

Introduction to Prakrit

॥ पाउअप्पवेसिआ ॥

Lesson 10: Feminine Nouns

दसमज्झाओ – इत्थीणामाइं

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FEMININE NOUNS IN PRAKRIT

- ✿ Always have a stem ending in a **long vowel** (\bar{a} , \bar{i} or \bar{u}).
- ✿ In the **singular**, there are only **four** forms:

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|------------------------|--------|
| nominative प्रथमा | gāhā |
| accusative द्वितीया | gāham̐ |
| oblique - | gāhāe |
| ablative पञ्चमी | gāhāō |

The oblique case covers the functions of:

- ✿ The instrumental
- ✿ The dative
- ✿ The genitive
- ✿ The locative

THE SINGULAR OBLIQUE

- ✿ The oblique is formed with the **stem vowel**, which is long, plus an **ending vowel**, which is almost always **short**, and generally written with *i* or *e* (sometimes *a*):

gāhāe गाहाए

gāhāi गाहाइ

gāhāa गाहाअ

FEMININE NOUNS IN PRAKRIT

- Always have a stem ending in a **long vowel** (\bar{a} , \bar{i} or \bar{u}).
- In the **plural**:

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| nominative- accusative प्रथमा - द्वितीया | $g\bar{a}h\bar{a}o, g\bar{a}h\bar{a}$ |
| instrumental तृतीया | $g\bar{a}h\bar{a}h\bar{i}$ |
| ablative पञ्चमी | $g\bar{a}h\bar{a}hint\bar{o}$ |
| genitive षष्ठी | $g\bar{a}h\bar{a}\bar{n}am$ |
| locative सप्तमी | $g\bar{a}h\bar{a}su$ |

FEMININE NOUNS IN PRAKRIT

🌿 Same for other stems:

singular

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| nominative प्रथमा | vahū |
| accusative द्वितीया | vahum̐ |
| oblique - | vahūe |
| ablative पञ्चमी | vahūō |

plural

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|--|-------------|
| nominative- accusative प्रथमा - द्वितीया | vahūo, vahū |
| instrumental तृतीया | vahūhī |
| ablative पञ्चमी | vahūhintō |
| genitive षष्ठी | vahūṇam̐ |
| locative सप्तमी | vahūsu |

FEMININE NOUNS IN PRAKRIT

🌿 Same for other stems:

singular

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|------------------------|------|
| nominative प्रथमा | naī |
| accusative द्वितीया | naīm |
| oblique - | naīe |
| ablative पञ्चमी | naīō |

plural

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| nominative- accusative प्रथमा - द्वितीया | naīo, naī |
| instrumental तृतीया | naīhī |
| ablative पञ्चमी | naīhintō |
| genitive षष्ठी | naīṇam |
| locative सप्तमी | naīsu |

Happy studying!
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