



# LANGUAGE OF THRONES

David J. Peterson  
Language Creation Society

Space City Con  
Galveston, Texas  
January 5th, 2014

# Dothraki Valyrian

# Dothraki



# *Dothraki*

- Inflectional.
- Minimal case system.
- Verb tense inflection.
- Head-initial.



“That large man took my  
goat from me.”

“That large man took my goat from me.”

*Rek mahrazh zhokwa fich  
anhoon dorvi anni.*

“That large man took my  
goat from me.”

*Rek mahrazh zhokwa fich  
anhoon dorvi anni.*

That man large took from  
me goat my.

	Dothraki	English
Inanimate	<i>jin ayena</i>	this bell these bells
Animate	<i>jin chiori</i>	this woman these women

*Ayena lavakha.*  
“The bell is loud.”

*Ayena lavakha.*

“The bell is loud.”

*Ayena lavakhi.*

“The bells are loud.”

*Anha dothrak  
hrazef.*

“I ride the horse”

*Anha dothrak  
hrazefi.*

“I ride beside the  
horse.”

*Anha dothrak  
hrazefaan.*

“I ride up to the  
horse.”

*Anha dothrak  
hrazefoon.*

“I ride away from the  
horse.”

*Kifinosi yer nesi?*  
“How do you know?”

*Kifinosi yer nesi?*  
“How do you know?”

