

## Armenian

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Ajn e bann u gor[ts]@ gitnakani [wo]r havaqi  
ba[rr]er kam mtqer anaknkal lezuner[wo]v a[sh][kh]arhi,  
dasakargi @st pi [th]vi n[sh]anneri.

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Comment:

Some words about Armenian. There are 38 letters in modern Armenian and, therefore, I am compelled to designate some of Armenian letters by combination of two Roman letters or use some other characters. Whenever you see a sequence in brackets ([ts], [rr], etc.), you should interpret it as a single letter. Besides that, there are only two one-letter words in Armenian ("e" - "is" and "i" - "in, to" in English), but the last word ("i") used in modern Armenian very seldom (in some expressions only). The 4-th word ("u" - "and" in English) really consists of two letters ("[wo]" and "w"), but in Eastern Armenian it is regarded as one letter.

At the end I would like describe some phonetics (it be useful, I think).

- a - as first "a" in English word "uncle"
- b - as "b" in "be"
- g - as "g" in "greate"
- d - as "d" in "do"
- je - as "ye" in "Yerevan"
- z - as "z" in "zoo"
- e - as first "e" in "ever"
- @ - as English article "a"
- th - as "theta" in Greece, but some stronger
- j - as "j" in "je" in France
- i - as "i" in "in"
- l - as "l" in "look"
- kh - as "khi" in Greece
- ts - \*
- k - as "kappa" in Greece
- h - as "h" in "home"

dz - as "dzeta" in Greece  
x - as "r" in France  
tj - \*  
m - as "m" in "my"  
j - as "y" in "you" or "yes"  
n - as "n" in "no"  
sh - as "sh" in "show"  
wo - as a conjunction of "w" and "o" at the beginning of word, and  
as a single "o" in the middle and the end.  
ch - as "ch" in "teacher"  
p - as "pi" in Greece  
dj - as "j" in "John" or "Jack"  
rr - very strong "r"  
s - as "s" in "sweet"  
v - as "v" in "very"  
t - as "tau" in Greece  
r - as "r" in "bring"  
c - as first "c" in "circus" in Latin  
w - as "w" in English. This letter in modern Armenian can be found in  
conjunction of other ones only.  
ph - as "p" in "map"  
q - as "q" in "queen"  
o - as "o" in "of"  
f - as "f" in "force"

\* - there is no analogues, but you can try to say it by pronouncing these  
letters at once.

Translation:

That is a job of scientist to collect unusual words or sentences in  
languages of the world classifying them according to numbers of pi

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