

Christine Schreyer's Man of Steel Kryptonian Language
A study by Rachel

SYLLABIC									
Phonetic Alphabet - Consonants									
p	b	t	d	k	g	m	n	ŋ _(ng)	f
									
v	ð _(th)	s	ʒ _(j)	z	h	h*	ɹ _(r)	j _(y)	l
									
Phonetic Alphabet - Vowels									
ā _(cow)	æ _{[a] (bat)}	ɛ _(bet)	ɪ _(bit)	ɑ _{[a o] (bot)}	u _(boof)				
									

Note: Kryptonian is not written traditionally like English, you'll notice this when trying to compare/match words to the phrases I've below. The order of words is more akin to Japanese, **SOV (Subject-Object-Verb)**, try to remember this before getting something permanent like a tattoo only to figure out it's not even written properly in Kryptonian. :P

Here's a small example of word orders: [Superman Kryptonian](#)

Read over the (*Literally*) mentions beside phrases to see how Kryptonian words line up.

Just a reminder for all you English-speakers out there that the pronunciation provided uses [IPA](#). So, for example, j sounds like the y in "yes" not like the j in "just".

Check out "[Media](#)" for an even further breakdown from the "Kryptonian Reference Sheet".

Words and phrases

ma = belonging to (a possessive marker)

Forming plural in nouns - You add [-ro] to the end of the word (this is the same "r" sound as in English).

Periods between syllables are not required when writing the language yourself, that's just to help pauses and/or syllables starts when speaking. E.g written: paoja / helping speaker read: [pao.ɹa]. This also shows brackets aren't needed for writing either. :)

[aom] = Yes
 [æjan] = all (-jan = all of something)
 [pao.ɹa] = us
 [paoɹamətɛ] - ourselves; our own
 [bɛn mu hɪnma] - I thank you (formerly) (Literally "I you thank.")
 [bɛn] = I
 [bɪa] = we
 [tɪn.sɪ.kwa] - Goodbye
 [tɛks] - To dim
 [tɛl.lɛ] = Telle
 [tɛl.lɛ ma hɪ.lɔɹ pao.ɹa kam.do] = The Wisdom of Telle guides us.
 [dæhɛno] = Had
 [dɛm.ɔɹ] = Where
 [dɛn.ta] = Tree
 [dɛntæ] = To travel
 [krɪp.tan] - Krypton
 [krɪp.tan ma lum.ɹa] - Krypton's communicating
 [kam.do] = Guides
 [kæl ɛl mæ lum.ɹæ ju.dʒɛk.sɪɛ] = Creating Superman's Language
 [kaɹna] = To find/find
 [kaɹdæn] = To think
 [kɪn.dɔɹ] = To respect
 [kɪðɛɹa] = people
 [guɹæn/guɹ] = to be (plural/singular)
 [mɪju] = World
 [mɪ.lɔɹ] = Hope
 [mu(formal(?)))] = You
 [mu hɪn] = Thank you (informal)
 [mu lɔɹa tæn guɹ sa] = Are you in peace? (formal - how are you?)
 [mu sɪ sa] = You and? (and you?)
 [mutɛ] = You
 [mutɛ saodɪn guɹæn nika] or [niko]. - You are not alone
 [nika] = Not
 [nrk] = No
 [næn.ɛl] = To dock
 [nɛdɛv] - Never
 [nɛm.ɔɹ] = Moons
 [nʌn] - That
 [fao.ɹa] - [ul] = Faora-UI
 [fɪŋkɔo] - To come
 [vaolau] = center
 [ðu.han] = Warmths
 [sɪ.tæn] - Hello

[sɪn.ðə] = Beauty
 [sɪ.ɹo.ɹə] = Protect
 [saðɪn] = Alone
 [sa] = In
 [suve] = Shall
 [sɪlanwu] = existence
 [za.ɹɹ] = War
 [Zumdag] = Doomsday
 [zudɹɹ] = Monster (or ideally, Abomination.)
 [hɪ.ɹɹ] = Wisdom
 [hɪ.fɹ.tu] = Inspires
 [hunæn nɛmzɹn] = Black Zero
 [hɪnma] = Thank
 [ɹəo] = Rao
 [ɹəo ma dʒæn pəo.ɹə ðu.fan] = The Light of Rao warms us.
 [lum.ɹə] = communicating
 [lðoɹə tæn] = Peace
 [ɪnveks] - to slay
 [læm] = Would
 [lðo.wu.lə.sɛ] & [lðo.wu.lə.dʒəm] - "to mount and dismount respectively while flying".
 [lðoɹə tæn sa] = Peace in? (informal - how are you?)
 [ɹɹ.ɹə] = Lorra
 [ɹɹ.ɹə ma sɪn.ðə pəo.ɹə hɪ.fɹ.tu] = The Beauty of Lorra inspires us.
 [wɛl] = with
 [jɛlso] = god
 [ju.də] = Yuda
 [ju.də ma ɹɛm.ɹo #4 pəo.ɹə sɪ.ɹo.ɹə] = The Four Moons of Yuda protect us.
 [jusəɹɹks] - Another (i.e. someone else)
 [dʒæn] = Light
 [mu mɛmber ma hɛmɹə huɹdʒə rido]
 You member poss. name this.loc. write
 (Note: phrase developed for @RTSnyderCut project)