*Kifinose yer nese?*



*ido*

\*tree > wooden

*ido*

\*tree > wooden

*tawak*

metal

*ido*

fake

*tawak*

real

*thirat*

to live

*thirat atthirarido*

to dream



*M'athchomaroon*

Hello

*M'athchomaroon*

Hello

*Fonas chek*

Goodbye



*shekh ma shieraki anni*  
my sun and stars

*shekh ma shieraki anni*

my sun and stars

*jalan atthirari anni*

moon of my life



*qoy qoyi*

blood of my blood

*qoy qoyi*

blood of my blood

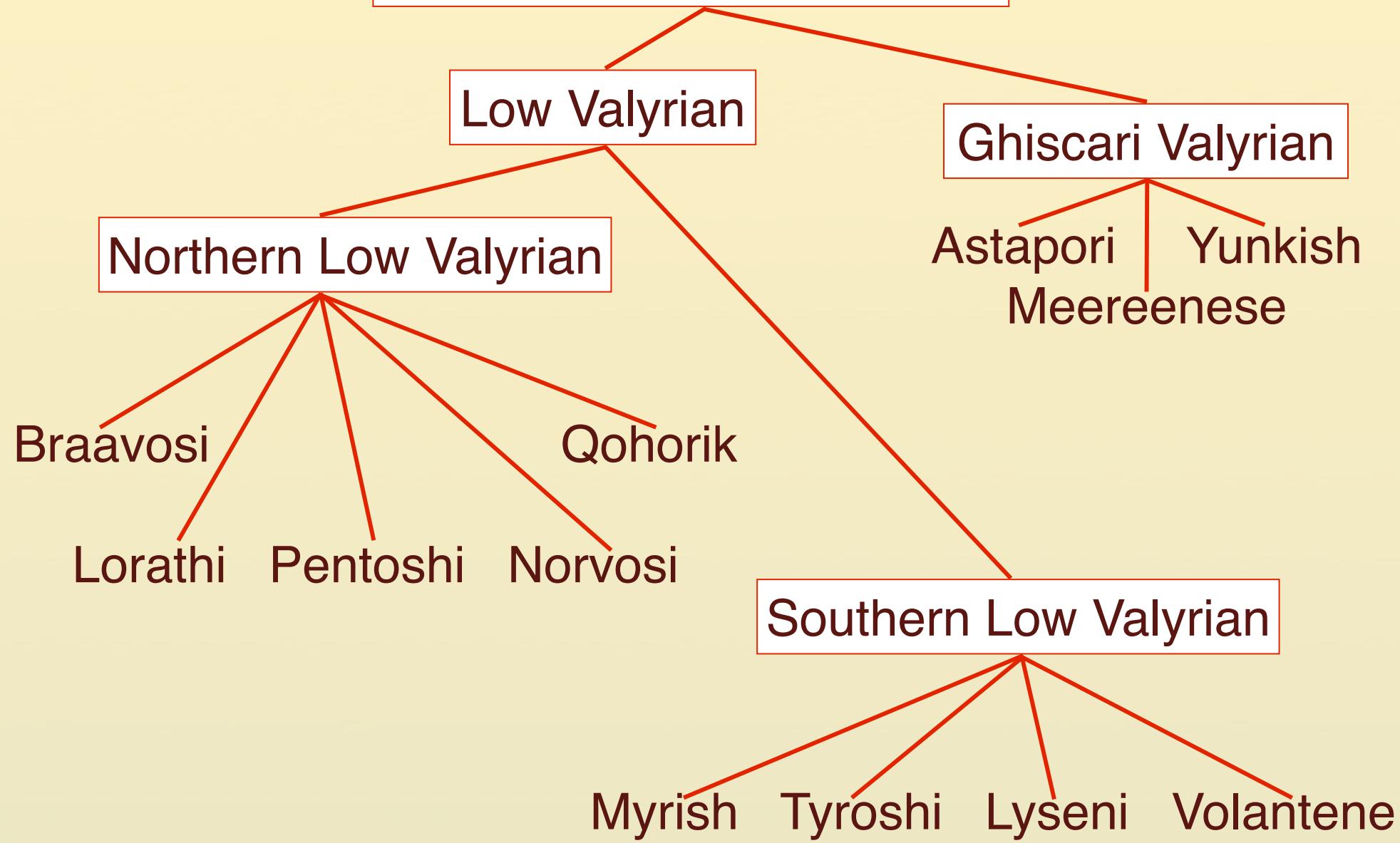
*me nem nesa*

it is known

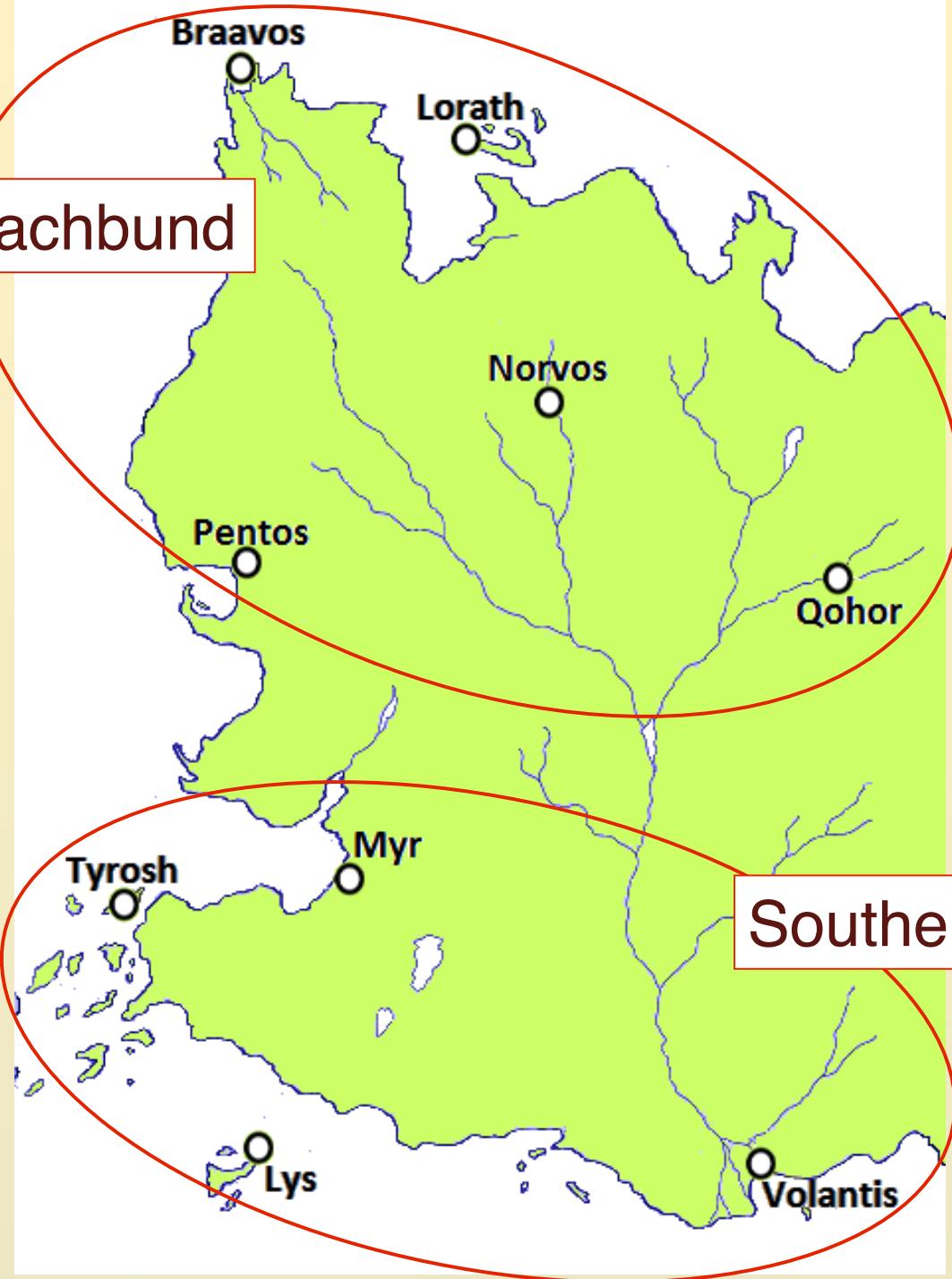
# High Valyrian



# High Valyrian



**Northern Sprachbund**



**Southern Sprachbund**

# *High Valyrian*

- Highly inflectional.
- Large case system.
- Large verb conjugation paradigm.
- Head-final.



“This is the man who gave  
me some flowers.”

“This is the man who gave  
me some flowers.”

*Rūkluni ynot teptas lua vala  
bisy issa.*

“This is the man who gave  
me some flowers.”

*Rūkluni ynot teptas lua vala  
bisy issa.*

