

A Grammar of Hazon

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Introduction

A Grammar of Hazon is a document outlining the language for the speedlang game thing that i want to do.

Phonology

Vowels

The vowel system of Hazon is: There is no length or tone distinctions in Hazon vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i /i/		u /u/
Mid	e /e/	ë /ə/	o /o/
Open	a /a/		

Consonants

	Labial	Dental	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Velar
Tenuis Click		c /k/	x /kʎ/	q /kʰ/	
Aspirated Click		ch /kʰ/	xh /kʎʰ/	qh /kʰʰ/	
Nasal Click		mc /ᵐk/	mx /ᵐkʎ/	mq /ᵐkʰ/	
Voiced Click		gc /g/	gx /gʎ/	gq /gʰ/	
Tenuis Plosive	p /p/		t /t/		k /k/
Aspirated Plosive	ph /pʰ/		th /tʰ/		kh /kʰ/
Nasal Plosive	mp /ᵐb/		mt /ᵐd/		mk /ᵐg/
Voiced Plosive	b /b/		d /d/		g /g/
Affricate		tz /tʃ/	ts /tʃʎ/	tʃ /tʃʰ/	
Fricative	f /f/	z /ʃ/ ç /θ/	s /ʃʎ/	ʃ /ʃʰ/	h /x/
Nasal	m /m/	n /n/			
Approximant	w /β/	r /ɹ/ rr /r/	l /l/	y /j/	

Phonotactics

The syllable structure of Hazon is entirely Consonant, Glid, Vowel, Nasal. Any consonant may start a word, and any non-sonorant consonant may be followed by a glide.

There are no restrictions on vowels or nasals. In addition to this there is Sibilant Harmony in Hazon, z and ç, s, and ş can not co-occur in the same word, suffixes having different forms for the harmony of of root word and compound words changing to match the dominate word.

Syntax

The default word order of Hazon is Verb Subject Object but the topic of the sentence is marked with the circumfix *Min...ye* and brought to the front of the sentence meaning that Subject first or Object first constructions are more common outside of dependent clauses.

Nouns

Adjectives

Verbs

Aspect

Inchoative, Progressive, Continuous, Perfective, Durative, Experiential

Sentences

The fisherman who owned the boat now demanded payment

Lë Mintşamxhuye Rrën Wim Mke Zë Mcyosam

Pronunciation

[lə min tʃam.k^hu je rən βim ^uke şə ^uk|o.şam]

Gloss

ELA TOP fisherman TOP COP boat demand INCH payment

Dictionary

Tşam

Verb

(transitive) to be present, to be located
(transitive) to have on
(transitive) to take
(transitive, archaic) to have, to own, to possess

Prefix

forms agent noun

Xhu

Noun

fish, amphibian

Tşamxhu

Noun

Fisherman

Min ... Yë

Circumfix

Topic Marker

Lë

Preposition

Elative

Rrën

Verb

(copula) to be

Particle

emphasises the following word

Wim

Noun

Boat

Leaf

Mke

Verb

(transitive) to demand, to claim

Zë

Verb

(intransitive) to jump

Clitic

Inchoative Aspect

Mcyo

Noun

stone

weight
law

Sam

Noun

Silver or other precious metals

Mcosam

Noun

pay, payment
salary
taxes