

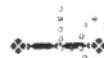
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GRAMMAR.

At Ro rofaza—The Ro alphabet: a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z.

Rolap—pronounce—at zag rofadz—the five vowels a e i o u as in far, they, police, no, truth; c as sh (c in ocean); g as in get; j as z in azure (French j); q as ng in sing; x as Greek x or German ch (guttural h); dh as th in this; aw as ow in owl; ay as ay (I, eye); the other letters as in English:

Ro is wholly a-priori. That is, it creates its own stemwords, taking none of them from other languages.

All Ro words that begin with the same letter, or more accurately, with the same syllable, belong to the same group in signification. Added letters particularize this meaning and form the stemword. Then come the inflections.

The formation of Ro words is very often guided by the sequence of the letters in the alphabet. Thus the first five numbers zab 1, zac 2, zad 3, zaf 4, zag 5, take the first five consonants b, c, d, f, g, in their order. The days of the week are marked in the same way, taf—day, Tafab—Sunday (day 1); Tafac—Monday (day 2); the months: tal—month; Talab—January (month 1); the planets: bira—planet; Birab—Mercury; Birac—Venus; Birad—Earth, in their order from the sun; gerda—U. S. money; gerdab—mill; gerdac—cent; gerdad—dime; gerdaf—dollar, in order of size; the pronouns, ab—I; ac—thou (you); ad—he; af—she; ag—it; in the order commonly given in the grammars; the metric system, gebab—millimeter; gebac—centimeter; gebad—decimeter; gebaf—meter, in order of length. These are but a few of the examples that might be given.

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STEMWORDS.

The English words walk, hope, love, want and very many others, may be either nouns or verbs. Ro stemwords follow this example. It says ap kecav—a walk; eb kecav—to walk; at radac kecav—the boy walks; eb selab—to hope; ad habel ap selab—he has a hope; kecavem—will walk; selabed—had hoped; selabi—hopefully; selabni—hopelessly; selabu—hopefulness; selnaber—despairing; ev kecav—to have walked; ela kecaver—is walking; kecavet—will have walked; eta selabot—will have been hoped. Selab kerasel zuto in at myo sabaf. Hope springs eternal in the human breast.

The bulk of Ro stemwords consists of five letters, alternating consonant and vowel, the second vowel being an "a", thus: rilab—knowledge; sikab—love.

The reverse or opposite signification of the stemword is indicated by the insertion of an "n" either before this "a," or before the vowel of the final inflective syllable. Thus: rilnab—ignorance; sknab—hate; sobad—right; sobnad—wrong; Suga—God; Suvna—Satan. When spoken, the accent of negative words will naturally and almost unconsciously fall upon the syllable beginning with "n."

PARTS OF SPEECH.

Initial "a" denotes the pronoun, personal, demonstrative, relative, or interrogative.

Initial "e" denotes the tense, the infinitive mood, or the present participle.

Initial "i" or "o" denotes the preposition. They are opposites to each other.

Initial "u" denotes the conjunction.

Medial "a" is a syllable former, completing the stem. An "ar" added to the stem indicates, like the English "er" the noun of agency, especially when a person. An "ap" added to the stem indicates the instrument of agency. Thus "rufaleb" is

"to typewrite"; "rufalar" a typist; "rufalap" a typewriting machine; rufalaf—a woman typewriter.

Final "e" added to nouns or pronouns, indicates the possessive case.

Final "i" indicates the adverb.

Final "o" denotes the adjective: final "ot" denotes the past participle; rufalot—typewritten; rel—see; relot—seen; noto rel—unseen; rokakot—published; sikabot—beloved; romot—spoken; noto rom—unspoken; final "om" indicates the Latin -ndus; the English -able or -ible; rom—speak; romom—speakable; nomo rom—unspeakable; rem—hear; remom—audible; remomi—audibly; remomu—audibility; rig—believe; rigom—credible; nomo rig—incredible; nomi rig—incredibly; nomu rig—incredibility; rel—see; relom—visible; relomi—visibly; relomu—visibility; rev—comprehend; revom—comprehensible; nomo rev—incomprehensible; nomu rev—incomprehensibility; noto rev—uncomprehended; revot—comprehended; revos—comprehensive.

Final "u" denotes the abstract noun; radal—man; radalo—manly; radalu—manliness; rafac—girl; rafacu—girlishness.

VERB INFLECTIONS.

