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Mando'a Language Dictionary

#1 Mando'a Alphabet and pronunciation

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

MANDOR (Mando'a Alphabet)

The Mando'a alphabet consists of thirty-two letters in the following sequence:

ᖇ, ᖆ, ᖅ, ᖄ, ᖃ, ᖂ, ᖁ, ᖀ, ᖧ, ᖦ, ᖥ, ᖤ, ᖣ, ᖢ, ᖠ, ᖟ, ᖞ, ᖝ, ᖜ, ᖛ, ᖚ, ᖙ, ᖘ, ᖗ, ᖖ, ᖕ, ᖔ, ᖓ, ᖒ, ᖑ, ᖐ

MANDO'A VOWELS

The Mando'a vowels are ᖇ, ᖆ, ᖅ, ᖄ, ᖃ, ᖂ, ᖁ, ᖀ, ᖧ, ᖦ, ᖥ, ᖤ, ᖣ, ᖢ, ᖠ, ᖟ, ᖞ, ᖝ, ᖜ, ᖛ, ᖚ, ᖙ, ᖘ, ᖗ, ᖖ, ᖕ, ᖔ, ᖓ, ᖒ, ᖑ, ᖐ. The sounds of the Mando'a vowels are:

ᖇ	sounds like	g <u>a</u> rden and b <u>a</u> t	ᖆ	sounds like	b <u>y</u> e, <u>e</u> ye
ᖆ	sounds like	<u>o</u> r <u>a</u> nge, <u>o</u> p <u>e</u> n	ᖅ	sounds like	<u>s</u> oup and b <u>oo</u> k
ᖅ	sounds like	d <u>a</u> y, gr <u>e</u> y	ᖄ	sounds like	p <u>u</u> n, <u>u</u> nder
ᖃ	sounds like	y <u>e</u> s, y <u>a</u> rn	ᖂ	sounds like	r <u>i</u> b, s <u>i</u> p
ᖂ	sounds like	s <u>t</u> ep, m <u>e</u> n	ᖁ	sounds like	t <u>o</u> y, b <u>o</u> y
ᖁ	sounds like	f <u>l</u> ee, s <u>ee</u>	ᖀ	sounds like	b <u>u</u> oy, ch <u>ew</u> y

MANDO'A CONSONANTS

The sounds of Mando'a consonants are:

ᖇ	sounds like	<u>m</u> ake	ᖆ	sounds like	<u>l</u> ost
ᖆ	sounds like	<u>n</u> ot	ᖅ	sounds like	<u>s</u> ap
ᖅ	sounds like	<u>d</u> ad	ᖄ	sounds like	<u>v</u> ery
ᖃ	sounds like	<u>r</u> un	ᖂ	sounds like	<u>p</u> an
ᖂ	sounds like	<u>h</u> unt	ᖁ	sounds like	<u>z</u> ap
ᖁ	sounds like	<u>b</u> all	ᖀ	sounds like	<u>g</u> all
ᖀ	sounds like	<u>t</u> ap	ᖧ	sounds like	<u>ch</u> air
ᖧ	sounds like	<u>sh</u> ake	ᖦ	sounds like	<u>w</u> ise
ᖦ	sounds like	<u>j</u> ust	ᖥ	sounds like	<u>f</u> unk
ᖥ	sounds like	<u>c</u> urse	ᖤ		glottal stop

SPELLING

As a result of Mando'a primarily being a spoken language, spelling in Mando'a is based on phonetics. This means that Mando'a words are spelled just like they sound.

DIPHTHONGS

The Mando'a diphthongs are complex sounds which are combinations of simple vowel sounds and semi vowels. Some English diphthongs are represented in Mando'a by a single letter.

LETTER NAMES

As with the English Alphabet, the letters of the Mando'a have names. Listed below are the Mando'a letters along with their English equivalents and the name of each letter.

