

A map of the Uralic language family distribution, showing various regions color-coded and labeled. The regions include FS1, FS2, FS3, FO1, FO2, FO3, FO4, FO5, FO6, FO7, FW1, FW2, FP1, FP2, FP3, FU1, FU2, FU3, SN1, and SS1. The map shows the geographical spread of these languages across Europe and Asia.

# Negation in Turkish, Bashkir, Chuvash and Udmurt

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# The task

- Chosen languages: Turkish, Bashkir, Chuvash, Udmurt and Mari
- Analyzing:
  - negation of the verb
  - negation of a whole sentence
  - negation of nominal sentences
  - negation of habitive constructions
  - negation of existential sentences
  - prohibition

# Udmurt: verbs

## Present tense: affirmative

Sg1. mon kyrzaško / lydziško

Sg2. ton kyrzaškod / lydziškod

Sg3. so kyrza / lydze

Pl1. mi kyrzaškom(y) / lydziškom(y)

Pl2. ti kyrzaškody / lydziškody

Pl3. soos kyrzalo / lydžo

## Present tense: negative

Sg1. mon **ug** kyrzašky / lydzišky

Sg2. ton **ud** kyrzašky / lydzišky

Sg3. so **ug** kyrza / lydzy

Pl1. mi **um** kyrzaške / lydziške

Pl2. ti **ud** kyrzaške / lydziške

Pl3. soos **ug** kyrzalo / lydžo

# Udmurt: verbs 2.0

## 2nd past tense

Sg1. mon lydziškem

Sg2. ton lydzem(ed)

Sg3. so lydzem(ez)

Pl1. mi lydziškemy

Pl2. ti lydzil'am(dy)

Pl3. soos lydzil'am(zy)

## 2nd past tense

Sg1. mon övöl lydziškem / lydziškymte(je)

Sg2. ton övöl lydzem(ed) / lydzymte(jed)

Sg3. so övöl lydzem(ez) / lydzymte(jez)

Pl1. mi övöl lydziškemy / lydziškymtemy

Pl2. ti övöl lydzil'am(dy) / lydzil'amte(dy)

Pl3. soos övöl lydzil'am(zy) /  
lydzil'amte(zy)

(Nazarova 2014: 139)  
(1) Чуказе      МОН      УГ      ДЫШЕТСК-ИСЬК-Ы.

tomorrow 1SG NEG.PRS.1SG study-PRS-CNG.SG

‘Tomorrow I don’t study.’

(2) Куинь    ар    чоже      МОН    агай-ме      ÖЙ  
three    year    altogether    I    sister-1SG.ACC    NEG.PST1.1SG

адзЫлы.

see.FREQ.CONG

‘I did not see my sister for altogether three years.’

# Turkish: verbs

(3) Her yere taksiyle **git-*mi*-yor-um.**

go-NEG-IMPF-1SG

‘I don’t go everywhere by taxi.’

(4) Bu sınavlarda neden bu kadar güçlük çekildiğini

**anla-*mi*-yor** ***değil*-im.**

understand-NEG-IMPF not-1SG

‘I DO understand why [people] have so much difficulty with these exams.’ (lit. ‘It’s *not* the case that I *don’t* understand...’)

(5) Olanları **gör-*me*-di-m** **değil**, ama tam hatırlayamıyorum.  
see-NEG-PF-1SG not

‘It’s *not* that I *didn’t* see what went on; it’s just that I can’t quite remember.’

# Bashkir: verbs

- All verbs have two stems:  
positive, negative
- Positive → action  
Negative → absence of an action
- Positive → basic, simple stem
- Negative stem → positive stem + /-mÄ-/
- All tense, participle and gerund suffixes are added to the positive or to the negative stem

|          | To make | To go away | To come |
|----------|---------|------------|---------|
| Positive | Yahá-   | Kit-       | Kil-    |
| Negative | Yaháma- | Kitmä-     | Kilmä-  |



# Chuvash: verbs

## Present tense

Sg1. vula-**mă**-p

Sg2. vula-**mă**-n

Sg3. vula-**mě**

Pl1. vula-**mă**-păr

Pl2. vula-**mă**-r

Pl3. vula-**mě**-ś

## Markers

-m- morpheme with allomorphs of -  
*mě-/-mă-, -ma-/-me-*

In durative present and durative  
past: -mas-/-mes-

In future tense: -m-

In preterite tense and in past  
preterite: -mA-

Past in the future: -mAn-

# Udmurt: prohibition

## 2nd person

- Sg2. En l'ukety!
- Pl2. En l'ukete!

## 3rd person? Optative

- Sg3. medaz učky!
- Pl3. medaz učke!

# Turkish: prohibition

- Sg2. gel-**me**  
come-IMP.NEG  
'Do not come!'
- Pl2. gel-**me**-yin / gel-**me**-yiniz  
come-IMP.NEG-2PL  
'Do not come!'
- Sg3. gel-**me**-sin  
come-IMP.NEG-3SG  
'Let him not to come!'
- Pl3. gel-**me**-sin-ler  
come-IMP.NEG-3PL  
'Let them not to come!'

