

The Standardisation of
Numbers in the Kurdish language
Zazakî dialect



Kurdish - Zazakî

0 – Çinî

The word “çine” in Kurdish Zazakî represents “zero”.

The word originally contains “çi” and the negative suffix “nî”.

The word “çinî” originates from the Kurdish language.

Compare

Kurdish Kurmancî: 0 – “Çine”

Kurdish Soranî, Kurdish Hewramî: 0 – “Hîç”

Kurdish - Zazakî

7 – Hewt

The pronunciation of the letter “e” has been rectified to the standard sound that “e” represents. The original “h” sound that belongs to the Kurdish language has been restored to this number. This is pronounced the same as “h” in “heşt” and “henzar”.

IPA: /h/

Compare

Kurdish Median-Avestan: 7 – Haptan

The sound /h/ is demonstrated by “h” in “haptan”.

17 – Hewtês

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IPA: /h/

Compare

Kurdish Median-Avestan: 17 – Haptadasan

The sound /h/ is demonstrated by “h” in “haptadasan”.

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70 – Hewtay

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IPA: /h/

Compare

Kurdish Median-Avestan: 70 – Haptāiti

The sound /h/ is demonstrated by “h” in “haptāiti”.

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100 – Se

“Ta”, from Kurdish Median/ Avestan “sata”, has been dropped, forming “se” in Kurdish Zazakî. In other Kurdish dialects, “ta” became “d”, forming “sed”. “Se” can express the plural form “sey”.

The original “s” sound that belongs to the Kurdish language has been restored to this number. This is pronounced the same as “s” in “des” and “hîris”.

IPA: /s/

Compare

Kurdish Median-Avestan: 100 – Sata

The sound /s/ is demonstrated by “s” in “sata”.

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1000 – Henzar

The letter “n” has been restored to the number.

“Ng”, from Kurdish Median/ Avestan “hazangra”, shifted along the word and transformed into “n”, forming “henzar” in Kurdish Zazakî. “Henzar” can express the plural form “henzarî”.

The original “s” sound that belongs to the Kurdish language has been restored to this number. This is pronounced the same as “s” in “des” and “hîris”.

Compare

Kurdish Median-Avestan: 1000 – Hazangra

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And - Û

The word “and” in English is expressed as “û” in some Kurdish dialects, including Kurdish Zazakî.

The word “and” in some other Kurdish dialects is expressed as “u”.