

Introduction to Prakrit

॥ पाउअप्पवेसिआ ॥

Lesson 9: Masculine and Neuter Nouns

णवमज्झाओ – पुमापुमणामाईं

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THE PRAKRIT NOMINAL SYSTEM

- ☛ Prakrit nouns are mostly very similar to Sanskrit nouns.
- ☛ There are **three** genders: masculine, neuter, and feminine.
- ☛ There are **two** numbers: singular and plural (**no dual!**).
- ☛ The seven **cases** are still more or less intact, although there is a lot of **syncretism** (the same forms being used for multiple case functions), especially in the feminine singular.

Masculine Nouns and Adjectives

	sanskrit	prakrit
nominative प्रथमा	vīrahḥ	= vīrō
accusative द्वितीया	vīram	= vīram
instrumental तृतीया	vīreṇa	= vīreṇa, vīreṇam
dative चतुर्थी	vīrāya	= vīrāa
ablative पञ्चमी	vīrāt	= vīrā, vīrāō, vīrāhī, vīrāhintō
genitive षष्ठी	vīrasya	= vīrassa
locative सप्तमी	vīrē	= vīrē, vīrammi

+ *hiṃ* + *tas* suffixes

compare *tasmin*

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	sanskrit		prakrit
nominative प्रथमा	vīrahḥ	= vīrō	vocative संबुद्धिः vīra
accusative द्वितीया	vīram	= vīram	
instrumental तृतीया	vīreṇa	= vīreṇam	
dative चतुर्थी	vīrāya	= vīrāa	
ablative पञ्चमी	vīrāt	= vīrā, vīrāo, vīrahī, vīrahintō	
genitive षष्ठी	vīrasya	= vīrassa	+ <i>hiṃ + tas</i> suffixes
locative सप्तमी	vīrē	= vīrē, vīrammi	compare <i>tasmin</i>

Masculine Nouns and Adjectives

	sanskrit	prakrit	
nominative प्रथमा	vīrāḥ	= vīrā	vocative संबुद्धिः vīrā
accusative द्वितीया	vīrān	vīrē	
instrumental तृतीया	vīraiḥ	vīrēhī	compare Vedic <i>tēbhiḥ</i>
dative चतुर्थी	vīrēbhyaḥ		
ablative पञ्चमी	vīrēbhyaḥ	vīrēhī, vīrēhintō	+ <i>him</i> + <i>tas</i> suffixes
genitive षष्ठी	vīrāṇām	= vīrāṇām	
locative सप्तमी	vīrēṣu	= vīrēsu	

Neuter Nouns and Adjectives

	sanskrit		prakrit		
nominative- accusative प्रथमा-द्वितीया	kāvyam	≡	kavvaṃ	vocative संबुद्धिः	kavvaṃ
instrumental तृतीया	kāvyēna	≡	kavvēṇaṃ		
dative चतुर्थी	kāvyāya	≡	kavvāa		
ablative पञ्चमी	kāvyāt	≡	kavvā, kavvāō, kavvāhī, kavvāhintō		
genitive षष्ठी	kāvyasya	≡	kavvassa		
locative सप्तमी	kāvyē	≡	kavvē, kavvammi		

Neuter Nouns and Adjectives

	sanskrit		prakrit	
nominative- accusative प्रथमा-द्वितीया	kāvyaṅi	≡	kavvāĩ	vocative संबुद्धिः kavvāĩ
instrumental तृतीया	kāvyaĩḥ	≡	kavvēhĩ	
dative चतुर्थी	kāvyaēbhyah	≡		
ablative पञ्चमी	kāvyaēbhyah	≡	kavvēhĩ, kavvēhintō	
genitive षष्ठी	kāvyaṅām	≡	kavvaṅam	
locative सप्तमी	kāvyaēṣu	≡	kavvēsu	

Word-final Nasals:

kavvāĩ कव्वाइं, कव्वाइ, कव्वाइँ

kavvēhĩ कव्वेहिं, कव्वेहि, कव्वेहिँ

kavvēṇam̃ कव्वेण, कव्वेणं

kavvāṇam̃ कव्वाण, कव्वाणं

Masculine Nouns and Adjectives

	sanskrit	prakrit	
nominative प्रथमा	agnih̄	≡ aggī	vocative संबुद्धिः aggi
accusative द्वितीया	agnim	≡ aggin̄	
instrumental तृतीया	agninā	≡ agginā	
dative चतुर्थी	agnayē		
ablative पञ्चमी	agnēh̄	aggīō, aggihī, aggihintō	
genitive षष्ठी	agnēh̄	agginō, aggissa	
locative सप्तमी	agnau	aggimmi	

Masculine Nouns and Adjectives

	sanskrit	prakrit	
nominative प्रथमा	agnayahḥ	≡ agginō, aggī	vocative संबुद्धिः
accusative द्वितीया	agnīn	≡ agginō, aggī	
instrumental तृतीया	agnibhiḥ	≡ aggīhī	
dative चतुर्थी	agnibhyaḥ		
ablative पञ्चमी	agnibhyaḥ	aggīhintō, aggīhī	
genitive षष्ठी	agnīnām	aggīṇam	
locative सप्तमी	agniṣu	aggīsu	

Other classes of nouns

✿ You'll occasionally encounter forms such as:

piuṅō ← pituḥ

piaram ← pitaram

raṅṅō ← rājñah

rāāṅam ← rājānam

✿ You should be able to guess what they are.

Coming up:

🍀 Feminine nouns

Happy studying!
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