Twelve syllables mark all the inflections of the verb. They are:

eb—present infinitive
ec—imperative.
ed—pluperfect tense
ef—perfect tense
eg—past participle
ek—imperfect tense
el—present tense
em—future tense
er—present participle
es—future participle
et—future perfect tense
ev—past infinitive

The copula, or verb "to be" adds "a" to these syllables, thus:

eba—to be; neba—not to be;
eca—be; neca—be not;
eda—had been; nedra—had not been
efa—has been; have been
ega—having been; nega—not having been
eka—was, were; weka? was?
ela—is, am or are; nela—is not
ema—will be; ad wema?—will he be?
era—being; nera—not being
esa—about to be;
eta—will have been
eva—to have been

Number, singular or plural, belongs to the subject, not to the verb; ab el—I am; ad el—he is; abz el—we are; at musal kelab—the horse runs; musalz kelab—horses run.

Verb signs are made negative by prefixing "n"; interrogative by prefixing "w." Ac wek amid? Were you there? Ab nek amid. I was not there. Ad wem kep tiltaf? Will he come today? Ad nem kep tiltaf. He will not come today. Troy eka. Troy was. Troy nela. Troy is not. Ad nema alid al tagnab. He will not be here this evening.

GENDER.

Addition of the pronoun ad—he, or af—she, denotes the masculine or feminine; mutab—lion (generic); mutabad—male lion; mutabaf—lioness; musal—horse; musalad—stallion; musalaf—mare.

THE PLURAL.

The plural is denoted by final z, in place of the English or French s.

COMPARISON.

Comparison of adjectives or adverbs is made by prefixing cik—more; cikni—less; cim—most; cimni—least.

VOCABULARY.

ab—I, me; abe—my; abz—we, us; abze—our; ac—you; ad—he, him; adh—he, she; af—she; ag—it; agz—they, them; agze—their; aj—any; ajid—anywhere; ak—each al—this; ale—of this; alid—here; alit—now; alz—these; am—that; ame—of that; amid—there; id amid—thither; od amid—thence; amif—thus, that way; amit—then; an—no; anar—nobody; anare—nobody's; anid—nowhere; anit—never; ap—a, an; ape—of a; aq—self; ar—person; as—such; asi—so; at—the; ate—of the; ath—either; av—that which; avar—who; avid—where; avif—how; avik—why; avit—when; aw?—what?; awar?—who?; aware?—whose?; awid?—where?; id awid?—whither?; od awid?—whence?; awif?—how?; awik?—why?; awit?—when?; aw ca?—how much?; aw za?—how many?; ax—other; axar—somebody else; axid—elsewhere; axif—otherwise; ay—some; ayar—somebody; ayid—somewhere; ayif—somehow; ayit—sometime; az—every; azar—everybody; azid—everywhere; azif—in every way; azit—always;

ba—thing; bab—element; babgab—hydrogen; babgak—copper; babgam—silver; babgas—gold; babhas—mercury; babhax—radium; babjad—aluminum; bablac—carbon; bablam—tin; bablas—lead; babmac—nitrogen; babmad—phosphorus; babmak—arsenic; babnac—oxygen; babnad—sulphur; babrad—chlorine; babvaf—iron; babzaf—nickel; babzar—platinum; bacab—mineral; bacad—ore; bacaf—stone; bacal—pebble; badab—silicate; badac—garnet; badak—mica; badas—flint; bafab—lime; bafal—marble; bafam—chalk; bagab—alumina; bagaf—sapphire; baklaf—alcohol; bakrag—gasoline; bakral—kerosene; balab—metal; balad—

