

1. Phonology

The phonemes of Yogad include the bilabials p, b, m, f; interdentalals t, d, n, l; dentalals s, r; velars k, g, ng [ŋ]; semi-vowels w, y; h, glottal (unmarked); vowels i, e, a, o, u; and accent ('). f is heard as both bilabial [p] and labiodental [f]. Except in loan words f occurs mostly before u. If loan words could be neglected r would be an allophone of d, occurring without gemination in intervocalic positions. y has an alveopalatal allophone [ʃ] following t. h rarely occurs other than in loan words. Word-initial glottal does not contrast with word-initial vowel. Intervocalic glottal occurs between the vowels of two morphemes, and in one case, /taay/ 'Why?', between the vowels of a single morpheme. Accent occurs mostly on the final syllable, appearing as stress. On a penultimate open syllable accent consists of stress plus vowel length, and on a penultimate closed syllable accent appears as the lack of stress or length anywhere in the word.

Words may be conveniently described as being composed of combinations of from one to six syllables of any of the following types: CV and CVC; CCV and CCVC which only occur in loan words; and perhaps V and VC in word-initial position (if some words are regarded as beginning phonemically with a vowel). All consonants

occur in syllable-initial position. As the second consonant in a CCV(C) type syllable only w, y, r, and l occur. All consonants except f, h, and glottal occur in word-final position. Medial clusters of nasal plus stop occur, and geminate clusters of stops, nasals, f, s, and l. Consonant plus w or y occurs when the suffix /-an/ follows a stem-final y or l.

The final g of prefixes assimilates completely to the initial consonant of the stem. Stem-final ay and aw contract to e and o respectively when followed by a suffixial consonant. Initial and final d becomes r when an affix makes it intervocalic. When consonant clusters would be formed by suffixation, the following changes take place:

First Consonant:	<u>p</u>	<u>t</u>	<u>k</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>ng</u>	<u>l</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>s</u>
Second	<u>t</u>	tt	tt	tt	dt	dt	dt	nt	nt	nt		
Consonant	<u>k</u>	kk	kk	kk	gk	gk	gk	mk	ngk	ngk	no	
	<u>d</u>	b	d	g	bb	dd	gg	mb	nd	ngg		
	<u>m</u>	m	m	m	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	change	
	<u>n</u>	m	n	ng	mm	nn	ngng	mm	nn	ngng		

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