

## *Noalath Description (One Sentence Version)*

Noalath is the Druidic language of *Shannara*. Grammatically it shares things in common with Gaelic, Hawaiian and Arabic, but its sound is closer to Gaelic.

## *Consonants That Are Identical to English*

B - " <u>b</u> oy"	CH - " <u>ch</u> op"	D - " <u>d</u> og"
F - " <u>f</u> ort"	H - " <u>h</u> ot"	J - " <u>j</u> ot"
K - " <u>k</u> it"	L - " <u>l</u> ot"	M - " <u>m</u> op"
N - " <u>n</u> et"	P - " <u>p</u> ot"	S - " <u>s</u> oul"
SH - " <u>sh</u> op"	T - " <u>t</u> on"	V - " <u>v</u> at"
Y - " <u>y</u> ak"	Z - " <u>z</u> oo"	

## *Consonants That Are Almost Identical to English*

G - *always* hard like "got"; *never* soft like "gel"

TH - *always* soft like "thigh"; *never* hard like "thy"

## Consonants That Differ From English

DH - like "th" in "this" (compare with TH)

LY - like "li" in "million"

NG - *only* like "ng" in "singer" (can occur initially)

NY - like "ni" in "onion"

R - a tap, like "d" and "t" in English "editor"

TS - like "ts" in "cuts" (can occur initially)

ZH - like the "z" in "azure" or the "s" in "measure"

## Basic Vowels

A - like "a" in "father", but forward; *always* pure

E - *always* like "e" in "get"; *never* silent

I - *always* like "i" in "machine"; *always* pure

O - like "oa" in "boat"; *always* pure

U - like "u" in "rude"; *always* pure

Ö - like "ö" in German "hören"; *always* pure

Ü - like "ü" in German "für"; *always* pure

## Other Vowel Notes

At the end of a word, E, O and A are pronounced like the "a" in "sofa".

AI - similar to the "i" in "might"

OA - similar to the "owi" in "mowin"

EA - similar to the "ayi" in "sayin"

ÖA - the sound "ö" followed by the "a" in "sofa"

## Practice

YOTH "two"

FEL-sach "leaf"

RO-aj "yours"

DO-va "foot"

PERT "arrow"

NO-ro "owl"

LAN-da "cape"

MÖ-at "bowl"

ZHE-tha "O, wave!"

KÜ-dhok "bear"

E-yo-nya "of the days"

SHA-vok "ravens"

PE-vaith "wrists"

SHE-ach "star"