

# Khasi

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## 1 Language Information

- Source: Rabel (1961)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/khas1269>
- ISO-identifier: kha
- Speakers:
- Location: India, Bangladesh
- Geneology: Austroasiatic > Khasi-Palaung > Khasian > Khasi-Pnar-Lyngngam > Khasi-Phar > Khasi

## 2 Nominal Morphology

Nouns are marked for gender and number.

## 3 Verbal Morphology

A personal pronoun always precedes the verb and agrees with the subject in number and gender (there is no number marking on the verb).

## 4 Conjunction

There is three simple connectives in Khasi - *bat<sub>1</sub>* 'with', *bat<sub>2</sub>* 'and', and *hnrey* 'but'.

- (1) *hnrey hadu? katta karta ruu? ?uu dan buñ*  
but until that-much age - he still suckles  
” [Rabel, 1961, p. 71]
- (2) *ɲan loŋ ?uu lok joŋ phii ha ka yap [bat] ka ?im*  
I'll be \_ friend of yours in \_ death and \_ life  
” [Rabel, 1961, p. 128]

- (3) mephii [bat] maŋa  
 you [and] I  
 'you and I' [Rabel, 1961, p. 128]

## 5 Disjunction

*lani/ni* 'or' is the marker of disjunction.

- (4) ?uu dey ban don la kumnukumnu hnñew lani phra snem  
 he must \_ be - at.least seven or eight years  
 ” [Rabel, 1961, p. 72]
- (5) ya ka snim [ni] ka bha, ?n-lej tip manu  
 \_ the bad [or] the good, is-going-to know who  
 ” [Rabel, 1961, p. 128]

## 6 Prepositions

Here is a list with some of the prepositions in Khasi.

1. *na*<sub>3</sub> direction from which
2. *ha* place in which
3. *ša* direction toward which
4. *joŋ* 'of'
5. *da*<sub>2</sub>/*na*<sub>2</sub> instrumental
6. *hatu/hatay/hata/hatey/hathi* 'there, there at distance, there [invisible], up there, down there'
7. *hadu?* 'until'
8. *hajan* 'near'
9. *hapo?* 'inside'
10. *habaar* 'outside'

## References

Rabel, Lili (1961). *Khasi, a language of Assam*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press.