

# Old English Paradigms Cheat Sheet

		Adjectives and Pronouns																			
		Adjective Declensions Example: <i>gōd</i> , <i>good</i>						Interrogative and Indefinite Pronouns		Personal Pronouns						Demonstrative Pronouns					
		Weak Declension			Strong Declension			hwā? hwæt? who? what?		īc, I		þū, you		hē hēo hit, <i>he she it</i>		se, 'this, that'			þes, 'this'		
		m	f	n	m	f	n	mf	n	īc	þū	m	f	n	m	f	n	m	f	n	
Singular	nom.	gōda	gōde	<b>gōde</b>	gōd	gōd	<b>gōd</b>	hwā	hwæt	īc	þū	hē	<b>hēo</b>	<b>hit</b>	se	<b>sēo</b>	<b>þæt</b>	þes	<b>þeos</b>	<b>þis</b>	
	accus.	gōdan	gōdan	<b>gōde</b>	gōdne	gōde	<b>gōd</b>	hwone	hwæt	mē	þē	hīe	hīe	<b>hit</b>	þone	þā	<b>þæt</b>	þisne	þās	<b>þis</b>	
	gen.	gōdan	gōdan	gōdan	gōdes	gōdre	<b>gōdes</b>	hwæs	hwæs	mīn	þīn	his	hire	his	þæs	þære	þæs	þisses	þisse	<b>þisses</b>	
	dat.	gōdan	gōdan	gōdan	gōdum	gōdre	<b>gōdum</b>	hwæm	hwæm	mē	þē	him	hire	him	þæm	þære	þæm	þissum	þisse	<b>þissum</b>	
Plural	nom.	gōdan			gōde			gōd		wē		gē		hīe		þā		þās			
	accus.	gōdan			gōde			gōd		ūs		ēower		hīe		þā		þās			
	gen.	gōdra			gōdra			gōdra		No plural		ūre		hira		þāra		þissa			
	dat.	gōdum			gōdum			gōdum		ū		ēow		him		þæm		þissum			

- Note that **neuter words** always have identical forms for the **nominative and accusative singular** (reverse text)
- Note that **all relevant parts of speech** (except for the first and second person pronouns) and **all genders** always have identical forms for the **nominative and accusative plural** (reverse text)
- Forms in bold and red are unambiguous or very common.

		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	ēage	stān	scip	word	ġiefu	lār	mann	bōc	fæder	mōdor	sunu	hand
	acc.	naman	sunnan	ēage	stān	scip	word	ġiefe	lāre	mann	bōc	fæder	mōdor	sunu	hand
	gen.	naman	sunnan	ēagan	stānes	scipes	wordes	ġiefe	lāre	mannes	bēc	fæder	mōdor	sunu	handa
	dat.	naman	sunnan	ēagan	stāne	scipe	worde	ġiefe	lāre	menn	bēc	fæder	mōdor	sunu	handa
Plural	nom.	naman	sunnan	ēagan	stānas	scipu	word	ġiefa	lāra	menn	bēc	fæder	mōdor	sunu	handa
	accus.	naman	sunnan	ēagan	stānas	scipu	word	ġiefa	lāra	menn	bēc	fæder	mōdor	sunu	handa
	gen.	namena	sunnena	ēage	stāna	scipa	worda	ġiefa	lāra	manna	bōca	fædera	mōdra	sunu	handa
	dat.	namum	sunnum	ēagum	stānum	scipum	wordum	ġiefum	lārum	mannum	bōcum	fæderum	mōdrum	sunum	handum

Typical uses of the cases	
Case	Function
Nominative	Subject
Accusative	Object
Genitive	Possession
Dative	Indirect object Prepositional Objects
Instrumental (rare)	Instrument

Remember that the cases also have other uses.

		Verbs										
					'Irregular'		Stong	Weak I		Weak II		
		Mood	Number	Person	bēon, 'to be'		singan, 'to sing'	fremman, 'to do'	hieran, 'to honour'	lufian, 'to love'		
Present	Indic.	Singular	1	1	eom	bēo	singe	fremme	hīere	lufie		
			2	2	eart	bīst	sing(e)st	fremest	hīerst	lufast		
			3	3	is	bīp	sing(e)p	fremeþ	hīerþ	lufap		
		Plural	1, 2, and 3	sind / sindon	bēoþ	singaþ	fremmaþ	hīeraþ	lufiaþ			
			Subjun.	Singular	1, 2, and 3	sīe	bēo	singe	fremme	hīere	lufie	
				Plural	1, 2, and 3	sīen	bēon	singen	fremmen	hīeren	lufien	
	Imperative	Singular	1, 2, and 3	wes	bēo	sing	freme	hīer	lufa			
		Plural	1, 2, and 3	wesap	bēoþ	singaþ	fremmaþ	hīeraþ	lufiaþ			
Infinitive		bēon			singan		fremman	hieran	lufian			
Infl. Infin.		tō bēonne			tō singenne		tō fremmenne	tō hierenne	tō lufienne			
Participle		wesende			bēonde	singende	fremmende	hierende	lufiende			
Past	Indic.	Singular	1	1	wæs	sang	fremede	hierde	lufode			
			2	2	wære	sunge	fremedest	hierdest	lufodest			
			3	3	wæs	sang	fremede	hierde	lufode			
	Plural	1, 2, and 3	wæron	sungon	fremedon	hierdon	lufodon					
		Subjun.	Singular	1, 2, and 3	wære	sunge	fremede	hierde	lufode			
Plural	1, 2, and 3		wæren	sungen	fremeden	hierden	lufoden					
Participle		—			gesungen		gefremed	gehiered	gelufod			

## Common Spelling Substitutions

