

Knutsonian grammar.

This is a grammar for the knutsonian Folkspraak idiolect, every information in this grammar I have taken from Message 2376 in the archive database. Only the layout has been changed to make it more accessible to anyone who would like to read it. To make it easier to compare this idiolect to my own as presented in “De new grammatik von Folkspraak” I have decided that this should be arranged the same way as mine.

Pronunciation.

Knutson does not describe this, but the knutsonian tounge allows the use of the following letters.

letter	pronunciation
a	
b	
d	
e	
f	
f	
h	
i	
k	
l	
m	
n	
o	
p	
q	
r	
s	
t	
u	
v	

The grammar.

The definite and indefinite articles.

definite: de

indefinite: e

examples: e tri (a tree) e hus (a house)

Nouns.

The knutsonian tongue has two cases: nominative and genitive. The genitive isn't mentioned in message 2376, but from his text "In de ginning" it is attested that you add an s to the stem.

For instance: de hus- the house

nominative singularis: de man

Genitive singularis : de mans

The plural form is created by adding "s" to the stem, and -es if the stem ends on s.

Nominative pluralis: de mans

Genitive plural : de manses*

This isn't attested, but according to the rules described in 2376 this must be the form.

Adjectives.

adjectives are never inflected according to the noun they describe. Adjectives can become comparative and superlative by adding -er and -ist to the stem, or by placing mer and mest before the word.

Root	Root
Rooter	mer root
Rootist	mest root

adverbs and adjectives have the same form. adjectives stand before the noun they describe, adverbs after the verbs they describe.

The pronouns.**The personal**

	1. person	2. person	3. person	1. person(pl)	2.person(pl)	3.person(pl)
nominative	e	du	hi,si,et	vi	iu	dei
Accusative	me	de	hin/him sin/sim et	os	iu	deim
Genitive	mi	di	his,sis,ets	vor	iur	deir

The demonstratives

This = dis

That = dat

Those = dos

These = dis

Word creation.

affixes:

Multiple: -ble (root)ble ex.
tvobel tribel

Repeated: -vis (root)vis ex tvovis
trivis

Agent: -er (root)er ex baker
singer

Ord.numbers: -end (root)end ex
tvoend triend

(Exception = first)

Female: -in (root)in ex singerin
pristin

Or: -es (root)es ex
singeres pristis

Dimin: -let (root)let ex buklet
(=booklet)

Or: -ling (root)ling ex
iungling (=youngster)

Word derivation.

Adj to noun: -nes (root)nes ex
gladnes

Or: -het (root)het ex
gladhet

Or: -ing (root)ing ex
svarting (=blackening)

Noun to adj. and adverb: -ig (root)ig basig
(=basic) hastig (=hasty)

Verb to noun: -ing (root)ing ex
going (act of walking)

The verb.

infinitive	(tu) + stem
present	stem
imperfect	stem + (e) d
perfect participle	stem + (e) d
present participle	?
perfect	ha + perfect participle
plus perfect	had + perfect participle
future	skal/vil + stem
conditional	skald/vild + stem
imperative	stem

To be.

infinitive	(tu) + var
present	ar
imperfect	var

Numbers.

0 = nul

1 = en

2 = tvo

3 = tri

4 = for

5 = fiv

6 = siks

7 = siven

8 = oit

9 = nin

10 = ti

100 = hundre

1000 = tusen

1000000 = million

11 = tien

12 = titvo

20 = tvoti

300 = trihundre

46 = firtisiks

Ordinal numbers:

First

Tvoend

Triend

Forend

Hundrend

Tusend or tusenend

Milliond or millionend

Useful words and expressions.

All, every = al
Many = mani
Some = som
Few = fo
Both = bede
Enough = nok
Too much = to mike
Same = same
Other = ander
Such = sodan, son
Certain = vis
Several = fler
Only = enli

All is well that ends well = Al e vel so end vel

Good Night = God Nagt

Here is a text Knutson wrote, i forgot to get it into my "Folkpraak korpus"

In de gining vard de vord,
an de vord vard vid IOVI,
and de vord vard IOVI.

Hi vard in de gining vid IOVI.
Al vard skapd ov hin,
an vidut hin vard neting skapd
ov al dat ar blivd skapd.

In hin vard liv,
an de liv vard mans ligt.
An de ligt skind in de mirk,
an de mirk vind net ivr et.

E man vard send ut ov IOVI.
His nam vard Iohanan.
Hi komd als e vitn,
to vitn ov de ligt.

Hi vard net de ligt,
ma hi vard send
to vitn ov de ligt.

Des var de tru ligt,
dat ligt op al mans
dat kom to de vorld.

Hi vard in de vorld,
an de vorld vard skapd ov hin.
Ma de vorld kend hin net.

Hi komd to his eign.
Ma his eign takd net mot hin.

Ma al dat takd mot hin,
Deim gid hi kraft to var IOVIs born.

Dei ar born,
net ov blod,
net ov vil de fleisk,
neter ov vil ov man,
ma ov IOVI.

An de vord blivd fleisk
an livd mong os.
An vi sed his glor,
de glor dat de first born son
ha fro de Fadr,
ful ov nod an trudom.

Iohanan vitnd ov hin.
He ropd an sagd:

"Des ar hin ov vom e sagd:
He dat kom aftr me
ar grotr dan e.

For hi vard fir me.
Ov his fuld hav vi al fod,
nod ivr nod.

Ov Mose tad vi mot de Tora,
nod e trudom ov Ioshua de Friar.
Nemer ha eini man sed Alfadr.
De first born son dat vard in de favn ov de Fadr,
hi hav opn born hin."

An des ar Iohanans vitnmol,
ven de leidrs ov Iudea send
ov de kohanim an leviim
fro Ierushalaime to frag hin:
"Vo ar du?"

Den hi sagd klar an hid et net,
hi tald: "E ar net de Friar."

An dei fragd hin:
"Vat den? Ar du Eliah?"
An hi sagd: "Dat ar e net!"

"Ar du de tru-talar?"
An hi sagd: "Ne!"

Dan dei fragd:
"Vo ar du, dat vi kan giv e svar
to deim dat send os?
Vat sag du ov de selv?"

Hi sagd:
"E ar e stim dat rop in de oidmark:
"Mak de veg ov IOVI klar,
als de tru-talar Isaiah sagd."

Dei dat vard send vard ov de Peroshim,
and dei fragd hin:
"Vi doip du den,
iv du netr e de Friar,
ner Eliahu,
ner de tru-talar?"

Iohanan sward deim:
"E doip vid vatn.
Ma mong io stan ein
dat io net ken.

Hi ar hin dat kom aftr me,
ma dat ar fir me.
E ar net eivn verd
to losn his sko-reim."

Des hepnd in Beit-Avarah
an de odr sid de Iardn,
Ver Iohanan doipd.

Nekst dag sed Iohanan
Ioshua komen mot se an sagd:
"Se! IOVIs lamb
dat tak de sins ov de vorld ov veg.

Hi ar des ov hin ar sagd:
"aftr me kom e man
dat ar grotr dan e,
ov des hi vard fir me.

An e kend hin net.
Ma fir des hi skal bliv
opn born fir Israel,
Derfor ar e komn
an doip vid vatn."

An Iohanan vitnd an sagd:
"E sed de And komen nid
lik e dov ut ov hevn,
an et standad ivr hin.

E kend hin net.
Ma hi dat send me
to doip vid vatn,
hi sagd to me:

"Hin du se de And stig nid to an bi standing ivr,
hi ar hin dat doip vid de Heilig And."
An e sed,
an e vitnd,
Dat hin ar de son ov IOVI."