



The Tolkien Monster Encyclopedia



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This page is devoted to all the monsters and races belonging to darkness.
Here you will find Orcs, Goblins, Balrogs and many more fearsome creatures.

Black Speech

Here is a brief dictionary for Tolkien's black speech used by e.g. orcs.
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agh	"and"
ash	"one"
-at	infinitive suffix, or possibly a specialized "intensive" suffix indicating purpose: Ash nazg durbatulûk "one Ring to rule them all"
bagronk	"cesspool", possibly bag+ronk "cess+pool"
búbhosh	"great"
burz	"dark", (isolated from Lugburz.), burzum "darkness"
dug	"filth", tentatively isolated from pushdug
durb-	"rule", infinitive durbat, only attested with suffixes:
durbatulûk	"to rule them all"
ghâsh	"fire" (stated to be derived from the Black Speech, may or may not represent Sauron's original form of the word)
gimb-	"find", infinitive gimbat, only attested with a pronominal
suffix:	gimbatul, "to find them"
glob	"fool"
gûl	"any one of the major invisible servants of Sauron dominated entirely by his will" (A Tolkien Compass). Translated "wraith(s)" in the compound Nazgûl, "Ringwraith(s)".
hai	"folk", in Uruk-hai "Uruk-folk" and Olog-hai "Troll-folk".
ishi	"in", a suffixed postposition: burzum-ishi, "in the darkness".
krimp-	"bind", infinitive krimpbat, only attested with a pronominal suffix: krimpbatul, "to bind them"
lug	"tower". Isolated from Lugburz Lugbûrz the Dark Tower, Sindarin Barad-dûr (Lug-bûrz "Tower-dark")
nazg	"ring": ash nazg "one ring", Nazgûl "Ring-wraith(s)"
Nazgûl	"Ring-wraith(s)", nazg + gûl olog a variety of Troll apparently developed by Sauron.
Olog-hai	"Olog-people".
pushdug	"dungfilth", possibly push+dug "dung+filth"
ronk	"pool", tentatively isolated from bagronk
skai	interjection of contempt
sha	interjection of contempt
sharkû	"old man"
snaga	"slave"
thrak-	"bring", infinitive thrakat, only attested with suffixes:
thrakatulûk	"to bring them all"
u	"to"
-ûk	"all", suffixed to pronominal suffixes: -ulûk, "them all"
-ul	pronominal suffix "them".
-um	"-ness" in burzum "darkness".
uruk	a great variety of Orc.
-aga	misprint for `-uga' `Vinyar Tengwar'
-at	verb infinitive
-hai	people (collective plural)
-i	noun plural after consonant
-ishi	in (case suffix)
-ob	of (case suffix)
-u	noun plural after consonant
-ub-	verb future tense suffix
-ug	verb present active participle
-uga	verb past passive participle
-uuk	all

-ul	them
-um	-ness, -yness
-uur	for (case suffix)
-uurz	a common adjective-forming suffix
-z	noun plural after vowel
a-	prefixed to an interrogative makes it into a relative
agh	and
albai	elf (or) elves
amal	where (relative)
ash	one
Azog	PN an orc-leader of Moria (LOTR III; TH)
bagronk	dung-pit
Bolg	PN an orc-leader (son of Azog), slain by Beorn (TH)
bugd-	call (v)
burguul	shadow ('burz + guul')
burzum	darkness
buub	pig
buurz	dark (adj)
durb-	rule (v)
durub	ruler
dush	(meaning unknown)
Dushgoi	PN Minas Morgul
Dushgoizagh	Morgul Pass
duump-	doom
fauth-	lie hidden
gaakh	let it be that (= Quenya `nai')
gakh	three
gazat	dwarf
ghaash	fire
Ghaash	PN an orc of Kirith Ungol
ghashum	heat
gimb-	find (v)
glob	filth
goi	(meaning unknown)
Golfimbul	PN leader of orcs of Mount Gram, slain at Greenfields
golug	elves (Angband Orkish (without suffix) for "Noldor" pl.)
Gorbag	PN an orc-leader of Minas Morgul, killed by Shagrat (LotR III)
goth	lord, master ('Gothmog')
Gothmog	PN (see `goth') (elsewhere treated as Sindarin)
Grishnaakh	PN an orc of Mordor, slain by Rohirrim (LOTR II 437)
gund	stone
guul	wraith
hosh	guts (= viscera)
ilid	elf (or) elves
Khamuul	PN second in command in the Nazguul
krak	five
krimp-	bind (v)
krith	nine
Lagduf	PN an orc of Kirith Ungol, killed by Morgul Orcs (LOTR III)
lat	you
lata-	under PREP
lug	tower
Lugburzum	(n) the very dark patch of dark around Barad-duur
Lugbuurz	PN Barad-duur
Lugdush	PN an orc of Isengard, slain by Rohirrim (LOTR II)
Lughorn	PN an orc
m-	root of interrogative words
mal	where? (interrog)
mat-	die (v)
matuurz	mortal (adj)
Mauhuur	PN an orc of Isengard, slain by Rohirrim (LOTR II)
mog	voice ('Gothmog')
Morgoth	PN (see `goth') (elsewhere treated as Sindarin)
Muzgash	PN an orc of Kirith Ungol, killed by Morgul Orcs (LOTR III)
narkuu	never
nazg	ring

Nazguul	Ring-wraith (< `nazg + guul')
nuut	sky
oghor	Druuadan
olog	Mordor light-tolerant troll
prakh-	lure (v)
pushdug	stinking (adj. or participle)
Radbug	PN an orc of Minas Morgul, killed by Shagrat (LOTR III)
Saruman	PN the wizard (Mannish word)
sha	together with (prep)
Shagrat	PN an orc of Mordor (LOTR III)
shakh	lord
shara	man (= not elf etc)
sharkuu	old man (Isengard Orkish)
Shelob	PN the giant spider monster of Kirith Ungol (LOTR III)
Shelobzagh	PN Kirith Ungol
skai	gah! (exclamation)
Snaga	PN an orc of Isengard, slain by Rohirrim
Snaga	PN an orc of Kirith Ungol, slain by Sam Gamgee
snaga	slave (and used by Uruk-hai as = `orc of smaller breed')
srinkh-	gather (v) (transitive)
ta	him
tab	his (< `ta + ob')
tak	them
tala	above (prep)
tark	man of Nuumenoorean descent (< Quenya `tarkil')
thrak-	bring (v)
throqu-	devour (v)
tug	only (adv)
u	to (prep.)
udu	seven
Ufthak	PN an orc of Kirith Ungol, caught by Shelob (LOTR III)
Ugluuk	PN an orc-leader of Isengard, slain by Eomer (LOTR II)
uliima	throne
uruk	one of a breed of big orcs
uzg	land
Yaguul	PN an orc
za	this
zagh	mountain pass