

The Ghean script

This is a supplement to the description of Ghean on <https://lemizh.conlang.org/lemeng/history.html>.

Sequences of moræ were written from left to right, lines of text from top to bottom.

Vowel letters

Short and long vowels and diphthongs were written as follows.

	<i>a</i>	<i>ā</i>	<i>aə</i>		<i>e</i>	<i>ē</i>	<i>ei</i>
<i>a</i>	—	=	≈	<i>e</i>	⊥	≡	≈
<i>o</i>	○	⊗	⊙	<i>ö</i>	⊕	⊗	⊙
<i>ə</i>			Ɔ	<i>i</i>	†	‡	Ɔ

Alternative glyphs for *ō oə ö* were ⊙ ⊗ ⊕.

Consonant letters

<i>p</i>	>	<i>t</i>	∧	<i>ʈ</i>	∇	<i>q</i>	<
<i>f</i>	⊃	<i>s</i>	∩	<i>sh</i>	∪	<i>x</i>	⊂

Consonant letters within a mora were combined in various ways, often by concatenating or overlapping symbols or reducing the number of strokes.

Modifiers

- **none** (default layout): consonant cluster written below vowel
- **nasal** (ⁿ): consonant cluster written below vowel, but smaller
- **trilled** (^r): consonant cluster written after (i.e. to the right of) vowel
- **voiced** ([˚]): consonant cluster written above vowel
- **lateral** (^l): consonant cluster written above vowel, but smaller
- **breathy voiced** (^h): like the default, with a short rising stroke / in the consonant cluster
- **implosive** ([˥]): like the default, with a small cross × in the consonant cluster


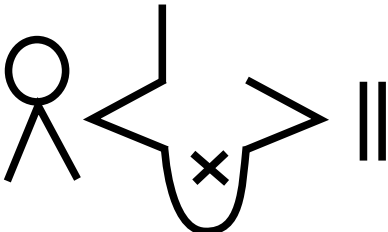
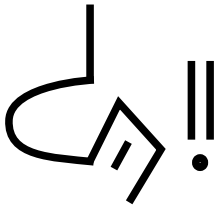

In trilled, voiced and lateral moræ with a zero vowel, the position of the vowel was marked with a dot. For the other modifiers, just the consonant cluster was written.

Tone

- **low tone** (à): a dot below the mora
- **neutral tone** (a ā): unmarked
- **mid-high tone** (a á): a dot above the mora
- **high tone** (â): two dots above the mora

Moræ with a zero vowel always had neutral tone; the dot served a different purpose in these (see above).

Examples

<p><i>est'i</i> 'They are writing' /ɛ:ʀɪ/</p> 	<p><i>otəqshp̂ə</i> 'daughter' /ɔtəʃbʷ:/</p> 	<p><i>əxtp̂ə</i> 'father!' /ənd̂b̂w: /</p> 
<p><i>oxf̂əɾ¹ ashqtəə</i> 'black dogs' /ɔʃβʷ:d¹ ʃqtʷ:ə/</p> 	<p><i>oəɾ¹ôï p̂ā aəxshsh'āo</i> 'All hail the king!' /ɔəɾ¹œɪ pʷ:a aəʃʒʒʌ:ə/</p> 