

Study Questions

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Lesson 4

Plural Formation and Nasal Mutation

Noun practice

For each of the English nouns listed below, give the Sindarin singular noun, the Sindarin singular noun with the definite article, the Sindarin plural noun, and the Sindarin plural noun with the definite article.

English	Sindarin (s.)	(s.) w/ definite article	(pl.)	(pl.) w/ definite article
bird				
breeze				
child				
clothing				
club				
darkness				
darkness				
daughter				

deer				
din				
drinking vessel				
elf				
elf of the first house				
elf-maiden				
end				
evening				
flesh				
forest				
friend				
gate				
habit				
hammer				
hero				
history				
house				

human				
king				
light				
lord				
man				
moon				
mortal				
mountain				
net				
orc				
path				
plain				
plank				
poison				
poplar				
precipice				
range of peaks				

ravine				
root				
silence				
snake				
soup				
thought				
threshold				
time				
tongue				
tower				
tree				
web				
wolf				
woman				
word				
world				

Answers

Noun practice

For each of the English nouns listed below, give the Sindarin singular noun, the Sindarin singular noun with the definite article, the Sindarin plural noun, and the Sindarin plural noun with the definite article.

Note: Three nouns differ in the plural from the illustrations Thorsten Renk gives in his text. These changes were made after consulting him and referencing Helge Fauskanger's article (see Links) regarding vowel changes in plural formation. Hlûg (snake, serpent) becomes hluig in the plural. This is probably a typographical error in the Pedin Edhellen text. Rhass (flesh, body) becomes rhaiss in the plural. This one is more controversial. In some instances, a does change to e in plural formation when preceding double consonants, but these seem to be confined to nouns ending in a nasal diphthong like "ng." The third change from the Pedin Edhellen text is fair (mortal) to fir in the plural. This could be regarded as an irregular noun. Please see Helge Fauskanger's article on Sindarin in the Links section for documentation. Dôl (head) is deliberately excluded because it takes lenition differently and will be discussed in a later lesson.

English	Sindarin (s.)	(s.) w/ definite article	(pl.)	(pl.) w/ definite article
bird	<i>aew</i>	<i>i aew</i>	<i>aew</i>	<i>i aew</i>
breeze	<i>hwest</i>	<i>i chwest</i>	<i>hwist</i>	<i>i 'wist</i>
child	<i>hên</i>	<i>i chên</i>	<i>hîn</i>	<i>i chîn</i>
clothing	<i>hammad</i>	<i>i chammad</i>	<i>hemmaid</i>	<i>i chemmaid</i>
club	<i>grond</i>	<i>i 'rond</i>	<i>grynd</i>	<i>in grynd</i>
darkness	<i>daw</i>	<i>i dhaw</i>	<i>doe</i>	<i>i noe</i>
daughter	<i>sell</i>	<i>i hell</i>	<i>sill</i>	<i>i sill</i>
deer	<i>aras</i>	<i>i aras</i>	<i>erais</i>	<i>in erais</i>
din	<i>glam</i>	<i>i 'lam</i>	<i>glaim</i>	<i>in glaim</i>
drinking vessel	<i>ylf</i>	<i>i ylf</i>	<i>ylf</i>	<i>in ylf</i>
elf	<i>edhel</i>	<i>i edhel</i>	<i>edhil</i>	<i>in edhil</i>
elf of the first house	<i>miniel</i>	<i>i viniel</i>	<i>minil</i>	<i>i minil</i>
elf-maiden	<i>elleth</i>	<i>i elleth</i>	<i>ellith</i>	<i>in ellith</i>

