

# Néo-Sindarin Phrasebook

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# Pronunciation

## Consonants

Letter	Approximate pronunciation	IPA
B	like b in bed, bright	/b/
C	like k in king, or c in class	/k/
CH	like ch in loch, bach	/x/
D	like d in dog, day	/d/
DH	like th in these, those	/ð/
F	like f in father <i>if at start</i> or like v in verge <i>if anywhere else</i>	/f/ or /v/
G	like g in garden, grass	/g/
H	like h in house, hello	/h/
HW	like a soft h before a w	/ʍ/
I only if at the start of a word	like y in yellow, yawn	/j/
L	like l in let, light	/l/
LH	as if the l and h are reversed, or the Welsh ll in Llandudno	
M	like m in mother, may	/m/
N	like n in neck, needle	/n/
NG	like ng in sing <i>if at the beginning</i> <i>or end</i> or like ng in finger <i>if</i> <i>anywhere else</i>	/ŋ/ or /ŋg/
P	like p in potato, press	/p/
R	a trilled r, as in Spanish	/r/
RH	like r in red, right	/ɹ/
S	like s in sun, silk	/s/
T	like t in tree, time	/t/
TH	like th in thing, thought	/θ/
W	like w in wet, water	/w/



## Vowels

Letter	Approximate pronunciation	IPA
A	like a in father, carp	/a/
Á	a slightly longer version of A	/aː/
Â	a slightly longer version of Á	/aː/
E	like e in bed, get	/e/
É	like the word air	/eː/
Ê	a slightly longer version of É	/eː/
I	like i in bid, bit	/ɪ/
Í	like i in machine	/i/
Î	a slightly longer version of Í	/iː/
O	like o in hot, cot	/ɒ/
Ó	like o in bone, phone	/əʊ/
Ô	a slightly longer version of Ó	/əʊː/
U	like oo in boot, loot	/u/
Ú	a slightly longer version of U	/uː/
Û	a slightly longer version of Ú	/uː/
Y	like u in French lune	/y/
Ý	like u in French sûr	/yː/

## Diphthongs

Letters	Approximate pronunciation	IPA
AE	like i in fine, bright that glides onto an e in led, pedal	/aie/
AI	like i in fine, bright that glides onto an i in fit, lit	/aii/
AU	like ou in loud, sound	/aʊ/
AW	like ou in loud, sound	/aʊ/
EI	like ay in play, away	/eɪ/
OE	like oy in boy, ploy	/ɔɪ/
UI	like wee in sweet, twee	/wiː/

## Vowel/consonant combinations

Letters	Approximate pronunciation	IPA
ER	like the word air or in fair	/ɛr/
IR	like the word ear or in dear	/iə/
UR	like ur in fur, cur	/ɜ:/

## Stress patterns

### You should know

Long vowels: A, U, Y, any accented vowel, vowel/consonant combination or diphthong

Short vowels: E, I, O

Number of syllables in word	Where the stress falls
2	On the first syllable (EL-rond, AR-wen)
3	On the penultimate (second to last) syllable (i-SIL-dur, peri-ANN-ath) <i>or</i> on the third to last syllable (gal-AD-ri-el)

### Penultimate syllable stress

This is used when this syllable contains a long vowel. We also use this pattern if the syllable is a vowel (any vowel) followed by two or more consonants.

Attested examples:

Isildur (i-SIL-dur). Although the I in SIL is a short vowel, it is followed by the consonants LD, and so the stress falls on SIL.

**Third to last syllable stress (antepenultimate):**

This is used when the penultimate syllable contains a short vowel or any other vowel followed by just one consonant.

Attested examples:

Denethor (DE-ne-thor). NE is the penultimate syllable, but it contains the short vowel E, and so the stress falls back onto DE.

Boromir (BO-ro-mir). RO is the penultimate syllable, but it contains the short vowel O, and so again, the stress falls back onto BO instead.

Galadriel (ga-LAD-ri-el). RI is the penultimate syllable, but although it is followed by the vowel E, they are not a diphthong as they are two separate words so the I in RI remains short - thus the stress must switch to the syllable before it.

## How to use this book

### Greetings

I greet you

Len/Gin suilon pol./inf.

Len/Gin suilannon pol./inf.

You may see two options separated by a slash.

The first option – Len suilon – is the polite, or formal version, that you would use with a stranger or someone in a position of authority. The second option – Gin suilon – is the informal version that you would use with a friend or someone you know well.

### You may see

Thank you

Le/Gi hannon pol./inf.

Alternative versions of words or phrases are listed in boxes marked **You may see**. These are alternative Néo-Sindarin versions used by other Sindarin linguists and scholars, and they exist because Tolkien's notes have been interpreted differently by different people.

Please note that no interpretation is more correct than another, they are simply different viewpoints. Where there are different ways of saying the same thing, choose the version that you prefer.

Where is/are...?

...the horses

...the guesthouse

Mas...?

i rych

i hennas

When you see phrases marked like this, any of the words listed below can be put into the space marked by the ellipsis in the initial sentence, e.g. Mas i rych? Mas i hennas?

I come from...

We come from...

Telin o(d)...

Telim o(d)...

When you see phrases like this, the letter in brackets is only added if the word following it begins with a vowel, e.g. Telin od Imladris, I come from Imladris.

## Essential

Yes, I will	Athon
Yes, we will	Athof
No	Ū
No (with a shake of the head)	Baw
Please!	Fasto!
Thank you	Len/Gin hannon pol./inf.
Forgive me	Goheno nin
You're welcome	Te i 'ell nîn
Do you speak my language?	Carfol/Carfog i lam nîn? pol./inf.

### You should know

There is no one word for 'yes' in Sindarin. Athon can only be used when the answer is 'Yes I will'. Ways of getting round this include repeating the question, e.g.

Q. Dha bass ennas? Is there bread there?

A. Dha bass ennas. There is bread there.

### You may see

Thank you                      Le/Gi hannon pol./inf.

Thank you                      Annon allen/Annon angin pol./inf.

## Chatting

### Greetings and goodbyes

Ah! Hail!	Ai!
Hello/Goodbye	Galu
Welcome!	Nathlo!
At last!	Na vedui!
Greetings	Suil/Suilad
I greet you	Len/Gin suilon pol./inf.
I give greetings to you	Len/Gin suilannon pol./inf.
Well met	Mae l'ovannen/Mae g'ovannen pol./inf.
I rejoice to meet you	Gellon len covad/Gellon gin covad pol./inf.
I hope we will meet again	Harthon ad-govatham
You are welcome here	Le/Ci maedol hí pol./inf.
Farewell	Novaer

### You should know

The word Galu literally means 'a blessing' and it is thought that it can be used like the Italian word Ciao for both 'hello' and 'goodbye'.

### You may see

I greet you	Le/Gi suilon pol./inf.
I give greetings to you	Le/Gi suilannon pol./inf.

### Introductions

What is your name?	Man i eneth lín?/Man i eneth gîn? pol./inf.
My name is...	I eneth nîn...
His/her name is...	I eneth dîn...
I call myself...	Im ... eston
This is...	Se...
He/she/it is...	Te...