Some flowers me gave who  
the man this is.

# *Nouns*

- Four Numbers: Singular, Plural, Paucal, Collective
- Four Classes: Solar, Lunar, Terrestrial, Aquatic
- Eight Cases: Nominative, Accusative, Genitive, Dative, Locative, Instrumental, Comitative, Vocative

“man”	Singular	Plural	Paucal	Collective
Nominative	<i>vala</i>	<i>vali</i>	<i>valun</i>	<i>valar</i>
Accusative	<i>vale</i>	<i>valī</i>	<i>valuni</i>	<i>valari</i>
Genitive	<i>valo</i>	<i>valoti</i>	<i>valuno</i>	<i>valaro</i>
Dative	<i>valot</i>	<i>valoti</i>	<i>valunta</i>	<i>valarta</i>
Locative	<i>valā</i>	<i>valoti</i>	<i>valunna</i>	<i>valarra</i>
Instrumental	<i>valosa</i>	<i>valossi</i>	<i>valussa</i>	<i>valarza</i>
Comitative	<i>valoma</i>	<i>valommi</i>	<i>valumma</i>	<i>valarma</i>
Vocative	<i>valus</i>	<i>valis</i>	<i>valussa</i>	<i>valarza</i>

	High Valyrian	English
Solar	<i>qablos rōvys</i>	large liver
Lunar	<i>pēko rōva</i>	large olive
Terrestrial	<i>belmon rōvon</i>	large chain
Aquatic	<i>jēdrar rōvor</i>	large sky

