

Introduction to Prakrit

॥ पाउअप्पवेसिआ ॥

Lesson 13: The Imperative and Optative

तेरसज्झाओ - विहिआइअत्थे किरिआपआइं

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THE IMPERATIVE

🌿 Formed from the present stem, but with special endings:

🌿 When the stem vowel is **short**, *su* (or zero) is used in the second person singular.

	singular	plural
first person उत्तमपुरुषः		
second person मध्यमपुरुषः	kuṇa, kuṇasu	kuṇaha
third person प्रथमपुरुषः	kuṇaü	kuṇantu

THE IMPERATIVE

🌿 Formed from the present stem, but with special endings:

🌿 When the stem vowel is **long**, *hi* tends to be used in the second person singular.

	singular	plural
first person उत्तमपुरुषः		
second person मध्यमपुरुषः	kahēhi	kahēha
third person प्रथमपुरुषः	kahēu	kahentu

THE IMPERATIVE

🌿 Formed from the present stem, but with special endings:

🌿 When the stem vowel is **long**, *hi* tends to be used in the second person singular.

	singular	plural
first person उत्तमपुरुषः		
second person मध्यमपुरुषः	hōhi	hōha
third person प्रथमपुरुषः	hōu	hontu

THE OPTATIVE

- ✿ The optative of **all persons** was originally formed by adding the suffix *-ejjā-* to the stem.

	singular	plural
first person उत्तमपुरुषः	jāṇejjā	jāṇejjā
second person मध्यमपुरुषः	jāṇejjā	jāṇejjā
third person प्रथमपुरुषः	jāṇejjā	jāṇejjā

THE OPTATIVE

- But it is more common for the final vowel to be shortened:

	singular	plural
first person उत्तमपुरुषः	jāṇejja	jāṇejja
second person मध्यमपुरुषः	jāṇejja	jāṇejja
third person प्रथमपुरुषः	jāṇejja	jāṇejja

THE OPTATIVE

☘ And it is even more common for a personal ending to be secondarily added outside of the third person:

☘ *si*, *su*, and *hi* are all found in the second person singular.

☘ *ha* is found in the second person plural.

	singular	plural
first person उत्तमपुरुषः	jāṇejjāmi	jāṇejjāmō
second person मध्यमपुरुषः	jāṇejjasi, jāṇejjasu, jāṇejjahi	jāṇejjaha
third person प्रथमपुरुषः	jāṇejja	jāṇejja

THE OPTATIVE

✿ And it is even more common for a personal ending to be secondarily added outside of the third person:

✿ Or using *ā* instead of *a*:

	singular	plural
first person उत्तमपुरुषः	jāṇejjāmi	jāṇejjāmō
second person मध्यमपुरुषः	jāṇejjāsi, jāṇejjāsu, jāṇejjāhi	jāṇejjāha
third person प्रथमपुरुषः	jāṇejjā	jāṇejjā

Happy studying!
॥ सहलो होउ सज्ज्ञाओ ॥