They are...	Ti...
I'm sorry, I don't remember your name	Goheno nin, penin rîn i eneth lîn
And you are?	A le?/A gi? pol./inf.

### Forms of address

Elves do not have the equivalents of Mr, Mrs, Ms. etc. Here are some titles you may see, but these are held by people of particularly noteworthy rank. To use them, say the person's name followed by their title and the appropriate place name, e.g.

Aragorn, King of Gondor	Aragorn, Aran Gondor
Elrond, Lord of Rivendell	Elrond, Hîr Imladris

### You should know

To address a King or Queen you may say

I melaith lîn	Your majesty
Aran i melaith lîn	Your majesty, to a King
Bereth i melaith lîn	Your majesty, to a Queen

King	Aran
Queen	Rîs
Queen (spouse of a King)	Bereth
Princess (King's daughter)	Ariel
Prince (King's son)	Arion
Princess	Aranel
Prince	Caun/Ernil
Mayor	Condir
Lord	Brannon/Hîr
Lady	Brennil/Hiril
Captain	Hest



## Feelings

How are you?	Le mael?/Ci mael? pol./inf.
Do you feel well?	Felil vae?/Felig vae? pol./inf.
I am well	Ni mael
I feel well	Felin vae
And you?	A len?/A gin? pol./inf.
Do you feel...?	Felil/Felig? pol./inf.
I feel...	Felin
...angry	rúthui
...brave, bold	veren
...betrayed, cheated	‘veriannen
...cold	ring
...cowardly	ú-veren
...eager	vara
...enchanted	lúthannen
...fear (afraid)	achas
...free	lain
...happy	‘elir
...hopeful	charthaweg
...hot	urui
...hungry	haeg
...isolated, lonely	ereb
...peaceful	hidhweg
...sad	dhem
...sick, ill	thlaew
...thankful	channweg
...thirsty	faug
...tired	lom
...triumphant	‘ellui
...troubled	brestannen
...warm	laug
...well	vae
I feel disgust (at something)	Fuion

I am shivering with cold	Girin
I rejoice in delight	Gellon
I feel terrified	Grogon
He/she/it enchants me	Nin lútha
He/she/it concerns me	Nin pessa
He/she/it troubles me	Nin trasta
I have patience (I am patient)	Sevin andreth
I am impatient	Penin andreth

### Body language

Elves don't just speak with their mouths, they are an expressive people who also have what is known commonly as the Language of the Hands.

One hand palm upwards	Gesture of recipient, or asking for something.
Both hands palm upwards	You are at the service/command of whom you are talking to.
One hand palm forwards	Gesture of prohibition, i.e. Halt! Silence! This would never be used in greeting.
One hand palm backwards	Greetings, welcome.
One hand edge forwards	Casual greeting in passing, no further speech desired.

Both arms wide, below shoulder level, palms upward  
I come in peace (I have no weapon in either hand).

#### **You should know**

Extending the fingers for any of these gestures increases the significance of the gesture

## Communication

I can't speak...	ú-garfon...
...Sindarin	i lam Thindrim
...Elvish	i lam Edhellen
...Westron	Annúnaid
Do you speak...?	Carfol/Carfog...? pol./inf.
...Sindarin	i lam Thindrim
...Elvish	i lam Edhellen
...Westron	Annúnaid
What's your mother tongue?	Man i lam e onnen lín/e onnen gîñ? pol./inf.
I only speak Sindarin	Carfon ero i lam Thindrim
You speak Sindarin well	Pelil vae i lam Thindrim/Pelig vae i lam Thindrim pol./inf.

## Communication issues

Do you understand?	Heniol?/Heniog? pol./inf.
I understand	Henion
I believe I understand	Estelion i henion
I don't understand	Penin cheniad
I didn't understand it all	Pennin cheniad e bith bain
Can you rephrase that?	Han adbedil/adbedig? pol./inf.
What does ... mean?	Man i theled ...?
What does that word mean?	Man i theled i beth han?
Will you write it for me?	Den teithathol annin?/ Den teithathog annin? pol./inf.
You speak quickly!	Carfol/Carfog lim! pol./inf.
Will you speak slowly?	Carfathol/Carfathog ú-lim? pol./inf.
This language is difficult	I lam hen gordh

### **You may see**

I don't speak...	Lo-garfon...
I don't understand	Lo-chenion
I didn't understand it all	Lo-cheniannen phith bain

### **Useful phrases**

Are you ready?	Feriol?/Feriog? pol./inf.
I am ready	Ferion
Look!	Tiro!
Listen (to this)!	Lasto (anhen)!
Wait! Stop!	Daro!
Good!	Ma!

### **Agreement and disagreement**

True!	Thand
That's true	Sa thand
I know	Iston
Our thoughts go together	I noeth vîn go-venir
I see what you mean	Cenin i theled lân/i theled gân pol./inf.
Untrue!	ú-thand
That isn't true	Sa ú-thand
I don't know	Penin ist

## Questions

I want to ask a question	Aníron mabeded
What?	Man?
What is/was it?	Man te?
What is/was that?	Man sa?
What's the time?	Man i lû?
What time will we meet?	Man lû covatham?
Who?	Man?
Who? (Which person?)	Man pen?
Who are they?	Man te? (singular)/Man ti? (plural)
How?	Manen?
How do you know?	Manen istol/istog? pol./inf.
How do I say...?	Manen carfon...?
How do I do this?	Manen hen cerin?
Why?	Amman?
For what purpose?	Am man theled?
Where?	Mas?
Where is my room?	Mas i ham nîn?
Where will we meet?	Mas covatham?
Where do you come from?	O vas telil/telig pol./inf.
Where do you want to go?	Mas anírol/anírog mened? pol./inf.
Where did you see it?	Mas den cenninil/cenninig pol./inf.
When?	Mar?
At what time?	Na van lû?
When will we meet?	Mar covatham?

# People

## You should know

“Though no Elf would speak of possessing children, he would say ‘three children have been added unto me’ or ‘are with me’ or ‘are in my house’.” (Morgoth’s Ring, p. 228)

Where do you live?	Mas dorthol?/Mas dorthog? pol./inf.
I live [in]...	Dorthon [vi]...
We live [in]...	Dortham [vi]...
...a city	ost
...a desert	eru
...a fen/marsh	moth
...a village	gobel
...beside a river	nef hîr
...beside a large river	nef dhuin
...by the sea	nef i aear
...the mountains	in eryd
...Gondor	Gondor
...Mirkwood	Taur-nu-fuin
...Rivendell	Imladris
...the Greenwood	Eryn Lasgalen
...the Grey Havens	Mithlond
I come from...	Telin o(d)
We come from...	Telim o(d)
...a city	ost
...a desert	eru
...a fen/marsh	voth
...a village	‘obel
...beside a river	nef hîr
...beside a large river	nef dhuin

...by the sea	nef i aear
...the mountains	in eryd
...Gondor	'ondor
...Mirkwood	Daur-nu-fuin
...Rivendell	Imladris
...the Greenwood	Eryn Lasgalen
...the Grey Havens	Vithlond

### You should know

Although these two lists look very similar there are some differences.  
These are caused by **soft mutation**.