*zālagon*  
to burn

*zālan*

I'm burning

*zālaks*

I am being burned

*zālilen*

I was burning

*zālileks*

I was being burned

*zāltan*

I burned

*zāltaks*

I was burned

*zālten*

I had burned

*zālteks*

I had been burned

*zālinna*

I will burn

*zālilaks*

I will have been burned

*zālin*  
I burn

*zāliks*

I'm burned

*zāltin*

I used to burn

*zāltiks*

I used to be burned



*Rytsas*

Hello

*Rytsas*

Hello

*Geros llas*

Goodbye

*Rytsas*

Hello

*Geros llas*

Goodbye

*Kostilus?*

Please?

*Rytsas*

Hello

*Geros llas*

Goodbye

*Kostilus?*

Please?

*Kirimvose!* Thank you!

# High Valyrian



# Low Valyrian



Low  
Valyrian

# *Low Valyrian*

- Inflectional.
- No case system.
- Verb tense/aspect inflection.
- Mixed head-initial/head-final.

“The knight says even the brave men fear death.”

*Morghot nēdyssy sesīr zūgusy azantys vestras.*

“The knight says even the brave men fear death.”

*Morghot nēdyssy sesīr zūgusy azantys vestras.*

*J'azanty ivetras po vali nedhinki sizi zughilis vi murgho.*

“The knight says even the brave men fear death.”

*Morghot nēdyssy sesi<sup>u</sup> zūgusy azantys<sup>i</sup> vestras.*

*J'azanty ivetras po vali nedhinki sizi zughili<sup>s</sup> vi mürgho.*

The diagram illustrates the translation process. The original sentence in Maltese is crossed out in red. Red arrows point from the crossed-out words to the corresponding words in the English translation below. The English sentence is enclosed in a red oval.

“The knight says even the brave men fear death.”

*Morghot nēdyssy sesīr zūgusy azantys vestras.*

*J'azanty ivetras po vali nedhinki sizi zughilis vi murgho.*



“This is the man who gave  
me some flowers.”

*Rūkluni ynot teptas lua vala  
bisy issa.*

Some flowers me gave who  
the man this is.

“This is the man who gave  
me some flowers.”

*Bezy sa ji vala yn tehtas  
angez rukla.*

This is the man me gave  
some-of flowers.

Gender	High Valyrian	Gender	Low Valyrian
Solar	<i>qablos</i>	Celestial	<i>ji qablo</i>
Lunar	<i>pēko</i>		<i>ji pegu</i>
Terrestrial	<i>belmon</i>		<i>vi bilmo</i>
Aquatic	<i>jēdrar</i>	Terrestrial	<i>vi jedror</i>

	Singular	Plural
Pig (C)	<i>ji begisto</i>	<i>po begistos</i>
Child (T)	<i>v'adjo</i>	<i>p'adja</i>
Quickness (C)	<i>j'adhirve</i>	<i>p'adhirves</i>
Queen (C)	<i>ji dare</i>	<i>po dari</i>
Master (C)	<i>j'aeske</i>	<i>p'aeske</i>
Food (T)	<i>vi havor</i>	<i>po havuri</i>
Water (T)	<i>vi jedhor</i>	<i>po jedri</i>
Year (C)	<i>ji jedhor</i>	<i>po jedhari</i>



*Kuny iles ji broji meles esko  
mazedhas derari va buzdar.*

This was the name he had  
when he was taken as a slave.

*Y Torgo Nudho sa ji broji ez  
bezy eji tovi Daenerys  
Jelmazmo ji teptas ji derive.*

But Grey Worm is the name  
that this one had the day  
Daenerys Stormborn gave him  
his freedom.



*Rysta*

Hello

*Rysta*

*Gusela*

Hello

Goodbye

*Rysta*

*Gusela*

*Kotlu?*

Hello

Goodbye

*Rysta*

Hello

*Gusela*

Goodbye

*Kotlu?*

Please?

*Krimvo!*

Thank you!



For More About Language Creation Visit  
<http://www.conlang.org/>