

Lithuanian (HT 2006)

Each class starts with a general and systematically oriented presentation (**P**) of c. 40 minutes, to which the title given below for each session refers. This is followed by the reading of a text passage (**T**) and/or practical exercises centred around specific grammatical topics following **DKS (G)**. In the presentation, particular attention will be paid to the historical background of the phenomena discussed. The grammatical part will have to be reasonably condensed from **DKS** (highlighting particularly important forms/issues), and for the text reading extensive guidance will have to be given (e.g. word lists). The choice of reading text is left to the presenter, but a suggestion is made below.

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HLS A. Senn, *Handbuch der litauischen Sprache* (Vol. 1: Grammatik, Vol. 2: Lesebuch und Glossar), Heidelberg 1957/1966.

1. Introduction

P: The Baltic languages, Lithuanian history, the question of Balto-Slavic unity

G: 1st-5th declension of nouns, the present tense of the verb, the imperative, numerals 1-10 (**DKS** 1-7, but incl. plural of nouns)

T: e.g. *Vilnius* (**DKS** 5)

2. Phonology

P: The main sound laws from PIE to Lithuanian, Modern Lithuanian phonology

G: past and future tenses (incl. frequentative past and present perfect), personal pronouns, 1st-3rd adjective declension (incl. derived adverbs) (**DKS** 8-15, but incl. plural of adjectives)

T: e.g. *Mieste* (**DKS** 13)

3. Accent

P: The Baltic (and Slavic?) accent and its relation to the PIE accent, the main accent laws

G: progressive and pluperfect tenses, permissive, supine, relative pronoun (**DKS** 16-21)

T: e.g. *Trys sünüs* (**DKS** 18)

4. Nominal morphology

P: The declension classes: nouns, adjectives (definite/indefinite), pronouns, numerals

G: future perfect, cardinal and ordinal numbers and plural/collective numerals, active participles and gerunds, comparison of adjectives/adverbs (**DKS** 22-27, but incl. ordinal numbers)

T: e.g. *Trakai* (**DKS** 27)

5. The verbal system

P: Conjugation classes, verbal aspect, active/passive voice, verbal moods (indicative, imperative/permissive, subjunctive, relative)

G: definite adjectives, the reflexive pronoun, subjunctive, passive participles and participle of necessity (**DKS** 28-33)

T: e.g. *Klaseje* (**DKS** 33)

6. Syntax

P: Case usage, agreement patterns (gender, number, person: polite forms, collective nouns), compound sentences (conjunctions), word order (enclitics), prepositions

G: passive, demonstrative/interrogative pronouns, prepositions and conjunctions, participial phrases (**DKS** 34-39)

T: e.g. *Mindaugas* (**DKS** 36)

7. Revision

Reading of a longer text (e.g. folktale no. 1 in **HLS**)

The text can be divided among some of the students; each prepares a few lines and provides linguistic guidance/commentary.

Some general bibliography

(cf. above for **DKS** and **HLS**; full bibliography in Dini 1997 and Hock 2004/2005)

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