### Personal

Who are you with?	Man le adh?/Man ci adh? pol./inf.
I'm alone	Ni ero
I'm with/I'm travelling with...	Ni adh.../Ledhon adh...
...my husband	hervennenin
...my wife	hervessenin
...my lover	melethor/melethril m./f.
...a friend	mellon
...friends	mellyn
...my son	ionenin
...my daughter	iessenin
...my child	hênenin
...my children	hînenin
Where were you born?	Mas le onnen?/Mas ci onnen? pol./inf.
I was born in...	Onnen vi...
When were you born?	Mar le onnen?/Mar ci onnen? pol./inf.

### You may see

I live in...	Dorthon mi...
I was born in...	Onnen mi...

## Family

Are you married?	Le/Ci bestannen? pol./inf.
Do you have children?	Dha hîn vi i nost lân?/Dha hîn vi i nost
(Are there children in your family?)	gîn? pol./inf.
Do you have children?	Hîn ónin anlen?/Hîn ónin angin?
(Have children been given to you?)	pol./inf.
Do you have grandchildren?	Dha inn vi i nost lân?/Dha inn vi i nost
(Are there grandchildren in your family?)	gîn? pol./inf.
I have a daughter	Iell adh nin/Tell ónen annin
	(A daughter is with me/A daughter has been
	given to me)
I have daughters	Ill adh nin/Ill ónin annin
	(Daughters are with me/Daughters have been given
	to me)
I have a son	Ion adh nin/Ion ónin annin
	(A son is with me/A son has been given to me)
I have sons	Yn adh nin/Yn ónin annin
	(Sons are with me/Sons have been given to me)
I have... children	Dha ... hîn vi i nost nîn
...two	tâd
...three	neledh
...four	canad
...five	leben
I have twins	Gwanûn adh nin/Gwanûn ónin annin
	Twins are with me/Twins have been given to me
I don't have children	Dha ú chîn vi i nost nîn
I don't have grandchildren	Dha ú inn vi i nost nîn



### You should know

If you would like to say ‘We have a daughter/son/children’ etc. replace the word Nin (me) with Ven (us), the word Annin (to me) with Ammen (to us) and the word Nîn (my) with Vîn (our), e.g.

Iell adh ven = We have a daughter

Yn ónin ammen = We have sons

Dha neledh hîn vi i nost vîn = We have three children

### Family members

Husband	Hervenn
Wife	Hervess
Son	Ion
Daughter	Iell
Mother	Naneth
Mum(my)/Mom(my)	Nana
Father	Adar
Dad(dy)	Ada
Brother	Muindor
Sister	Nethel
Any other blood relative	Gwanur
Sworn brother	Gwador
Sworn sister	Gwathel

Family members such as Grandmother, Grandfather, Aunt and Uncle do not have Sindarin equivalents, however we can still refer to them in terms of ‘mother’s mother’, ‘father’s father’ etc. Paternal links are listed first, maternal links are listed second.

Grandmother	Naneth adar/Naneth naneth
Grandfather	Adar adar/Adar naneth
Aunt	Nethel adar/Nethel naneth
Uncle	Muindor adar/Muindor naneth

## Age

What years do you have?

Man <sup>în</sup> sevil/sevig? pol./inf.

What years have you seen?

Man <sup>în</sup> cenninil?/cenninig? pol./inf.

There is no direct way of asking an Elf how old they are, so these are some suggestions. For the numbers to fill in the gap in the sentence, see the Numbers section.

Sevin ... <sup>în</sup>

I have ... years

Cennin ... <sup>în</sup>

I have seen ... years

## Romance

### **You should know**

To the Elves sex equalled marriage, so whether you are an Elf with another Elf or an Elf's lover from the race of Man you are their spouse. As Tolkien puts it "It was the act of bodily union that achieved marriage" (Laws and Customs of the Eldar)

Lover	Seron/Melethor
Lover (female)	Melethril
Lover (male)	Melethron
Darling, sweetheart	Melethel
(Little) kiss, peck	Mib
Do you love me?	Nin melog?
Do you like me?	Nin serol/serog? pol./inf.
I like you	Len/Gin seron pol./inf.
I love you	Gin melon
You're my sweetheart	Ci i velethel gîn
You're beautiful	Ci bain (if they are dark-haired) Ci gwân (if they are fair-haired)
You're as beautiful as an Elf	Ci edhelvain
Your hair is beautiful	I finnel gîn bain
You have beautiful eyes	Gerig hent vain
You have a beautiful smile	Gerig raidad vain
I love your long hair	Melon i finnel and gîn

### **You should know**

The Elves found long hair particularly attractive on both sexes.

### **You may see**

You have a beautiful smile      Gerig rae vain

## Dating

Will you eat with me?	Madathol adh nin?/ Madathog adh nin? pol./inf.
Where do you want to go?	Mas serathol/serathog mened?/pol./inf.
I want to go to...	Serathon mened na...
Will we dance together?	Go-lilthatham?
I want to dance with you	Aníron lilthad adh gin
Where will we meet?	Mas covatham?
When will we meet?	Mar covatham?
At what time?	Na van lû?
We will meet at...	Covatham na...

## You may see

I like you	Le/Gi melin pol./inf.
I love you	Gi melin
Do you love me?	Ni melig?
Do you like me?	Ni serol/serog? pol./inf.

## Accepting

I will come	Tolathon
I will dance with you	Lilthathon adh gin
I will eat with you	Madathon adh gin

## Rejections

I won't come	Avon doled
I won't dance with you	Avon lilthad adh gin
Thank you, but I'm busy	Gin hannon, ach ni carweg
No, I don't want to meet you	Û, penin anírad len covad
I will be washing my hair	Tolen puigad i finnel nîn
Go!	Meno!
Be gone!	Ego!

### You may see

Thank you, but I'm busy  
Go!

Annon allen, ach ni carweg  
Gwao!

### You should know

The word Ego! is roughly equivalent to the English phrase 'F\*\*\* off!' and was considered the strongest Elvish insult

### Marriage

A wedding, marriage

Will you marry me?

I will!

I will marry you

I cannot marry you

I refuse to marry you

I give you this ring

A silver ring

A gold ring

Best

Nin bestathog?

Athon!

Gin bestathon

Gin ú-vestathon

Avon gin bestad

Annon i gor hen angin

Cor geleb

Cor valt

### You should know

Elves wore silver betrothal rings and gold wedding rings. They were worn on the index finger of the right hand.

### Intimate

Kiss me!

I want to kiss you

Hold me

Touch me

I want to touch you

Mibo nin!

