Old English Paradigms Cheat Sheet

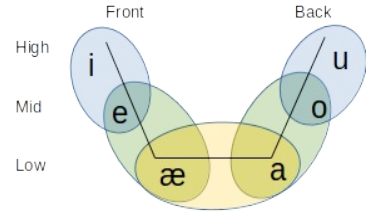
Adjectives and Pronouns

		Adjective Declesions Example: *gōd*, good						Interrogative and Indefinite Pronouns		Personal Pronouns				Demonstrative Pronouns					
		Weak Declension			Strong Declension			hwā? hwæt? *who? what?*		iċ, *I*	þū, *you*	hē hēo hit, *he she it*			*se*, 'this, that'			*þes, 'this'*		
		m	f	n	m	f	n	mf	n			m	f	n	m	f	n	m	f	n
Singular	nom.	gōda	gōde	gōde	gōd	gōd	gōd	hwā	hwæt	iċ	þū	hē	hēo	hit	se	sēo	þæt	þes	þēos	þis
	accus.	gōdan	gōdan	gōde	gōdne	gōde	gōd	hwone	hwæt	mē	þē	hine	hīe	hit	þone	þā	þæt	þisne	þās	þis
	gen.	gōdan	gōdan	gōdan	gōdes	gōdre	gōdes	hwæs	hwæs	mīn	þīn	his	hire	his	þæs	þære	þæs	þisses	þisse	þisses
	dat.	gōdan	gōdan	gōdan	gōdum	gōdre	gōdum	hwæm	hwæm	mē	þē	him	hire	him	þæm	þære	þæm	þissum	þisse	þissum
	instr.	—	—	—	gōde	—	gōde	hwȳ	hwȳ	—	—	—	—	—	þȳ	—	þȳ	þȳs	—	þȳs
Plural	nom.	gōdan			gōde		gōd	*No plural*		wē	ġē	hīe			þā			þās		
	accus.	gōdan			gōde		gōd			ūs	ēow	hīe			þā			þās		
	gen.	gōdra			gōdra		gōdra			ūre	ēower	hira			þāra			þissa		
	dat.	gōdum			gōdum		gōdum			ūs	ēow	him			þæm			þissum		

Typical uses of the cases

Case	Function
Nominative	Subject
Accusative	Object
Genitive	Possession
Dative	"by/with/to/for"
Instrumental	Instrument/agent (rare)

Common Spelling Substitutions



Nouns

		Weak Nouns			Strong Nouns										
		n-stems			o-stems			ā-stems		Consonant Declension				u-stems	
		nama, *m.* *'name'*	sunne, *f.*,. *'sun'*	ēage, *n.*, *'eye'*	stān, *m.*, *'stone'*	scip, *n.*, *'ship'*	word, *n.*, *'word'*	ġiefu, *f.*, *'gift'*	lār, *f.*, *'teaching'*	mann, *m., 'man'*	bōc, *f.*, *'book'*	fæder, *m. 'father'*	mōdor, *f.. 'mother'*	sunu, *m. 'son'*	hand, *f. 'hand'*
Singular	nom.	nama	sunne	ēaġe	stān	scip	word	ġiefu	lār	mann	bōc	fæder	mōdor	sunu	hand
	acc.	naman	sunnan	ēaġe	stān	scip	word	ġiefe	lāre	mann	bōc	fæder	mōdor	sunu	hand
	gen.	naman	sunnan	ēaġan	stānes	scipes	wordes	ġiefe	lāre	mannes	bēċ	fæder	mōdor	sunu	handa
	dat.	naman	sunnan	ēaġan	stāne	scipe	worde	ġiefe	lāre	menn	bēċ	fæder	mōdor	suna	handa
Plural	nom.	naman	sunnan	ēaġan	stānas	scipu	word	ġiefa	lāra	menn	bēċ	fæder	mōdor	suna	handa
	accus.	naman	sunnan	ēaġan	stānas	scipu	word	ġiefa	lāra	menn	bēċ	fæder	mōdor	suna	handa
	gen.	namena	sunnena	ēaġena	stāna	scipa	worda	ġiefa	lāra	manna	bōca	fædera	mōdra	suna	handa
	dat.	namum	sunnum	ēaġum	stānum	scipum	wordum	ġiefum	lārum	mannum	bōcum	fæderum	mōdrum	sunum	handum

