SKEUL AN TAVAS

Traditional Cornish for Classes

SPECIFICATION

Agan Tavas Level 1
Breakthrough (CEFR A1)
Coursebook Skeul an Tavas

Agan Tavas Level 2Preliminary (CEFR A2) Coursebook *Skeul an Tavas 2*

Agan Tavas Level 3 Intermediate (CEFR B1) Coursebook Skeul an Tavas 3

Noun Singular (incl singulative), plural, collective 2 nd state after definite article: f sing, m pl an orsaf / an Orseth Genitive construction	Noun Plural, collective, singulative (fully explained) an vergh, an veyn	Noun Plural noun from adjective Indefinite noun with dative of possession
Adjective 2 nd state when attributive: f sing, m pl yn + adjective (5 th state) pòr + 2 nd state = very	Adjective Mutation in adjective chain Some 2 nd state suppressed after s th Inflected comparative, comparative formed with moy Inflected comparative as superlative Superlative formed with an moyha Word order with comparatives / superlatives gwell, lacka, gwetha, le, lyha, moy, moyha, nes, nessa dhe well, dhe voy, dhe le Intensifiers fèst, teg, glân, dres ehen, yn tien re + 2 nd state = too [much] aral / erel, ken 2 nd state after dual (noting practice varies)	Adjective Adverb as attributive adjective Adjective prefixed to or preceding noun Adjective used pronominally an keth oll (fully explained)

Pronoun	Pronoun	Pronoun
my/me, ty/te, ev, hy, ny, why, y vy, -ta, jy, tejy (-ta jy) ow + 3 rd state, dha + 2 nd state, y + 2 nd state, hy + 3 rd state, agan, agas, aga + 3 rd state (all also as object of verb-noun) hebma/hèm, hobma/hòm, hedna/hèn, hodna/hòn pyw, pëth, pandra + 2 nd state pùptra	why formal/polite ref to single person eev anjy 'm, 'th + mixed mutation, 'y + 2 nd state, 'gan, 'gas, 'ga + 3 rd state Possessive pronoun + honen re a'n, an re onen nebonen, neppyth (nampyth), neptra pùbonen, pùb huny den vëth, tra vëth (with negative) an eyl y gela / hy ben Gender of pronouns in -pyth and -tra	Disjunctive pronouns (fully explained) Word order <i>my ha ty</i> Reinforcing pronouns (fully explained) Infixed pronouns neb a + 2 nd state na (na-) + 3 rd state
Numeral / Quantifier Cardinals (traditional) udn + 2 nd state: f noun dew/dyw + 2 nd state, an dhew, an dhyw try/teyr + 3 rd state Ordinals lies, nebes + plural	Numeral / Quantifier udn jëdh Cardinals (decimal system) lower, lowr, meur, moy, bohes, le, nebes + singular cals a, showr a pygebmys, py / pana lies, pes lies huny	Numeral / Quantifier Numeral as noun Arithmetic Ordinals with dell + 2 nd state
Preposition Inflection of dhe, gans, orth, rag adrëv, dhyrag	Preposition Inflection of a, der (dre), dres, ès (agès), heb, in, in dadn, ryb, wàr Compound prepositions (separable) warbydn (erbydn), warlergh Compound prepositions (non-separable) dhyrag (revised), dhywar, dhyworth tro ha	Preposition Inflection of a-ugh, avell, inter (intra) adar, herwyth, in le, marnas, wor'tu ha ha as preposition (incl after an keth, kehaval, kepar and with gans) ha distinguishing a (relative) i'm kever Prepositions adding dhe with pronoun Postpositional adreus, ahës

Verb

bos: all copula present, all local present, 3rd sing copula imperfect, 3rd local imperfect (sing & pl), impersonal future Verb-noun: gerund, not infinitive Present participle: ow + 4th state Present periphrastic with local present of bos + present participle gwil: all present/future as auxiliary, all preterite as auxiliary, imperative (2nd person) as auxiliary mydnas: all present as auxiliary, all imperfect gallos: all present, all imperfect cara: present (impersonal only), conditional (impersonal only)

Verb

bos: all copula imperfect, all local imperfect, all future, all preterite, personal forms of verb-noun in indirect statement, stative-eventive distinction between imperfect and preterite Imperfect periphrastic with local imperfect of bos + present participle Inflected preterite of verbs (impersonal only) Irregular preterites wharva, êth, deuth re as perfective particle Common inflected imperatives (2nd sing) Imperative (1st person) deun to mos Present participle with pronoun object Past participle: -vs (-ves) Irregular past participles gyllys, devedhys All present of *aodhvos* All present/future of dos (construction mar ... *ha* + verb-noun) Prefix om- + 2nd state