Aníron gin mibed

Garo nin

Matho nin

Aníron gin mathad

**You may see**

I want to kiss you

Aníron gi vibed

I want to touch you

Aníron gi vathad

## Education

Student, learner	Gelior
Teacher	Golthor
House of learning	Bar Geliad
Book/Books	Parf/Perf
Table/Tables	'Thardh/'Thairdh
Chair/Chairs	Ham/Haim
Parchment, paper	Fadhu
Alphabet	Tiwdi
Letter (of the alphabet)	Têw, plural Tîw
Pen	Tegil
Ink	Mûr
Debate	Athrabeth
Sit!	Havo!
Listen to the teacher!	Lasto anin golthor!
You must read this book	Boe hennol i barf hen/Boe hennog i barf hen pol./inf.

## Subjects

What are you studying?	Man geliol?/Man geliog? pol./inf.
I'm studying...	Gelion...
...cooking	bastad
...dancing	lilthad
...drawing	teithad
...fashioning objects	echaded
...fishing	raedad
...forging	magad
...geography	dorgannas
...healing	nestad
...history	gobennas
...lore, science	angol
...mathematics	nodvaenas

...music                   gling  
...singing                 linnad

I'm reading (to myself)       Hennon  
I'm reading (out loud)        Tengwon  
Will you read to me?         Nin tengwathol?/Nin tengwathog?  
  pol./inf.  
I love to study                 Melon geliad  
Studying causes pain to me   Geliol nin naegra

**You should know**

The verb Teitha- means both 'to draw' and 'to write', e.g. Teithon = I am drawing, I am writing.



## Professions

Where do you work?	Mas mudol?/Mas mudog? pol./inf.
I work at...	Mudon na...
What is your job?	Man i vudad lîn/gin? pol./inf.
I'm a/an...	Ni...
...artist, poet	maeron
...author, writer	narnvaeron
...baker, cook	bastor
...builder, wright	tân
...calligrapher	tegilbor
...carpenter	thavron
...fisherman	raedor
...flautist/piper	thimmor
...harper	talagan
...healer	nestor
...jeweller	mírdor
...judge	badhor
...sailor	cirion
...sculptor	gomaeron
...singer	linnor
...soldier	maethor
...songwriter	glirvaeron
...teacher	golthor
...trader, pedlar	bachor
...weaver	nathron

### You should know

These are the gender-neutral versions (where such exist or can be created) of the words for the various jobs.

## **Profession related vocabulary**

Boat	Lunt
Flute, pipe	Thibin
Harp	Gannel
Lyre	Ganneleg
Net (for catching fish)	Rem
Oven	Bothol
Parchment	Fadhu
Pen	Tegil
Poem	Glír
Ship	Cair
Song	Lind
Spinning wheel	Perf
Thread, warp	Lain
Weft	Lanad

# Numbers

Unlike all other adjectives in Sindarin which follow the noun they are modifying, numbers precede the noun e.g. *Mîn pen* = One person.

## Cardinal numbers

One	<i>Mîn</i>
Two	<i>Tâd</i>
Three	<i>Neledh</i>
Four	<i>Canad</i>
Five	<i>Leben</i>
Six	<i>Eneg</i>
Seven	<i>Odog</i>
Eight	<i>Tolodh</i>
Nine	<i>Neder</i>
Ten	<i>Pae</i>
Eleven	<i>Minib</i>
Twelve	<i>Ýneg</i>
Twenty	<i>Taphaen</i>
Thirty	<i>Nelphaen</i>
Forty	<i>Cambaen</i>
Fifty	<i>Lephaen</i>
Sixty	<i>Enephaen</i>
Seventy	<i>Odophaen</i>
Eighty	<i>Tolophaen</i>
Ninety	<i>Nederphaen</i>
100	<i>Haran</i>
144	<i>Host</i>
1000	<i>Meneg</i>

Tolkien never wrote down any of the numbers 13-19 so we cannot say with any certainty how they could be formed. For larger numbers I suggest this approach:

Taphaen a vîn	Twenty and one (21)
Nelphaen a neledh	Thirty and three (33)
Odophaen a eneg	Seventy and six (76)
Tâd menig	Two thousands (2000)

**You may see**

Eleven	Mimp
Twelve	Imp
These are Gondorian Sindarin variants	

**Ordinal numbers**

First	Minui
Second	Tadui
Third	Nelui
Fourth	Canthui
Fifth	Lemui
Sixth	Enchui
Seventh	Othui
Eighth	Tollui
Ninth	Nedrui
Tenth	Paenui
Eleventh	Minibui
Twelfth	Ýnegui
Twentieth	Taphaenui
Thirtieth	Nelphaenui
Fortieth	Cambaenui
Fiftieth	Lephaenui
Sixtieth	Enephaenui
Seventieth	Odophaenui
Eightieth	Tolophaenui
Ninetieth	Nederphaenui

Hundredth

Haranui

### **Fractions**

Quarter

Canath

Half

Perin

Third

Nelest

Three quarters

Neledh cernaith

A fifth

Lebent

A sixth

Enaith

A seventh

Odost

An eighth

Tolost

A ninth

Nederth

A tenth

Paerth

### **Shapes**

Triangle

Nelthil

Quadrilateral

Canthil

Pentagon

Lebthil

Hexagon

Enethil

Heptagon

Odothil

Octagon

Tolothil

Nonagon

Nederthil

Decagon

Paenthil

## Getting around

I'm travelling to...	Ledhin na...
We're travelling to...	Ledhim na...
Lead me to...	Togo nin na...
I'm going to...	Menin na...
We're going to...	Menim na...
Where is/are...?	Mas...?
...the horses	i rych
...the guesthouse	i hennas
...the boat	i lunt
...the ship	i gair
...the city	i ost
...the village	i 'obel
Is it far?	Te haeron?
Is it a very long way away?	Te hae?
Am I able to walk there?	Polin padrad ennas?
I'm walking there (now)	Padron ennas
I'm riding there (now)	Nerin ennas
I must hurry	Boe lim
Ride swiftly!	Noro lim!
When does the boat leave?	Na van lû mên i lunt?
What's that building?	Man i adab han?

### You may see

I'm going to...	Gwaen na...
We're going to...	Gwaem na...

### Directions

It's...	Te...
...behind	adel
...beside	nef
...beyond	athan

...east	amrûn
...far	haeron
...(very) far	hae
...here	sí
...left	crum
...north	forod
...right	fair
...south	harad
...straight	tír
...there	ennas
...west	annûn

Where is this place?	Mas i had hen?
Is this the right path for...?	Se i vâd đír an...?
Where is ... street?	Mas Rath...?
...New	Eden
...First	Main
...King	Aran
Follow this street	Aphado i rath hen
Do I follow this path?	Aphadon i vâd hen?