brass; balak—steel; bapad—soda; basab—fuel; basad—coal; basaf—charcoal; basak—coke;
beb—gas; bebab — vapor; bebak — smoke; bebam—steam; bebar—air; becab—bubble; bedab—liquid; bedac—water; bedaf—bath; bedag—moisture; bedak—soak; bedal—dilution; bedap—dip; bedar—irrigation; bedav—wash; befab—pulp; beflag—grease; beflai—oil; befas—soap; begabo—dense; begafi—stiffly; begalo—hard; bejab—powder; bepabo—elastic; beqabo—tenacious; berabo—brittle; besab—friction; besnab—lubrication;
bib—sky; bicak—weather; bical—climate; bid—wind; bif—cloud; bigal—rain; bignal — drouth; bijab — storm; bijnab—calm; bikab—nature; bilab—ice; bilnab—thaw; bilaf—frost; bilak—snow; bimak — lightning; bimam — thunder; bipad—umbrella; bipaf—parasol; bira—planet; Birab—Mercury; Birac—Venus; Birad—Earth; Biraf—Mars; bisa—sun; bita—moon; biva—star; biza—uniyverse; bobac — matter; bocado — transparent; bochnado—opaque; bocal—crystal; bocam—mirror; bocap—luminary; bocat—flash; bodaco—white; bodamo—black; bofab—color; bofnabo—colorless; bofaco—red; bofafo—yellow; bofago—green; bofalo—blue; bokab—electricity; bolab—flavor; bolaco—pungent; bofalo—sweet; bolako—sour; bolamo—bitter; bomab—odor; bomaf — fragrance; borad — combustion; boraf—dissolve; borak—explodes; bosab—light; botab—heat;
bubac—earth; bubar—world; bucab—bucad—sea; bucaf—gulf; budab—land; budaf—continent; bufab—island; bulaf—hill; bumab—valley; bumap—channel; bunad—desert; bupal—stream; bupar—current; butap—tide; bur—river; bus—lake; but—mountain; buv—volcano;
cab — quantity; cad — degree; caf—amount; cam—excess; cami—too; capi—rather; caqi—almost; cari—singularly;

caso—desperate; cato—awful;
ceb—part; cedab—component; cefab—constituent; cegab—ingredient; cegnabo—extraneous;
cibo — equal; cibno — unequal; cid—much; cidno—little; cifi—hugely; cifni—minutely; cik—more; cikna—less; cim—most; cimna—least; cip—match; cipna—mismatch; ciq—coincidence; cinqa—contrast; cirabi—generally; cirmabi—special-ly;
cob—add; cobna—subtract; coda—adjunct; codna—remainder; cof—mix; cofni—simply; coka—joining; coknel—disjoins; cola—connection; colnel—disconnects; como—coherent; comni—incoherently; corel—combines; cornel—decomposes;
cuba—the whole; cubna—a portion; cudabi—totally; cufa—main part; cufo—major; cufno — minor; cugo—entire; cugno—defective; cuko—complete; cukno—Incomplete; culel—sums up; culnel—omits; cum—complement; cup—supplement; curel—includes; curnel—excludes;
da—place; dabac—situation; dabaf—sitting; dabag—position; dabaj—site; dabal—locality; dabam—lay; dabar—put; dabas—set; dacab—district; dacal—country; dacam—province; dacap—territory; dacav—State; dafad—office; dagacar—dweller; dajad—den; dakal—hole; dalab—field; dalac—farm; dalacar—farmer; dalad—garden; dalak—orchard; damac—architecture; damad—masonry; damagar—carpenter; damap—plaster; damas—paint; damatar—glazier; dapab—store; dapac—grocery; dapacak—candy store; dapacal—vegetable market; dapacam—meat market; dapad—clothing store; dapadad—tailor shop; dapaf—hat store; dapak—dry goods store; dapal—drug store; dapam—hardware store; dapan—toy store; dapap—restaurant; daqaq—barroom, saloon; dapar—bookstore; das

—furniture store; *dapat*—shoe store; *dapat*—cigar shop; *dapav*—jewelry store; *daralar*—lecturer; *dasab*—safe place; *dasaf*—refuge; *dasam*—home; *dasar*—harbor;

de—extension; *debab*—line; *debad*—thread; *decab*—layer; *deacak*—sheet; *dedab*—body; *defab*—top; *degab*—base; *degac*—foundation; *dejab*—side; *dejad*—right side; *dejaf*—left side; *dejal*—border; *delab*—bulk; *delac*—size; *delad*—dimension; *delaf*—measure; *delar*—reach; *demab*—gap; *demac*—interval; *demnac*—contiguity; *derab*—north; *desab*—south; *detab*—east; *devab*—west;

dt—environment; *dibac*—clothing; *dibnaco*—naked; *dibag*—garment; *dicaboo*—dressy; *dicnabo*—shabby; *didab*—cloth; *difab*—hat; *difac*—crown; *dijab*—collar; *dikab*—shirt; *dilab*—coat; *dimac*—cloak; *dirab*—skirt; *disak*—jewel; *dfsal*—lace; *ditab*—shoe; *divab*—sleeve; *dixabz*—trousers;