ᄁ	m	mo	ᄂ	ai	ae-e-ah
ᄃ	a	ah	ᄄ	l	leh
ᄅ	n	ne	ᄆ	s	sah
ᄇ	d	da	ᄈ	oo/uu	oon
ᄉ	o	ohn	ᄊ	v	voh
ᄋ	r	ra	ᄌ	p	peh
ᄍ	ay/ey	ay	ᄎ	u	uhn
ᄏ	h	hah	ᄐ	z	zhar
ᄑ	b	be	ᄒ	g	ghar
ᄓ	y	ye	ᄔ	i	in
ᄕ	t	tah	ᄖ	ch	chah
ᄗ	sh	sheh	ᄘ	w	wen
ᄙ	e	en	ᄚ	f/v	fhar
ᄛ	ee	een	ᄜ	oy	oyv
ᄝ	j	jah	ᄞ	uy	uyn
ᄟ	c/k	kah	ᄠ	'	beten

GRAMMAR GUIDE

WORD ORDER

The word order of mando'a is in AVOL format the same as with English.

A = Actor

V = Verb

O = Object

L = Location

Example:

𐄂𐄂	𐄂𐄂	𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂	𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂	𐄂𐄂	𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂.
He	will	take	(the) weapon	to	(the) battlefield.
ACTOR		VERB	OBJECT		LOCATION

VERBS

Mando'a verbs can be made from a nouns by adding the appropriate conjugation. In formal Mando'a there is only one verb conjugation. This is for the infinitive and command forms. The infinitive and formal command forms end in two ways. With a word that ends in a consonant a vowel and the 𐄂 must be added to produce the verb. With words that end in a vowel only the 𐄂 must be added.

Example:

𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂	noun	pride
𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂	verb(Inf./cmd.)	pride/take or have pride
𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂	noun	grenade
𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂	verb(Inf./cmd.)	grenade/throw or use grenade

In informal Mando'a there are additional words that allow distinction between other verb forms. The command verb form is formed by using the word 𐄂𐄂 before the verb or the prefix 𐄂𐄂 when the verb starts with a vowel.

Example:

𐄂𐄂 𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂 𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂.	Carry the flag.	Command Tense
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The informal future tense is formed by adding the word 𐄂𐄂 in from of the verb.

Example:

ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

I will carry the flag.

Future Tense

The informal present tense is formed simply by using the root verb without additional words, prefixes, or suffixes.

Example:

ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

I am carrying the flag.

Present Tense

The past tense of a verb is formed by adding the word ᐱᐱ in front of the verb.

Example:

ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

I carried the flag.

Past Tense

To create the negative form of a verb add the prefix ᐱᐱ, ᐱᐱ, ᐱᐱ, or ne before either the whole sentence or the negative phrase.

Examples:

ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

I don't want to carry the flag. Negative Infinitive

ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

Don't carry the flag.

Negative Command

ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

I won't carry the flag.

Negative Future

ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

I don't carry the flag.

Negative Present

ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

I didn't carry the flag.

Negative Past

OTHER VERB NOTES

The verb ᐱᐱ, to be, is frequently dropped and indicated by word order.

Example:

ᐱᐱ (ᐱᐱ) ᐱᐱ

I (am) a warrior.

When saying something to describe the word b&k, it the correct Mando'a form is to just say the word ᐱᐱ, good or the full form with the verb, ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

Example:

CORRECT

ᐱᐱ.

(It is)good.

INCORRECT

ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

It (is) good.

CORRECT

ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ ᐱᐱ.

It is good.

FORMING QUESTIONS

The addition of the prefix word ረገገ turns a statement into a question.

Example:

የሆኑ የሆኑ.

He is walking.

ረገገ የሆኑ የሆኑ?

Is he walking?

There are also specific question words that can be used when making a question. They are:

ረገገየሆኑ

who

የሆኑ

which, what(before a vowel)

የሆኑ

which, what(before a consonant)

ረገገየሆኑ

when

የሆኑ

where

ረገገየሆኑ

why

ረገገየሆኑ

how many, how much

NOUNS

Gender nouns are the same for masculine, feminine, and neuter. Gender is implied contextually, if relevant. Where gender clarity is necessary, the adjectives ሆኑ, male, or ሆኑ, female, are added.

PLURALS

Plurals are formed by adding ኑ to the end of the noun.

Example:

ሆኑ

parent

ሆኑ

parents

PRONOUNS

Pronouns have no gender. Some pronouns are also possessives. Below is a list of Mando'a pronouns:

ሆኑ

I/me

ሆኑ

we/us

ሥባኩ	you	ሥባኩ	you(plural)
ሐሳብ	he/she	እነሱ	they/them
ሐሳብ	it		

ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

Adjectives and adverbs are formed by the addition of one of two suffixes. The suffix -ኛ should be added when the root word ends a vowel. The suffix -ኛ should be used when the root word ends in a consonant.