## Accommodation

### Places to stay

Do you have a room..?	Sevil/Sevig sam...? pol./inf.
...for myself	anim
...for two people	an dâd bin
...for tonight	an i fuin hen
...for two days	an dâd eraid
...for a week	an lefenar
Yes there is a room	Dha sam
There are no empty rooms	Dha û saim lyst
I need...	Boe...
...a second pillow	pesseg dadui
... soap	glûdh
...a soft bed	haust voe
Can you wake me...?	Nin echuiathol/echuiathog...? pol./inf.
...at early morning	ned arduil
...in the daytime	ned galan
...tomorrow	abarad

### A knock at the door

Who is it?	Man te?
Who's there?	Man ennas?
Come in	Tolo
Enter	Minno
Don't enter, I'm naked	Avo vinno, ni parch

### Problems

There is no...	Dha û...
...water	nen
...hot water	nen urui
...cold water	nen ring



The room is...	I ham
...cold	ring
...dark	doll
...dirty	gwaur
...hot	urui
...noisy	brui
...small	cidinn
The bed is dirty	I chaust gwaur
The door won't open	I fen ú-edra
The door won't close	I fen ú-chôl
The window won't open	I chenneth ú-edra
The window won't close	I chenneth ú-chôl
There are fleas in the bed!	Dha cefry min chaust!
Our neighbours are singing!	I semmair linnar!

## Food and drink

Crockery (earthenware)	Cefenas
Oven	Bothol
I'm hungry	Felin haeg/Ni saeg
I'm thirsty	Felin faug/Ni faug
I am cooking	Baston
I will cook	Bastathon
Will you cook?	Bastathol/Bastathog? pol./inf.
It's baking in the oven	Basta vi bothol
It's baked/cooked	Te bastannen
They're baked/cooked	Ti bestennin

### You may see

It's baking in the oven	Basta mi mothol
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### In the restaurant

A table for...	Sarf an...
...one	vîn
...two	dâd
...three	neledh
...four	ganad
I want...	Aníron...
I don't want...	Pen aníred an...
We want to eat	Aníram maded
Sit here	Havo hí
What is this?	Man se?
Do you have...?	Sevil?/Sevig? pol./inf.
I'd like a cup of...	Aníron ylf...
I can't eat...	ú-vedin...
...meat	aes
...fish	lim/hâl
...wheat	iau

I can't eat this	Hen ú-vedin
Where can I feed my baby?	Mas polin maedad laesenin?
Is there salt?	Dha sing?
Do you have Dorwinion wine?	Sevil limp o Dhorwinion?

### **Praise**

Praise to the cook!	Eglerio anin mastor!
I love the food	Melon i vann
I like the food	Seron i vann
This tastes sweet	Te laich
The food tastes wonderful	I vann câw elvennui

### **Complaints**

This is cold	Se ring
This is salty	Te singren
The meat is fatty	I aes blê
This has gone off	Se saur
The food is greasy/oily	I vann blê
I need salt for my food	Boe sing an i vann nîn
I won't choose this again	Hen ú-gauthon adui

### **You may see**

I don't want...	Lo-aníron...
I don't eat...	Lo-vedin...
I won't choose this again	Hen law ad-gauthon

### **Drinks**

Bottle	Olph
Cider	Iofog
Cup	Ylf
Mead	Enn
Water	Nen

Wine  
Red wine  
White wine

Limp  
Limp garan  
Limp fain

## **Food**

Food  
Apple  
Small red apple  
Blackberry  
Bread  
Round bread loaf  
Cheese  
Cherry  
Cooked meat  
Corn  
Edible root  
Egg  
Fruit  
Gooseberry  
Honey  
Juice  
Mushroom  
Oil  
Onion  
Orange  
Potato  
Salt  
Soup  
Sugar  
Syrup  
Vegetable(s)  
Waybread

Mann  
Orf  
Cordof  
Pûg  
Bass  
Basgorn  
Cur  
Aebin  
Aes  
Iau  
Solch  
Oth  
Iof  
Melp  
Glî  
Saw  
Telum  
Blîw  
Nínholch  
Culf  
Ceforf  
Sing  
Salph  
Glist  
Paich  
Pae  
Lembas

## Weather

Air (as a substance)	Gwelu
Breeze	Hwest/Hwá
Cloud	Fain
Fog/Mist	Híth
Frost	Niss
Ice	Heleg
Icicle	Aeglos
Mud	Madh
Rain	Ross
Rainbow	Ninniach
Snow	Loss
Snowflake	Niphess
Sunshine	Glaw
Wind (that can be seen)	Gwaew
Wind (unseen but heard)	Sûl
Wind-storm	Alagos

## How is the weather today?

Man toltha i 'waew sír?

(What does the wind bring today?)

It is...	Te...
...bitterly cold	helch
...cloudy	fanui
...cold	ring
...foggy/misty	hithui
...frosty	nithren
...hot	urui
...snowy	lossen
...sunny	nóruí
...warm	laug

...windy	gwaeren
It's raining	Ail
It's snowing	Glosta
It's thundering	Hunna
Snow is falling	Loss danna
There is a wind-storm	Dha alagos
There is a breeze	Dha hwest/Dha hwá
There is a rainbow	Dha ninniach
There is ice on the windows	Dha heleg erin chennith
Icicles are hanging...	Aeglys glingar...
...from the windows	uin chennith
...from the roof	uin dobas
The snow is deep	I loss nûr
The air feels dry	I 'welu thia parch
There is dew on the grass	Dha mîdh erin glae
The ground is muddy	I dalaf madhren
I want to jump in the puddles	Aníron cabed min mbydh
The leaves rustle in the wind	I laiss lhossar min gwaew
The sky is...	I eil...
...blue	luin
...grey	mith
...black	morn

## How will the weather be tomorrow?

Man tolthatha i 'waew abarad?

(What will the wind bring tomorrow?)

The wind will bring...	I 'waew tolthatha...
...bitter cold	chelch
...clouds	fain
...cold	ring
...fog/mist	hîth
...heat	ûr

...snow  
...the sun  
...warmth  
...wind  
It will rain  
It will snow  
It will thunder

loss  
Anor  
ast  
gwaew/sûl  
Eliatha  
Glostatha  
Hunnatha

## Household and family

Room	Sam
Bathroom ‘room for cleaning’	Sam-an-buigad
Kitchen ‘room for cooking’	Sam-an-mastad
Door, threshold	Fen
Bath	Soth
Bed	Haust
Chair	Ham
Cushion	Nedhu
Fireplace	Ruist
Footstool	Tharas
Lamp	Calar
Oven	Bothol
Pillow	Pesseg
Table	Thardh

### Comings and goings

Where are you going?	Mas menil/Mas menig? pol./inf.
Where will you be going?	Mas menathol/Mas menathog? pol./inf.
Where did you go?	Mas evinil/Mas evinig? pol./inf.
I am going to...	Menin na...
I will be going to...	Menathon na...
I went to...	Evinen na...
What time will you return?	Na van lû dadwenathog?
Who are you going with?	Menil/Menig adh van? pol./inf.
Are you going with your friends?	Menig adh vellynegen?
I’m going to meet friends	Tolen covad mellyn
I’m going with a friend	Menin adh vellon
I’m going alone	Menin ero
Don’t forget...	Avdhadhreno...
...your food	i vann gîn



...your books	i pherf gîn
...your hat	i garab gîn
...your pen	i degil gîn
...to buy bread	bangad bass
...to go to the healer	mened anin nestor

### You may see

Where are you going?	Mas gwael/gwaeg? pol./inf.
Where will you be going?	Mas gwathol/gwathog? pol./inf.
Where did you go?	Mas anwenol/anwenog? pol./inf.
I will be going to...	Gwathon na...
I went to...	Anwen na...