Verbs

Tense	Mood	Number	Person	'Irregular' bēon, *'to be'*		Strong singan, *to sing;*	Weak I fremman, *'to do'*	Weak I hīeran, *'to honour'*	Weak II lufian, *'to love'*	Preterite-Present wītan, *'to know'*
Present	Indic.	Singular	1	eom	bēo	singe	fremme	hīere	lufie	wāt
			2	eart	bist	sing(e)st	fremest	hīerst	lufast	wāst
			3	is	biþ	sing(e)þ	fremeþ	hīerþ	lufaþ	wāt
		Plural	1, 2, and 3	sind / sindon	bēoþ	singaþ	fremmaþ	hīeraþ	lufiaþ	witon
	Subjun.	Singular	1, 2, and 3	sīe	bēo	singe	fremme	hīere	lufie	wite
		Plural	1, 2, and 3	sīen	bēon	singen	fremmen	hīeren	lufien	witen
	Imperative	Singular	1, 2, and 3	wes	bēo	sing	freme	hīer	lufa	wite
		Plural	1, 2, and 3	wesaþ	bēoþ	singaþ	fremmaþ	hīeraþ	lufiaþ	witaþ
	Infinitive			bēon		singan	fremman	hīeran	lufian	witan
	Infl. Infin.			tō bēonne		tō singenne	tō fremmenne	tō hīerenne	tō lufienne	witenne
	Participle			wesende	bēonde	singende	fremmende	hīerende	lufiende	witende
Past	Indic.	Singular	1	wæs		sang	fremede	hīerde	lufode	wiste/wisse
			2	wære		sunge	fremedest	hīerdest	lufodest	
			3	wæs		sang	fremede	hīerde	lufode	
		Plural	1, 2, and 3	wæron		sungon	fremedon	hīerdon	lufodon	wisson/wiston
	Subjun.	Singular	1, 2, and 3	wære		sunge	fremede	hīerde	lufode	wisse/wiste
		Plural	1, 2, and 3	wæren		sungen	fremeden	hīerden	lufoden	wissen/wisten
	Participle			—		ġesungen	ġefremed	ġehīered	ġelufod	ġewiten

Legend: es = unambiguous form (or nearly so); hit = form is identical in nominative and accusative

Principal Parts of the Strong Verbs

		PIE e-grade (')		PIE o-grade ('_)	PIE Ø-grade (_')	
Class	Frame	1 Infinitive	2* 3rd S Prs	3 Pret sg	4 Pret pl.	5 Past Part
1	i+C	ī		ā	i	i
		drīfan	drīfð	drāf	drifon	gedrifen
2	eo/u + C	ēo/ū		ēa	u	o
		cēosan	cīesð	cēas	curon	gecoren
		ū	ȳ	ēa	u	o
		lūcan	lȳcð	lēac	lucon	gelocen
3	V + l/r/h/n + C	i | e/eo/ie		a | ea/æ	u	u | o
		i	i	a	u	u
		bindan	bind	band	bundon	gebunden
		e	i	ea	u	o
		helpan	hilpð	healp	hulpon	geholpen
		eo	ie	ea	u	o
		hweorfan	hwierfð	hwearf	hwurfon	gehworfen
4	e + l/r/m	e		æ	ǣ	o
		beran	birð	bær	bǣron	boren
	irreg	niman	nimð	nam	nōmon	genumen
		cuman	cymð	c(w)ōm	c(w)ōman	gec(w)umen
5	e + C (! l/r/m/n)	e/i | i		æ	ǣ	e
		e	i	æ	ǣ	e
		sprecan	spricð	spræc	sprǣcon	gesprecen
6	a+C | e/ie + CC	a | e		ō	ō	a
		a	æ	ō	ō	a
		faran	færð	fōr	fōron	gefaren
7	a/o/ea/æ/e +C	a/o/ea/æ/e		ē | ēo	ē | ēo	ā | ō | ēa*
		ā	æ	ē	ē	ā
		hātan	hætt	hēt	hēton	hāten
		ō	ē	ēo	ēo	ō
		flōwan	flēwð	flēow	flēowon	flōwen

* = caused by regular sound changes (i-mutation, breaking, etc.)

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