**Unnamed Phonology for an (as yet) Unnamed Language**

***Vowels:***

*There are two types of vowels, base and derivative vowels. Bases and derivatives counted together make the 25 vowel sounds. The International Phonetic Alphabet* ***cannot*** *effectively convey the differences, or even some of the sounds, of and between bases and derivatives; therefore, I do not use the IPA for vowels.*

a: ä, ã, â, á, à

e: ë, ẽ, ê, é, è

i: ï, ĩ, î, í, ì

o: ö, õ, ô, ó, ò

u: ü, ũ, û, ú, ù

*Derivative Vowels:*

*Derivative vowels are difficult to transliterate into IPA because they are not normal diacritics and are not tones, they can only be learned from recordings, and I haven’t yet recorded any. Derivatives occur more often than bases because they are treated as their own separate letter; therefore, there are five derivatives to one base.*

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| Base | First Mutation | Second Mutation | Third Mutation | Stressed | Diminished |
| A, a | ä | ã | â | á | à |
| E, e | ë | ẽ | ê | é | è |
| I, i | ï | ĩ | î | í | ì |
| O, o | ö | õ | ô | ó | ò |
| U, u | ü | ũ | û | ú | ù |

*Diminished vowels cannot occur after another vowel of the same base.*

*i.e.* ì**ẽ** is possible while ìî is not.

***Consonants:***

*Consonants are much the same as English, those that are not have an IPA transliteration next to them between [ ]‘s.*

b *as in* **b**oy

č [ʧ] *as in* **ch**at

d *as in* **d**og

ð *as in* **th**at

g *as in* **G**od

h *as in* **h**at

j *as in* **j**am

ĵ [ʒ] *as in* plea**s**ure

k *as in* **c**at

ķ [χ] *as in* lo**ch**

l *as in* **l**ick

m *as in* **m**at

n *as in* **n**et

ŋ [ŋ] *as in* wi**ng**

p *as in* **p**ork

r *as in* **r**am

s *as in* **S**am

š [ʃ] *as in* **sh**ack

t *as in* **t**ick

θ *as in* **th**umb

v *as in* **v**ery

w *as in* **w**ater

z *as in* **z**ebra

ʔ [ʔ][[1]](#footnote-2) *as in (Cockney)* bo**ʔ**le (bottle)

The following is a sample sentence:

šìé dã Seʔû, ðö ŋìã. *[Son of Se'u, the kinh]*

Is more or less pronounced

ʃyay dan Seʔooe ŋyan

1. Cannot occur at the beginning of words. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)