### Chores and household tasks

What are you doing?	Man cerig?
What did you do?	Man agoreg?
Clean/Tidy...	Puigo...
...your room	i ham gîn
... your bed	i chaust gîn
... your clothes	i chammad gîn
...the dishes	i chefinais
...it	den
...that	han
...them	hain
Your clothes are dirty	I chammad gîn gwaur
Your room is messy	I ham gîn ú-buig
I must clean/tidy...	Boe puigon...
...the clothes	i chammad
...the dishes	i chefinais
...the (wooden) floor	i banas
I must light the fire	Boe narthon i naur
Pick up your clothes!	Lytho i chammad gîn!

Light the fire!  
Close the door!

Nartho i naur!  
Holo i fen!

**Reluctance**

Do I have to do it?  
I don't want to do it  
I'll do it tomorrow  
I'll do it if they do it

Boe den cerin?  
Pen aníred den cared  
Den cerathon abarad  
Den cerathon pe den ceratha

	<b>You may see</b>	
I don't want to do it		Law aníron den cared

## Flora and Fauna

### You should know

Lavan (pl. Levain) only refers to small furry four-legged animals, and cannot refer to animals such as lizards. Celf (pl. Cilf) refers to any animals.

### Pets

What animals do you have?	Man levain sevil/sevig? pol./inf.
What animals do you have?	Man cilf sevil/sevig? pol./inf.
I have...	Sevin...
...a bird/birds	aew/aew
...a cat/cats	iaul/ioel
...a dog/dogs	hû/hui
...a fish/fish	hâl/hail
...a horse/horses	roch/rych
...a rabbit/rabbits	laboth/lebyth
...a rat/rats	nâr/nair
What do you feed it?	Man den maedol/maedog? pol./inf.
What do you feed them?	Man din maedol/maedog? pol./inf.
I feed it/them...	Den/Din maedon...
...grass	glæ
...fruits	iaif
...meat	aes
...corn	iau
...vegetables	pæ
Where does it sleep?	Mas losta?
Where do they sleep?	Mas lostar?
It sleeps/They sleep...	Losta/Lostar...
...in my house	vi i mar nîn
...in the garden	min hant
...on my bed	bo i chaust nîn
...in their own bed	vi i chaust î

...wherever they want! vi said bain anírar!

My cat is called...	I iaulenin esta...
My dogs are called...	I chuinenin estar...

## Animals

Plural forms are in brackets

Bull	Mund (Mynd)
Camel	Ulum (Ylym)
Cat	Iaul (Ioel)
Cow	Gach (Gaich)
Deer	Aras (Erais)
Dog	Hû (Hui)
Dog (for hunting)	Rÿn (Rÿn)
Dragon	Amlug (Emlyg)
Earth-worm	Leweg (Lewig)
Fish (river)	Hâl (Hail)
Fish (seas, oceans)	Lim (Lim)
Horse (for riding)	Roch (Rych)
Horse (for working)	Lobor (Lebyr)
Mouse	Lhigor (Lhigyr)
Rabbit/hare	Laboth (Lebyth)
Rat	Nâr (Nair)
Seal	Aerchû/Aerchui
Sheep	Ba (Bai)
Snake	Lhûg (Lhuig)
Zebra	Raebroch (Raebrych)

## Birds

Plural forms are in brackets

Eagle	Thoron (Theryn)
Gull	Mÿl (Mÿl)
Gull (whining bird)	Maew (Maew)

Kingfisher	Heledir (Heledir)
Nightingale	Dúlinn
Owl	Hô (Hÿ)
Petrel	Cuen (Cyin)
Swallow	Tuilinn (Tuilinn)
Swan	Alph (Eilph)
Woodpecker	Tavor (Tevyr)
Yellow-hammer	Emlin (Emlin)

## Trees

<b>You should know</b>	
Galadh	Large tree with a thick dense trunk and many branches, such as an oak or beech
Orn	Tree

Acorns, mast*	Breth
Branch	Golf
Root	Thond

\*Mast refers to the nuts that are the fruit of beech, chestnut, oak and other woodland trees

Apple	Orforn
Beech	Fêr
Birch	Hwinn
Cherry	Aebin
Elm	Alaf
Finger-oak	Lebethron
Golden tree of Lórien	Mallorn
Holly	Eregdos
Oak	Doron
Orange (the fruit)	Culfor
Pine	Thôn

Poplar	Tulus
Rowan	Faran
Silver birch	Brethil
Spirit-tree	Huorn
Willow	Tathar

## Flowers and plants

Bud, sprout	Tui
Bush	Toss
Flower	Loth
Head of small flowers	Goloth
Leaf	Lass
Leaf (of a hyacinth)	Linib
Petal	Lothlas
Plant	Galas
Single flower	Lotheg
Thorn	Êg

Bamboo	Pilinaithor
Daffodil	Melillin
Daisy	Eirien
Forget-me-not	Alfrin
Golden flower	Mallos
Golden waterlily	Ninglor
Grass	Glæ
Grass (stiff)	Thâr
Holly	Ereg
Iris	Palath
Ivy	Ethil
Kingsfoil	Athelas
Moon-grass	Rallas
Pansy	Helin
Pipe-weed	Galenas

Poppy	Ollos
Reed	Lisg
Rose	Meril
Simbelmynë	Uilos
Snowdrop	Nínim/Niphredil
Snow-thorn	Aeglos
Star-sun	Elanor
Stonecrop	Seregon
Violet	Helin
Wisteria	Helilloth

**You should know**

Aeglos was a gorse-like plant with white flowers.

Elanor was an Elven flower that grew upon Cerin Amroth.

Simbelmynë, or ‘ever mind’ grew upon the graves of the Kings of Rohan. Stonecrop has deep red flowers.

## Leisure time

### Tourism

I'm here...	Ni sí...
...to study	geliad
...to sing	linnad
...to craft	echaded
...to meet friends	covad mellyn
...to see my family	cened i nost nîn
I have stayed here for...	Dorthannen hí an...
...a day	arad
...a week	lefenar
...a fortnight	baenor
...a month	raun
...a year	în/idhrinn

### Sights

What is there to see?	Man dha cened?
I want to go to...	Aníron mened na...
I want to see...	Aníron cened...
Tell me about...	Pedo nin o(h)...
Where is...?	Mas...?
...the beach	i falas
...the bridge	i iant
...the city	i ost
...the dungeon	i 'ador
...the forest	i daur
...the fountain	i eithel
...the house	i mar
...the river	i dhuin
...the sea	i aear
...the wall	i ram
...the garden	i hant



...the marketplace	i machad
...the wood	i eryl
...the tower	i vinas
...the town	i 'obel

It's...	Te...
...beautiful	bain
...boring	muil
...strange	ellen
...ugly	ú-vain
...wondrous	elvennui

	<b>You may see</b>
I want to go to...	Aníron gwaed na...
Strange	Egel/Othren
Ugly	Alvain

### On tour

What time will we go?	Na van lû menatham?
What time will we return?	Man lû dadwenatham?
Will we stop?	Daratham?

