

Nemertean Language

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Alphabet

<i>Stick</i>	<i>Latin</i>
	S
\	H
/	V
>	U
<	E

Fonetics

Nemertean language consists only of 5 sounds: 3 consonants and 2 vowels, but it can be quite hard for Homo sapiens to pronounce some of them.

| **S** sounds quite like the English “th”, but weaker. This sound is not very popular in Nemertean and appears only in the beginning of the word (probably that is why letter “|” was situated in the beginning of the alphabet).

|> su [thoo] – a need

\ **H** is a kind of exhalation sound, like a deaf variation of the English “h” in words such as hospital. Like in other worm languages, “\” in Nemertean means “I, me”, but also it turns nouns to verbs.

\<\ heh [heh] – to eat

/ **V** sounds like the English “f”.

/< ve [fe] – period of time

> **U** sounds like an “aggressive” and short English “oo”. But >> sounds like long English “oo”.

>> uu [oo:] - life

< **E** is an opposite for the previous sound. It can be described as a short version of the IPA sound [e].

</\ evh [efh] – to move on the ground

Grammar

This is an example of the sentence in Nemertean:

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H su he veh

It literally means “I need (some) food to live”.

Well, as with almost every worm language, the grammar is very simple and language vocabulary consists not of a large amount of words.

This is another example:

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Suuh s shush

It literally means “Have you to speak in Nemertean” and is the question. Every question in Nemertean has the verb “suuh” (which also has older form “sueh”) at the beginning. So this is the question “Do you know Nemertean?” There is no a kind of other asking determiner, but there are some other determiners.

| s – determines that you must/should pay some attention to the verb after it.

| >\ (S uh) - “Finish!”

|< se – determines the past tense.

|< \ |\ (Se h sh) – “I moved”

By the way, the future tense is constructed with the help of the verb “vh” (to imagine).

\ /\ / (H vh v) – “I will hunt”

It is interesting that “v(u)” means “not” and “h” means “to be” so “vh” also can be translated as “not to be”. But “-v-” can also change the meaning of almost every other verb to the opposite.

“hehe” = “money” (by root reduplication from “he” = “food”)

“heheh” = “to pay” VS “hehev” = “not to pay”

Plural form of a noun can be created by adding the ending –e (shu > shue > shuu: Nemertean > Nemerteans) or by putting this plural determiner before the noun (e shu = shuu). Note that “ue” changes to “uu”.

Vocabulary

| **S** – you, attention determiner

|\ **Sh** – to move

|\> **Shu** – Nemertean

|\>| **Shus** – Nemertean language

|\>|\ **Shush** – to speak in Nemertean

|\>/ **Shuv** – animal, foreigner

|\>> **Shuu** – Nemerteans

|\>>/< **Shuuve** – The Kingdom of Nemertean Tribes

|| **Sv** – water, here

|/< **Sve** - world

|> **Su** – will/need

|>| **Suh** – to need, to like

|>/ **Suv** – something you dislike, hate

|>| **Suvh** – not to like, to hate

|>>| **Suuh** (|><| **Sueh**) – to have

|< **Se** – past tense determiner

|<| **Seh** – was/were

|<| **Sevh** – was not / were not

\ **H** – I, to be

\> **Hu** – something good

\>| **Huh** – to be good

\>/ **Huv** – something bad

\>| **Huvh** – to be bad

\>/> **Huvu** – human (derives from the word “homo”)

\>/>> **Huvuu** - humans

\< **He** – food

\<\ **Heh** – to eat

\<\< **Hehe** – money

\<\<\ **Heheh** – to pay

\<\</\ **Hehevh** – not to pay

\</ **Hev** – something that can't be eaten

\</\ **Hevh** – not to eat

/\ **V** – hunting/feeding

/\ **Vh** – to imagine

/> **Vu** – no, not

/>\ **Vuh** – to deny

/< **Ve** – period of time

/<\ **Veh** – to live

/</ **Vev** – death

/</\ **Vevh** – to die

/</< **Veve** – day

> **U** – perfect determiner

>\ **Uh** – to finish

>> **Uu** – life

>>/ **Uuv** – enemy, danger

>>/\ **Uuvh** – to be in danger

< **E** – something warm, plural determiner

<\ **Eh** – to become warm

</ **Ev** – ground

</\ **Evh** – to move on the ground

</< **Eve** – border, country, state

</<\ **Eveh** – to divide, to rule

</</ **Evev** – something unknown