end	<i>methed</i>	<i>i vethed</i>	<i>methid</i>	<i>i methid</i>
evening	<i>aduial</i>	<i>i aduial</i>	<i>eduial</i>	<i>in eduial</i>
flesh	<i>rhaw</i>	<i>i thraw</i>	<i>rhaiw</i>	<i>i 'raiw</i>
forest	<i>tawar</i>	<i>i dawar</i>	<i>tewair</i>	<i>i thewair</i>
friend	<i>mellon</i>	<i>i vellon</i>	<i>mellyn</i>	<i>i mellyn</i>
gate	<i>annon</i>	<i>i annon</i>	<i>ennyn</i>	<i>in ennyn</i>
habit	<i>haew</i>	<i>i chaew</i>	<i>haew</i>	<i>i chaew</i>
hammer	<i>dring</i>	<i>i dhring</i>	<i>dring</i>	<i>in dring</i>
hero	<i>thalion</i>	<i>i thalion</i>	<i>thelyn</i>	<i>i thelyn</i>
history	<i>pennas</i>	<i>i bennas</i>	<i>pennais</i>	<i>i phennais</i>
house	<i>adab</i>	<i>i adab</i>	<i>edaib</i>	<i>in edaib</i>
human	<i>adan</i>	<i>i adan</i>	<i>edain</i>	<i>in edain</i>
king	<i>aran</i>	<i>i aran</i>	<i>erain</i>	<i>in erain</i>
light	<i>calad</i>	<i>i galad</i>	<i>celaid</i>	<i>i chelaid</i>
lord	<i>hîr</i>	<i>i chîr</i>	<i>hîr</i>	<i>i chîr</i>
man	<i>benn</i>	<i>i venn</i>	<i>binn</i>	<i>i minn</i>
moon	<i>ithil</i>	<i>i ithil</i>	<i>ithil</i>	<i>in ithil</i>
mortal	<i>fair</i>	<i>i fair</i>	<i>fîr</i>	<i>i fîr</i>
mountain	<i>orod</i>	<i>i orod</i>	<i>eryd</i>	<i>in eryd</i>
net	<i>rem</i>	<i>i rem</i>	<i>rim</i>	<i>idh rim</i>
orc	<i>orch</i>	<i>i orch</i>	<i>yrch</i>	<i>in yrch</i>
path	<i>rath</i>	<i>i rath</i>	<i>raith</i>	<i>idh raith</i>
plain	<i>talath</i>	<i>i dalath</i>	<i>telaith</i>	<i>i thelaith</i>
plank	<i>pân</i>	<i>i bân</i>	<i>pain</i>	<i>i phain</i>
poison	<i>saew</i>	<i>i haew</i>	<i>saew</i>	<i>i saew</i>
poplar	<i>tulus</i>	<i>i dulus</i>	<i>tylys</i>	<i>i thylys</i>

precipice	<i>rhass</i>	<i>i thrass</i>	<i>rhaiss</i>	<i>i 'raiss</i>
range of peaks	<i>aeglir</i>	<i>i aeglir</i>	<i>aeglir</i>	<i>in aeglir</i>
ravine	<i>falch</i>	<i>i falch</i>	<i>failch</i>	<i>i failch</i>
root	<i>thond</i>	<i>i thond</i>	<i>thynd</i>	<i>i thynd</i>
silence	<i>dîn</i>	<i>i dhîn</i>	<i>dîn</i>	<i>i nîn</i>
snake	<i>lhûg</i>	<i>i thlûg</i>	<i>lhuig</i>	<i>i 'luig</i>
soup	<i>salph</i>	<i>i halph</i>	<i>sailph</i>	<i>i sailph</i>
thought	<i>naw</i>	<i>i naw</i>	<i>noe</i>	<i>i noe</i>
threshold	<i>fen</i>	<i>i fen</i>	<i>fin</i>	<i>i fin</i>
time	<i>lû</i>	<i>i lû</i>	<i>lui</i>	<i>i lui</i>
tongue	<i>lam</i>	<i>i lam</i>	<i>laim</i>	<i>i laim</i>
tower	<i>barad</i>	<i>i varad</i>	<i>beraid</i>	<i>i meraid</i>
tree	<i>galadh</i>	<i>i 'aladh</i>	<i>gelaidh</i>	<i>i ngelaidh</i>
web	<i>nath</i>	<i>i nath</i>	<i>naith</i>	<i>i naith</i>
wolf	<i>draug</i>	<i>i dhraug</i>	<i>droeg</i>	<i>in droeg</i>
woman	<i>bess</i>	<i>i vess</i>	<i>biss</i>	<i>i miss</i>
word	<i>peth</i>	<i>i beth</i>	<i>pith</i>	<i>i phith</i>
world	<i>gardh</i>	<i>i 'ardh</i>	<i>gairdh</i>	<i>i ngairdh</i>

Wolves follow deer in the forest.

Orcs fight men in the mountains. The men follow the orcs to the plains and many orcs die.

Elves and men sing at the fire in the evening. The friends of the elves give the lord a drinking vessel.

Deer cross the forests. Birds sing in the trees. The elf maidens dwell in the house at the border of the ravine.

Orcs flame the houses. Men sieze clubs and follow the orcs. They fight the orcs.

The elves sing histories and wait for the end. It is time.

The world is silent. The paths are dark. The mortals fear crossing the forest. Where are the heroes?

Go to the poplars at the border of the forest. The house is there.

The precipices are dark. The elves fear to approach the darknesses.

Ravines cross the mountains like webs.