### At the beach

Is it safe to go in the sea?	Te barn mened min aear?
I'm going in the ocean	Menin min aearon
I'm going to sit on the sand	Tolen haved erin lith

Beach	Falas
Cliff	Îf
Cliff (large)	Brass
Flying spray (from a wave)	Gwing
Gull	Gwael/Mÿl

Ocean	Aearon
Petrel (sea-bird)	Cuen
Sand	Lith
Sea	Aear
Seashell	Half
Sea-serpent	Limlug
Seaweed	Uil
Wave (large)	Faloth

### You may see

I'm going in the ocean	Gwaen min aearon
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### Sport and play

A sport, game	Telien
Climber	Reth
Mountaineer	Orodreth
Riding race	North
I will run	Norathon
I will race	Northathon
Is it safe?	Te barn?
I want...	Aníron...
...to play	teliad
...to fish	raedad
...to race you	gin northad
Do you want to race?	Anírol northad/ Anírog northad? pol./inf.
Do you want to fish?	Anírol raedad/ Anírog raedad? pol./inf.

### Common interests

Do you like...?	Serol?/Serog? pol./inf.
I like...	Seron...
I don't like...	ú-heron...

...music	gling
...reading	hennol
...dancing	lilthol
...singing	linnol
...talking	pedol
...travelling	ledhol
...writing	teithol
...weaving	nathrol

### **Musical instruments**

Drum	Labum
Flute	Thibin
Harp	Gannel
Lyre	Salf
Viola	Salfin
Violin	Salfinnet

I don't like

### **You may see**

Lo-heron

## Astronomy

Do you like looking at the stars?	Serol tirad na i ngîl?/ Serog tirad na i ngîl? pol./inf.
I like looking at the stars	Seron tirad na i ngîl
Will it be cloudy tonight?	No i fuin hen fanui?
Where is north?	Mas forod?
That is... /Is that...?	Ha... /Ha...?
...the sun	Anor
...the full moon	Ithil
...the moon	raun
...the crescent moon	cúron
...the new moon	cýron
...the firmament	menel
...a star	geil
...stars	gîl
...Aldebaran	Borgil
...Arcturus	Tinnulin
...Cassiopeia	Gwilwileth
...Mercury	Gilvir
...Orion	Menelvagor
...Sirius	Helluin
...the Pleiades	Remmirath
...Ursa Major	Balagerch/Cerch iMbelain

### **You should know**

Ursa Major also known in English as The Plough, was known to the Elves as The Sickle

## Shopping

### Money

Coin(s)	Pennig (Pennig)
Gondorian coin	Mirian
Silver Gondorian coin (one quarter of a Mirian)	Canath
Is this enough money?	Se miriain fern?
Is this enough money?	Se pennig fern?
That is enough	Sa farn
That is not enough	Sa ú-farn

### Browsing

Will you help me?	Nin nathathol?/Nin nathathog? pol./inf.
I'm looking	Tirion
I'm looking for...	Tirion an...
I want this/that/these/those	Hen/Han/Hin/Hain aníron
I don't want this/that	Pen anired anhen/anhan
Where can I buy...?	Mas polin bangad...?
I want to buy...	Aníron bangad...
No thank you	û len hannon/û gin hannon pol./inf.
I will take it	Den mabathon
It's broken	Te rangen

### You may see

No thank you	ú annon allen/angin pol./inf.
I don't want that	Han lo-aníron

## **Clothes and accessories**

Bracelet	Mirechor
Brooch	Tachol
Cloak	Coll
Clothing	Hammad
Earring	Lhewigor
Fur coat	Heleth
Garment	Hamp
Girdle, belt	Lest
Hair net	Cathrae
Hat	Carab
Necklace	Sigil
Ring	Cor
Tunic, shirt	Laub
Shoe(s)	Habad (Hebaid)

## **Fabrics**

Fur	Helf
Wool	Tô

## **Colours**

Black	Morn
Blue	Luin
Blue (pale)	Elu
Brown	Rhosc
Brown (golden)	Baran
Golden	Mallen
Green	Calen
Grey	Thinn
Grey (pale)	Mith
Mauve	Helimilui
Orange	Cull

Pink	Crinth
Red	Caran
Scarlet	Coll
Silvery	Celebren
Snow-white	Gloss
Violet	Helinui
White	Nimp/Fain
White (radiant)	Glân
Yellow	Malen

## **Hairdressing**

(Single) hair	Fin
Lock of hair	Fing
Ringlet	Laws
Hair	Finnel
Beard	Fang
Shaggy hair	Fast
Curled hair	Finnel loethannen

I need to cut my hair	Boe ristad i finnel nîn
I need to cut my beard	Boe ristad i fang nîn
I need to shave	Boe thased
Will you cut my hair?	Ristathol i finnel nîn?/Ristathog i finnel gîn? pol./inf.
Will you cut my beard?	Ristathol i fang nîn?/Ristathog i fang gîn? pol./inf.
I like it long	Den seron and
I want it curled	Den aníron loethannen
Cut it short	Risto den thenn
Cut it very short	Risto den estent
Cut it all off!	Risto den bant!
Argh I'm bald!	Nae, ni rûdh!

## Health and Emergencies

### Essential

Help!	Natho!
Stop!	Daro!
Fire!	Naur!
Orcs!	Yrch!
Dragon(s)!	Amlug! (Emlyg!)
A balrog is coming!	Ai! Balrog tôl!

Will you help me?	Nin nathathol?/Nin nathathog? pol./inf.
My house is on fire!	I mar nîn dostal
I need help	Boe edraith
I'm lost	Miston
My ... has been taken	I ... nîn mabannen
...child	chên
...clothing	chammad
...sword	vegil
...horse	roch
I've been raped	Im maithant
He/she has been raped	Ech maithant

### You should know

If an Elf is raped they will die, as it is written that “one so forced would have rejected bodily life and passed to Mandos”.