dobab—furniture; *docab*—chair; *dodab*—bed; *dofab*—table; *dogab*—dish; *dojab*—spoon; *dokab*—fork; *dolab*—stove; *dopab*—carpet; *doqab*—drapery; *dorab*—desk; *dotab*—clock; *dotac*—watch;

duba—dwelling; *dubal*—house; *dubas*—palace; *ducad*—village; *ducaf*—town; *ducak*—city; *dudaf*—roof; *dudar*—floor; *dufad*—door; *dufaf*—window; *dufap*—porch; *dufas*—stairway; *dugab*—room; *dujab*—street; *dujap*—pavement; *dujar*—sidewalk; *dukal*—lumber; *dukar*—board; *dulab*—barn; *dulac*—stable; *dulaf*—fence; *dulam*—yard; *dumaf*—fort; *dupab*—shop; *dupal*—depot; *durab*—school; *dural*—college; *durav*—university; *dusab*—church; *dusat*—temple; *dutab*—office; *dtac*—factory; *duthab*—theatre;

eb—to (inf); *eba*—to be; *ec*—(imperative); *eca*—be; *ed*—(pluperfect); *eda*—had been; *nefa*—has not been; *ega*—having been; *eka*—was, were; *ag weka?*—was it?; *ag neka*—it was not; *el* (pres-

ent); *ela*—is, are; *em*—(future); *ema*—will be; *era*—being; *esa*—about to be; *eta*—will have been; *eva*—to have been;

fabac—shape; *facab*—system; *facak*—method; *facam*—manner; *fadab*—formula; *fafac*—conventionality; *fafal*—formality; *fagab*—image; *fagac*—copy; *fagal*—likeness; *fakalo*—stylish; *faknaso*—unfashionable; *farabo*—customary; *farak*—habit; *faral*—usage; *farap*—practice; *fasabo*—symmetrical; *fasaf*—conformity; *fasak*—ratio; *fasal*—rate; *fasam*—proportion; *fasaq*—rank;

febac—ornament; *fecab*—burnish; *fecad*—polish; *fecag*—gild; *fecam*—enamel; *fedak*—spangle; *fedal*—tinsel; *fedamo*—gaudy; *fegado*—delicate; *fegef*—refinement; *fegar*—tact; *felaco*—comical; *felado*—droll; *felago*—funny; *felagi*—grotesquely; *felak*—ridicule; *felam*—sport; *falamo*—ludicrous; *felar*—derision; *femabo*—foppish; *femadar*—a dandy; *feqab*—affectation; *ferac*—mockery; *feraf*—farce; *ferap*—satire; *feram*—irony; *ferap*—humor; *feras*—wit;

ficad—advantage; *ficaf*—preference; *ficak*—choice; *fical*—election; *ficap*—superiority; *fidab*—precedence; *fidaf*—introduction; *fidam*—example; *figab*—front; *fignab*—back; *filab*—success; *filnac*—adversity; *fiqab*—conquest; *firab*—triumph; *jisab*—victory; *fitab*—supremacy;

fobac—evidence; *fobal*—diploma; *fobam*—warrant; *fodab*—qualification; *fodal*—allowance; *fofalo*—feasible; *fojado*—plausible; *fomab*—reason; *fomnabo*—sophistical; *fomado*—inductive; *fomar*—argumentation; *foqab*—intuition; *foqac*—instinct; *fosab*—demonstration; *fosad*—proof; *fosafa*—conclusive;

fubac—point; *fubak*—aim; *fucabo*—straight; *fucado*—direct; *fudab*—plane; *fudac*—angle; *fudad*—triangle; *fugaf*—square; *fugal*—hexagon; *fujaf*—tetrahedron; *fujal*—cube; *fukad*—pyramid; *fulab*—curve; *fumab*—circle; *funab*—cone;