Example:

ሰው	noun	water
ሰውኛ	adjective	watery
ጊዜ	noun	time
ጊዜኛ	adjective	timely

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

Comparatives and superlatives are constructed from adjectives with a specific suffix for each. The suffix -ኛ for the comparative. The suffix -ኛ for the superlative.

Example:

ሰው	happy	ሰው	funny
ሰውኛ	happier	ሰውኛ	funnier
ሰውኛ	happiest	ሰውኛ	funniest

NUMBERS

I	ኅዳሳሂ	one	፲፬	፲፻፶፬	fifty
II	ረሃሳሂ	two	፲፭	፲፻፶፬ ፋሽቱ	fifty-four
III	ፋሽ	three	፲፮	ፋዳሃሃረሃ	sixty
IV	ፋሽቱ	four	፲፯	ፋዳሃሃረሃ ፋሽ፲፭ሃሃ	sixty-five
V	ፋሽ፲፭ሃሃ	five	፲፬	ረሃሳሃረሃ	seventy
VI	ፋሃሃዳሃ	six	፲፫	ረሃሳሃረሃ ፋሃሃዳሃ	seventy-six
VII	ሃሃረሃሳሃ	seven	፲፬	፲፻፶፬	eighty
VIII	፲፻፶፬	eight	፲፯	፲፻፶፬ ሃሃረሃሳሃ	eighty-seven
IX	፲፻፶፬	nine	፲፬፬	፲፻፶፬	ninety
X	ረሃሃፋሽ	ten	፲፯	፲፻፶፬ ፲፻፶፬	ninety-eight
XI	ረሃሃፋሽ ኅዳሃድሃ	eleven	፲፬፬	ዳሃሃሽ	one hundred
XII	ረሃሃፋሽ ረሃሳሃ	twelve	፲፯፬	ዳሃሃሽ ፲፻፶፬	one hundred fifty
XIII	ረሃሃፋሽ ፋሽ	thirteen	፲፬፬	ሳሳሃዳሃሃሽ	two hundred
XIV	ረሃሃፋሽ ፋሽቱ	fourteen	፲፬፬	ፋሃሃዳሃሃሽ	three hundred
XV	ረሃሃፋሽ ፋሽ፲፭ሃሃ	fifteen	፲፯፯	ፋሃሃዳሃሃሽ ፋሃሃረሃ ፋሽ፲፭ሃሃ	three hundred thirty-five
XVI	ረሃሃፋሽ ፋሃሃዳሃ	sixteen	፲፬፬	ፋሄቱሃዳሃሃሽ	four hundred
XVII	ረሃሃፋሽ ሃሃረሃሳሃ	seventeen	፲፬፬	ፋሽ፲፻ዳሃሃሽ	five hundred
XVIII	ረሃሃፋሽ ፲፻፶፬	eighteen	፲፬፬	ፋዳሃሃዳሃሃሽ	six hundred
XIX	ረሃሃፋሽ ፲፻፶፬	nineteen	፲፬፬	ፋዳሃሃዳሃሃሽ ፋሃሃዳሃ	six hundred nine
XX	ሳሳሃረሃ	twenty	፲፬፬	ረሃሳሃዳሃሃሽ	seven hundred
XXI	ሳሳሃረሃ ኅዳሃድሃ	twenty-one	፲፬፬	፲፻፶፬ዳሃሃሽ	eight hundred
XXII	ፋሃሃረሃ	thirty	፲፬፬	፲፻፶፬ዳሃሃሽ	nine hundred
XXIII	ፋሃሃረሃ ረሃሳሃ	thirty-two	፲፬፯	፲፻፶፬ዳሃሃሽ ፲፻፶፬ ፋሽ፲፭ሃሃ	nine hundred ninety-five
XXIV	ፋሽቱ	forty	፲፬፬፬	ረሃሃፋሽ፲፻ዳሃሃሽ	one thousand
XXV	ፋሽቱ ፋሽ	forty-three			

COMMON VERBS

accept	ጸባብ
act(do)	ገብረ
add	ገብረገብ
adopt	ጸብኝገብ
allow	ፈቃድ
apologize	ጸብኝገብ ረብረብኝ
approach	ባብኝገብ
attack	ጽገብ
attack(threaten)	ጽገብ
avenger	ጸብኝገብ
bear arms(carry something)	ጽገብ
beat(heart)	ጽገብ