friend' | Animate |
| | Cf. suk 'fist' | tâlu 'palate' | |
| m 3 | sařay 'man, human being' | largay 'wood' | |
| m 4 | məlgərəy 'friend' | səžəy 'lungs' | |
| m 5 a | malax pl. maləx 'locust' | mardak pl. mardək 'ball' | |
| | ṭôpak ṭôpək 'musket' | taltak pl. taltək 'coverlet' | |
| | xaṭak pl. xaṭək 'a kind of black beetle' | | |
| | Cf. pal pl. paluna 'sole of foot' | | |
| | cal pl. caluna 'deceit' | | |
| b | xar pl. xrə 'donkey' | | |
| c | pařtun pl. pařtanə 'Pashtoon' | | |
| d | zuy pl. zâmən 'son' | vrôr pl. vruna 'brother' | |
| | vrârə pl. vrêruna 'nephew' | | |
| f 1 | řədzə, pl. řədzi 'woman' | Stressed /a/ | |
| f 2 | přa pl. přê 'foot' | Unstressed /a/ | |
| f 3 | řâ, pl. řâwi 'the back' | zangô 'cradle' | |
| f 4 | hagəi pl. hagəi 'egg' | puřtəi pl. puřtəi 'the ribs' | |
| | dôḍəi pl. dôḍəi 'bread' | Inanimate | |
| f 5 | budəi pl. budəigâni 'old woman' | Animate | |
| | dôbəi pl. dobəigâni 'laundress' | | |
| f 6 | môr pl. mandi 'mother' | xôr pl. xwəndi 'sister' | |

Nouns belonging to the classes m 5 and f 6 are kinship terms. These classes are unproductive.