fupak—coil; fupav—wave; fuqabo—rotund; furab—ball; furaco—spherical; fusabo—convex; futabo—concave;
gaba—sort; gaca—class; gada—genus; gafa—species;
gebaſ—meter; gebam—kilometer; gebrac—inch; gebrat—yard; gebram—mile; gedaf—liter; gedral—gallon; gefaf—gram; gefam—kilogram; gefram—pound; gegam—quadrant; gejab—height; gekab—interval; gelab—distance; gemab—temperature; gemacap—thermometer; gepaf—horse-power; qeqab—depth; gerab—price; gerac—money; gerdac—cent; gerdaf—dollar; gerak—currency; gerał—coin; geram—mint; gesabz—contents; gethab—thickness; gevab—value; geyab—quality;
gibo—long; gico—broad; gido—large; gifo—heavy; gijo—high; giko—open; gilo—far; gimabo—warm; gimaco—hot; gimado—torrid; gimak—fire; gipo—intense; gijo—deep; giro—dear; giso—full; gitbo—thick; givo—useful; giyo—good; gizo—many; gizi—often;
gobo—short; goco—narrow; godo—small; gofo—light; gojo—low; goko—shut; golo—near; gomabo—cool; gomaco—cold; gomado—frigid; gomako—icy; gopo—slack; goqo—shallow; goro—cheap; goso—empty; gotho—thin; govo—useless; goyo—bad; gozo—few; goz—seldom;
hab—have; hac—possess; hacar—possessor; hacat—property; had—hold; hafar—occupant; hagar—share-holder; haj—reserve; hak—keep; halak—rent; ham—retain; hap—save; haq—own; har—support; has—sustain; hat—restrain; hav—detain;
heb—get; hec—acquire; hed—receive; hef—find; heg—accept; hei—procure; hek—take; hel—steal; helar—thief; helat—booty; hem—grab; hemas—seize; hep—win; hepatz—winnings; heq—grasp; her—earn; hes—borrow; het—inherit;

hetar—heir; hetaraf—heiress; hetat—inheritance; hev—buy; hex—exchange; hib—want; hic—long for; hid—need; hik—ask; hil—demand; him—hunger; hin—thirst; hip—supplicate; hiq—impertinent; his—desire; hit—beseech; hiv—covet; hix—seek; hiz—crave; hob—give; hoc—yield; hod—cede; hof—bestow; hog—grant; hoj—surrender; hok—deliver; hol—slip, convey secretly; hom—pay; hop—confer; hor—furnish; hos—lend; hot—bequeathe; hov—sell; hoyad—afford; hoyam—impart; hub—lose; hue—forfeit; hud—relinquish; huf—drop; hug—miss; huk—mislay; hul—abandon; hun—waste; hup—dissipate; huq—squander; hur—devastate;
ib—pro; ibi—forward; ic—through; id—to; idh—at; idj—toward; if—on; ig—over; ij—up; ik—before; il—into; im—along; in—in; ip—by; iq—about; ir—with; is—for; it—till; ith—according to; ix—between; iz—among;
jabab—relation; jabac—concern; jabaf—reference; jabam—connection; jadab—reciprocity; jadal—alternate; jafab—similarity; jagab—homogeneity; jagaf—uniformity; jakal—identity; jalab—association; jalac—company; jaladi—together; jamaci—contrariwise; jamad—opposition; jarab—imitation; jaral—stipulation; jebab—begin; jebac—commence; jedac—source; jedag—origin; jekab—start; jelab—germ; jemab—egg; jepab—prepare; jerab—attribute;
jibab—middle; jidab—partition; jifab—center; jikab—focus; jilab—pith; jimab—heart; jitab—interim;
jobab—end; jodab—result; jokab—finish; jolab—boundary; jorab—conclusion; jotab—terminus;
jubab—order; jubnab—disorder; judab—gradation; jufab—subordination; jugab—arrangement; jukab—row; jumab—law; jupab—principle; jurab—conformity;

jusab—sample; jutab—illustration;
 kab—bring; kac—push; kad—drive;
 kaf—throw; kafad—sling; kafak—hurl;
 kafar—shoot; kag—shove; kaj—jerk;
 kam—strike; kap—pull; kar—carry; kas
 —send;
 keb—move; kebad—tendency; kebak—
 course; kecab—travel; kecag—campaign;
 kecak — excursion; kecal — expedition;
 kecap—pilgrimage; kecar—tour; kecav—
 walk; kedab — navigation; kedamar—
 mariner; kedar—seamanship; kefab—
 flight; kegab — burrow; kejab—swim;
 kejad—dive; kejaf—float; kelab—run;
 kelaf—flow; kelag—glide; kelar—race;
 kemac—creep; kep—come; keraj—jump;
 keral—plunge; kesab—meet; kesnab—
 separate; kesal—collide; kesnal—burst
 apart; ket—go; key—turn;
 kibac — advance; kicad — penetrate;
 kidac—reach; kifac—continue; kifik—
 stay; kigab—surpass; kijab—rise; kikal—
 lead; kilab—ingress; kimad—parallel;
 kipac—use; kiqac—approximate; kirac—
 accompany; kirad—attend; kiral—escort;
 kitaf—hap; kital—occur; kivab—control;
 kivak—curb; kivat—direction; kiwab—
 inquiry; kixab—intervention; kizad—mix;
 kizak—confusion; kobac—retreat; kocad—
 surround; kodab — depart; kofac—
 cease; kogam—submerge; kojab—fall;
 kokal—follow; kolab—egress; komad—
 cross; kopac—abuse; kopal—di·charge;
 kooad—recede; korac—abandon; kosid—
 hinder; kotap—disappear;kovab—obey;
 kowak — answer; koxab — transgress;
 kozad—sift;