Verb

bos: all imperfect habitual, all conditional, all present & imperfect subjunctive *y'm beus:* present, imperfect gwil: all conditional, all subjunctive mydnas: all conditional, all subjunctive gallos: all conditional, all subjunctive, present autonomous All imperfect of godhvos All subjunctive of mos All subjunctive of dos (construction mar ... *ha* + verb-noun) Inflected preterite of verbs (mostly literary when not impersonal) Inflected imperfect of verbs (literary & fixed phrases) Eventive verbs vs stative phrases Verbs with dative construction nans yw / o yn medh / yn medhans

Syntax

Basic VSO word order (with nominal construction as exception for statements) Fronted complement with copula (2nd state)

Interrogative: $a + 2^{nd}$ state
Negative: $ny + 2^{nd}$ state
Negative reply: $na + 2^{nd}$ state
Real conditions ($mar + 4^{th}$ state) yma ... dhe = hasAdjective + yw genef gwell yw dhybmTelling the time (analog clock)
Giving the date (day and month)

Syntax

Fronted complement with $a + 2^{nd}$ state Adjectival phrases py/pana + 2nd state ple + 5th state, ple ma / mowns, py tyller peur + 5th state, pana dermyn + 2nd state fatell / fatla / pana vaner + 2nd state prag v + 5th state / prag na + 2nd state. praga $may + 5^{th}$ state / $ma na + 2^{nd}$ state = where, when, so that (result) Relative clause with a / na + 2nd state Oblique relative clause with may + 5th state / ma na + 2nd state Indirect statement with fatell (tell) + 2nd state, dell + 2nd state, noun clause, bos, particle *y* Negative indirect statement with *na* (*dell* na) + 2nd state Infinitive construction: indirect statement. dre rêson, drefen, rag, kyns ès, wosa Negative clause with $na + 2^{nd}$ state after dre rêson, drefen, rag pàn / pàn na + 2nd state (past reference only), abàn / abàn na + 2nd state kyn / kyn na + 5th state ny ... ma's / saw ... yn unsel / yn udnyk / only namna + 2nd state / ogasty (ogatty) yma ... gans / yma ... wàr = has

rag + verb-noun (purpose)

Basic word order principles

awos (meanings, restricted use)

Syntax

pàn / pàn na + 2nd state (present & future reference) erna + 2nd state, bys may + 5th state kettel + 2nd state, peskytter may + 5th state hadre + 2nd state rag may + 5th state / rag na + 2nd state with subjunctive (purpose) Irrealis incl [mar]a + 4th state, kepar ha pàn + 2nd state pvnag *mar* + 4th state introducing indirect question Accompanying circumstances phrase Relative clause: semi-definite antecedent mvns a / seul a + 2nd state Parallel increase Interrogative with inflected preposition Interrogative preceded by preposition Interrogative adverbial with $y + 5^{th}$ state (fully explained) Adverbial participle phrase with in udn / in dadn + 2nd state y tal + verb-noun, y coodh dhybm, y tal dhybm / me a dal + verb-noun, y codhvia / y talvia dhybm + verb-noun Constructions with constrîna, erhy, pejy, perswâdya Tag questions ass[a] + 2nd state

Further principles of word order

Vocabulary Vocabulary Vocabulary Approximately 575 items Approximately 750 items Approximately 750 items ha, mès, pò nefra worth for orth -ma, -na in gwir mès vs saw bythqweth rag, saw as preposition and conjunction pò, py, bò, boneyl, bona an jëdh a dheu as alternative to nessa = next kebmys, kenyver $maga + 5^{th}$ state = $mar + 2^{nd}$ state Possibility with martesen Possibility with par hap Probability with dre lycklod pyma / pymowns dell hevel / hevelly dell wodhyr govy ny vern, ny'm deur

More phrases with lycklod

Basic word-building principles

Words for 'think' Words for 'time' How to say 'even' How to say 'pretend'

Colloquial Cornish	Colloquial Cornish	Colloquial Cornish
[Teacher discretion]	Concept of registers Simplification of words by dropping certain sounds s vs j s > r in local forms of bos, gesowgh / gerow' Omission of particles a, ow yth > th' -ma (-m), -ta (fully explained), va (-a) Extended use of eâ / nâ Simplified / alternative prepositions Simplified personal forms of prepositions	Omission of possessive pronoun when reinforced Exclamations Topicalization