Existing Kryptonian words:

hɛmɹə – name or name of clans

huɹ – this

-dʒə – locative particle (meaning a place)

Newly derived words:

rido – writes (derived from ɹidoðɹ = book)

Quotes and lines along Superman's suit

1. [sɪ dɛm.ɔɪ bɪa dæhɛno(past tense) kɑɪdæn bɪa zudɔɪ(biological) læm kaɪna, bɪa jɛlso suvɛ(future tense) kaɪna(declarative)] = "And where we had thought to find an abomination, we shall find a god."

- Dave has noted that [dæhɛno] is correct per Schreyer's translations, but the actual suit writes it as [dæhɛno] (different symbol for the "h").

2. [dɛm.ɔɪ bɪa dæhɛno kɑɪdæn bɪa jusɑɪwɪks læm lɪnvɛks bɪa pɑɔɪamɛtɛ suvɛ lɪnvɛks] = "Where we had thought to slay another, we shall slay ourselves."

3. [dɛm.ɔɪ bɪa dæhɛno(past tense) kɑɪdæn bɪa læm ɔɪ.vɛ.sɪm dɪɛntæɪ, bɪa pɑɔɪamɛtɛ sɪɪ.lan.wu ma vɑɔɔɪ suvɛ fɪŋ.kɑɔ] = Where we had thought to travel outward, we shall come to the center of our own existence.

4. [dɛm.ɔɪ bɪa dæhɛno(past tense) kɑɪdæn bɪa læm saodɪn ɡuɪæn, bɪa wɛl æɹɔn mɪju ma kɪðɛɪa suvɛ(future tense) ɡuɪæn(declarative)] = Where we had thought to be alone, we shall be with all the world.

Transliterations

These are words or phrases resembling their English counterpart using Kryptonian sounds, it isn't a part of the language itself.

[wɑndɛɹwamæn] = Wonder Woman

[supɛɹmæn] = Superman

Media

- ❖ [Superman Kryptonian](#)
- ❖ [Kryptonian Text & Speech](#)
- ❖ [Understanding Schreyer's Kryptonian language](#) - Dave Sorkin
- ❖ [Kryptonian Reference Sheet](#)

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Author's Notes

11/29/17

- The start of this document and journey.

6/19/18

- Rearranged *Words and Phrases* into alphabetical order according to the IPA chart.

- Removed studies from this document and copied it in another in order to have a less noisy, and more clean layout for curious readers.

12/10/'19

- Added some clarification for word order.

2/10/'20

- "World" and "People" discovered along with *Stand alone Quote* made thanks to [Dave Sorkin \(@geckochan1\)](#) !
- *Stand alone* section opted out in favor of full costume quotes! [^{see 3/5/2021}]

3/5/2021

- Schreyer added words from the costume quotes that were previously missing. ;)

3/6/2021

- Even more words thanks to Dave (again!)
- Added Special Features Kryptonian video.
- Media section featuring Kryptonian was added.

4/23/2021

- More words, thanks to the persistent individual mentioned before. ;)

6/18/21

- Added Kryptonian Reference Sheet in the Media section.
- Thanks to MacKenzie ([@RSTSnyderVerse](#)) for bringing this to my attention.

5/31/22

- Schreyer added a phrase translated on request from [@RTSnyderCut](#) for a specific project

3/10/23 (wow! Time flies)

- Minor corrections by Daysie
- Updated contacts

You can find Schreyer on Twitter.

- [@C_Schreyer](#) respectfully.

I myself don't have a solid way of online contact anymore (but that's another story).

Note: We may not always be available, or be able to get back to you - try not to take it personally. <3