### Health

I'm wounded	Im harthannen
I need (to see) a healer	Boe (cened) nestor
My friend needs a healer	Mellonenin boe nestor
My husband/wife is sick	Hervennenin/Hervessenin lhaew
I'm bedridden	Ni caeleb



I'm sick	Ni lhaew
I feel pain	Felin naeg
It hurts here	Nin naegra hí
I'm sneezing	Hedion
I'm coughing	Toston
I've vomited	Pamannen
I can't sleep	ú-loston
My ... hurts me	I ... nîn nin naegra
...arm	ranc
...elbow	grig
...finger	leber
...hand	vâb
...head	dhôl
...leg	delch
I think it's broken	Nauthon te rangen
I think I've broken a bone	Nauthon ragannen asg
I've broken my...	Ragannen...
...ankle	i dalif nîn
...arm	i ranc nîn
...finger	i leber nîn
...leg	i delch nîn
...toe	i dalthil nîn
...tooth	i nagol nîn
...wrist	i volif nîn
I've burnt myself	Im dostannen

### **Body parts**

Ankle(s)	Talif (Telif)
Arm(s)	Ranc (Renc)
Back (shoulder to shoulder)	Bost
Bone(s)	Asg (Aisg)
Breast (bosom)	Ammos
Buttocks	Hach

Ear(s)	Lhewig (Lhaw)
Elbow	Crig
Eye(s)	Hen (Hin)
Eyes (pair of)	Hent
Eyebrow	Thirn
Finger	Leber
Foot (Feet)	Tâl (Tail)
Hand(s)	Mâb (Maib)
Head	Dôl
Index finger	Lebdas
Jaw(s)	Anc (row of teeth), Naew (Carach)
Knee	Ogod
Left hand	Crum
Left side (of the body)	Harvo
Leg(s)	Telch (Tilch)
Lip(s)	Pemp (Pimp)
Little finger	Lebig
Middle finger	Lebenedh
Mouth	Egas
Muscle(s), sinew	Tû (Tui)
Neck	Iaeth
Neck vertebrae	Achad
Nose	Nem
Palm	Plad
Penis	Gwîb
Right hand	Feir
Right side (of the body)	Forvo
Ring finger	Lebent
Skull	Cas
Thigh	Tuig
Thumb	Nawb
Throat	Lanc
Toe(s)	Talthil (Telthil)

Tooth (Teeth)  
Wrist(s)

Nagol (Negyl)  
Molif (Melif)

## Timekeeping, festivals and special days

### Present

Now	Thî
Today	Sír
This...	
...morning	I galan hen
...evening	I aduial hen
...night	I fuin hen
...week	I lefenas hen
...month	I raun hen
...year	I idhrinn hen

### Past

Yesterday	Gîr
Day before yesterday	Aur eb ´îr
A week ago	Lefenas io
A month ago	Raun io
A year ago	Idhrinn io
Long ago	Io and

### Future

Then, next	Tha
Tomorrow	Abarad/Abor

### Festivals and special days

A festival, feast day	Mereth
Festivals, feast days	Merith
Birthday	Oronnad
A wedding	Best
First day of the year	Mininor
Middle day of the year	Enedhinor

Last day of the year	Penninor
Birth of the flowers*	Nost-na-Lothion
Yule	Durufuin
Christmas	Rhistonnad

\*This day was marked in Gondolin to celebrate the passing of winter.

**You should know**

Based on a Quenya inscription, this is a likely way of wishing someone a Merry Christmas in the Elvish fashion –

May you find a blessed 'Amanor'      No hirel amanor aer  
 where the word 'Amanor' refers to the return of the sun after the  
 Winter solstice.

**Birthdays**

**You should know**

Elves celebrated conception rather than the birth, however their pregnancies lasted for a year. This means that your Oronnad is both the day you were conceived and the day you were born.

Happy birthday!	Oronnad 'ell!
Present/presents	Ant/aint
Blow out the candles!	Hwesto i ligym!
I am wrapping your presents	Gwaedon i aint gîn
You have unwrapped all your presents!	Dadhwaedannenog i iant bain gîn!

**Days of the week**

**You should know**

The Elven day lasted from sunset to sunset, and their weeks lasted for six days. The Men of Gondor's day lasted from sunrise to sunrise, with a week of seven days (like our own).

Dawn ('first twilight')	Minuial
Sunset ('second twilight')	Aduial
First day of the week	Orgilion
Second day of the week	Oranor
Third day of the week	Orithil
Fourth day of the week	Orgaladh*
Fifth day of the week	Ormenel
Sixth day of the week	Orbelain
Seventh day of the week	Oraearon

\*Older Elves would call this day Orgaladhad

## Months and seasons

### You should know

In Elvish reckoning the first day of the year was on 21<sup>st</sup> March, with the last day of the year falling on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

The Elven year began in spring, and ran for six seasons from spring to spring. Laer and Rhîw are 72 days long, and the other four seasons are 54 days long. The mortal year starts in midwinter (as ours does), and instead of six seasons, they split the year into twelve months. Ten months had 30 days, and the other two had 31.

### Elven reckoning

Spring (22 <sup>nd</sup> March - 14 <sup>th</sup> May)	Ethuil
Summer (15 <sup>th</sup> May - 25 <sup>th</sup> July)	Laer
Autumn (26 <sup>th</sup> July - 17 <sup>th</sup> September)	Iavas
Middle days (18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> September)	Enedhoer
Fading (21 <sup>st</sup> September - 13 <sup>th</sup> November)	Firith
Winter (14 <sup>th</sup> November - 24 <sup>th</sup> January)	Rhîw

Stirring (25<sup>th</sup> January - 19<sup>th</sup> March)

Echuir

### **Mortal reckoning**

January

Narwain

February

Nínui

March

Gwaeron

April

Gwirith

May

Lothron

June

Nóruí

July

Cerveth

August

Urui

September

Ivanneth

October

Narbeleth

November

Hithui

December

Girithron

### **Years**

The Elves dealt in both Valian years (where one 'year' is 144 mortal years) and 'sun rounds', which are equivalent to one of our years of 365 days.

Year (365 days)

Idhrinn, îñ

Valian Year (144 years)

Ennin

Millennium

Andrann

## War and combat

### Commands

Fight!	Maetho!
Ride! Charge!	Northo!
Run!	Noro!
Protect them!	Berio din!
I need healing!	Boe nin nestoll!
Battle...	Dago...
...the orcs	in yrch
...the dragon	i amlug
...the troll	i dorog
...the enemies	i chyth
Release the arrows	Leithio i philin
Bind him/her	Gwedho den

### Weapons

Arrow	Pilin
Axe	Hathol
Bow	Peng
Cleaver, sword	Crist
Cutlass, sword	Lang
Dagger, knife	Sigil
Sheath	Gwael
Spearpoint	Aith
Staff	Fannil
Sword	Megil

### Soldiers

Archer	Pengron
Horse-lord	Rochir
Knight	Arphen
Lancer	Rohaith



Spy  
Thrower (of spears, darts)  
Warrior  
Warrior (evil)

Ethir  
Hadron  
Maethor  
Daug

### General phrases

He/she is AWOL  
We must battle (future)  
We must battle (now)  
We will fight together  
I am wounded  
He/she is wounded  
I will heal you  
They flee us  
Swords are no use here  
You have my bow  
And my axe  
Do not laugh at living dragons  
War will make corpses of us all

Anu ú-dhâf  
Boe dagratham  
Boe dagram  
Go-vaethatham  
Ni harn  
Te harn  
Len/Gin nestathon pol./inf.  
Ven dregar  
Megil ú-vaer sí  
Geril/Gerig i beng nîn pol./inf.  
A i chathol nîn  
Avo lalo na emlyg guiyl  
Auth echeditha daen o ven bain

### You may see

Do not laugh at living dragons  
I will heal you

Lo-lalo na emlyg guiel  
Le nestathon/Gi nestathon  
pol./inf.