# Bashkir: prohibition

## 2nd and 3rd person

- Sg2. jaha-**ma**!  
make-IMP.NEG.2SG  
'Do not make!'
- Pl2. jaha-**ma**-Fyʒ!  
make-IMP.NEG-2PL  
'Do not make!'
- Sg3. jaha-**ma**-hyn!  
make-IMP.NEG-3SG  
'Let him not to make!'
- Pl3. jaha-**ma**-hyndar!  
make-IMP.NEG-3PL  
'Let them not to make!'

## Optative

- Sg1. jaha-**ma**-jym!  
make-IMP.NEG-1SG  
'Let me not to make!'
- Pl1. jaha-**ma**-jyk!  
make-IMP.NEG-1PL  
'Let us not to make!'

# Chuvash: prohibition

- Sg1. vula-m                    **mar**  
read-IMP.1SG    IMP.NEG  
'Let me not read!'
- Sg2. **an**                    vula  
IMP.NEG    read-IMP.2SG  
'Do not read!'
- Sg3. **an**                    vula-tăr  
IMP.NEG.    read-IMP.3SG  
'Let him not read!'

- Pl1. vula-r                    **mar**  
read-IMP.1PL    IMP.NEG  
'Let us not read!'
- Pl2. **an**                    vulă-r  
IMP.NEG    read-IMP.2PL  
'Do not read!'
- Pl3. **an**                    vula-ččăr  
IMP.NEG    read-IMP.3PL  
'Let them not read!'

# Udmurt: negation of a whole sentence

## Verbal predicate

(6) Ton ud-a                      myn-išk-y?  
you neg.PRS.2SG-=Q    go-PRS-CNG.SG  
'You don't go, do you?'

**Ug.**

neg.PRS.1SG  
'No. (I do not go).'

## Nominal predicate

(7) Ćeber -a                      tynad derem-ed?  
beautiful-=Q    your    dress-2SG  
'Is it your dress beautiful?'

**Övöl,** ogšory.

not, normal  
'No, it is normal.'

# Turkish: negation of a whole sentence

(8) Bugün sinemaya gidecek misin?

‘Will you be going to the cinema today?’

**Yok** (gitmeyeceğim).

‘No (I won’t).’

# Chuvash: negation of a whole sentence

(9) Tuprări?

‘Did you find?’

**Śuk** tupaymarămăr.

‘No, we did not find.’



# Udmurt: nominal sentence

(10) So        dyšetis    **övöl.**

he/she    teacher    NEG.PRS

‘He/she is not a teacher.’

# Turkish: nominal sentence

(11) Nejat gençliğinde bu kadar inatçı **değil-di**.  
stubborn not-P.COP  
'Necat wasn't so stubborn when he was young.'

(12) Anneleri ev-de **değil-ken** çok daha derli toplu oluyorlar.  
Home-loc not-CV  
'They are much tidier when their mother isn't at home.'

# Bashkir: nominal sentences

- Formation: *tugel* → ‘not’

(13) *Min baškort **tugel.***

I bashkir NEG

‘I am not a Bashkir.’

(14) *Byl cəckə matur **tugel.***

this flower pretty NEG

‘This flower is not pretty.’

# Chuvash: nominal sentences

(15) Ku ěś USSSR čikkinčen inše **mar** pulsa irtně

‘This affair happened not far inside the USSR.’

# Udmurt: habitive constructions

(16) Anton-len kyk mašina-jez **övöl.**

Anton-GEN two auto-3SG NEG

‘Anton hasn’t got two autos.’

# Turkish: habitive constructions

(17) Param var  
'I have money'

(18) Param **yok**  
'A have no money'

# Bashkir: habitive constructions

(19) Mindě at **juk**

‘I have no horse.’ (lit. ‘at me a horse not’)

# Chuvash: habitive constructions

(20) Manăn kěneke pur

i.GEN book be.PRS

‘I have a book.’ (lit. ‘Of me a book exists’)

(21) Sanăn văxăt **śuk**.

you.GEN time NEG.PRS

‘You have no time.’ (lit. ‘Your time is not’)



# Udmurt: existential sentences

(22) Nokytyn    no    **övöl**    mynam    kniga-je  
nowhere    and    NEG    GEN.1SG    book-1SG

‘My book is nowhere.’

# Turkish: negation of existential sentences

(23) Evde bir tane bile fazla ampul **yok**.

‘There isn’t even one spare light bulb in the house.’

(24) Maaşımdan şikayetim **yok değil** ama idare ediyorum işte.

‘I’m *not without* complaints about my salary, but I get by all the same.’

(Göksel - Kerlake 2005: 276)

(25) Sorun **yok**

There is no problem.

(Johanson - A. Csató 1998: 226)

# Bashkir: existential sentences

(26) Undaj kydždzy min ber ildě lě kurgěmen **juk.**

‘I have not seen such a girl in any region.’ (lit. ‘my seeing such a girl in any region not’)

# Chuvash: existential sentences

(27) Mană tarśă titma niměn ěś te **śuk.**

‘There is no work at all for me to take a servant’

(lit. ‘for my servant-taking there is no work’)

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