kuh—change; kubak—transition; kubal—
 novelty; kubav—variety; kucab—con-
 vert; kucaf—transform; kudab—revert;
 kudac—reverse; kufal—revolve; kufat—
 rotate; kujab—modify; kulab—substi-
 tute; kumab—transpose; kupab—fluc-
 tuate; kunaç—vacillate; kurac—incident;
 kuraf — event; kusab — circumstance;
 kutab—destiny;

la—positive quality; labob—real; laboci—
 actually; labofu—authenticity; lacob—
 enough; ladob—spacious; ladop—free;
 lafov—beautiful; lagoc—excellent; lajol—
 dutiful; lajov—meek; lakob—rapid; laloc—
 important; lamob—expedient; lanob—
 clean; lapob — operative; larob — true;
 latob—permanent; latot—ready; lavob—
 willing; laxob—bountiful;
 le—plant anatomy; lebak—vine; lebat—
 tree; lec—root; ledaf—stem; ledag—
 twig; ledak—stick; lefab—fruit; lefag—
 grape; lefpa—nut; lefra—berry; lefsa—
 pome, seed fruit; lefsal—lemon; lefsap—
 apple; lefta—drupe, stone fruit; leftac—
 peach; leftal—olive; legaf—forest; legag—
 wood; lejab—bough; lekab—briar; lelaf—
 flower; lemaf—petal; lepab—bark;
 lepal—hull; lerab—leaf; lesak—kernel;
 lib—life; lic—health; lid—strength;
 lif—refresh; lig—eat; lim—awake; lip—
 drink; liq—breathe;
 lob—death; loc—sickness; lodo—weak;
 lofo—weary; logab—fast, hunger; lom—
 sleep; lopad—drown; loq—suffocate; lor—
 swoon;
 lua—a plant; lubac—seaweed; lubda—
 fungus; lucad—pine; lucaf—cedar; ludac—
 ash; ludaf—elm; ludak—oak; lug—a-
 garden vegetable; lukab—palm; lumba—
 flowering vine; lumda—flowering shrub;
 lumap—violet; luna—weed; lupa—grass;
 lura—cereal; lurab—barley; lurad—
 wheat; luram—maize; luras—rice; lusa—
 fiber plant; lusaf—flax; lusak—cotton;
 lusam—hemp; luta—spice plant; lutaf—
 cinnamon; lutag—ginger; lutap—pepper;
 Juva—seasoning plant; luvam—mint;
 liwa—narcotic; luwat—tobacco;
 ma—opposite of la; mabob—unreal;
 mabog—counterfeit; maof—ugly; makob—
 slow; manob—dirty; marob—false;
 matob—transient; maxog—stingy;
 me—anatomy; mebac—body; mebad—
 head; mebnad — foot; mebaf — face;
 mebnaf — back; mebaj — side; mebar —

arm; meca—surface of body; mecab—skin; mecad—beard; mecaf—hair; mecak—feather; mecal—nail; mecam—hoof; mecas—shell; mecat—horn; meda—part of head; medaf—forehead; medak—cheek; medap—lip; medas—mouth; mefab—hand; mefad—thumb; mefa—finger; megab—bone; megac—skull; megad—spine; megaf—rib; mejab—joint; mejaf—neck; mejak—shoulder; mejal—elbow; mejam—wrist; mejap—waist; mejaq—hip; mejar—knee; mekac—flesh; mekal—muscle; melac—tooth; melad—throat; melkad—stomach; melkay—liver; menad—spittle; menaf—tear; menag—sweat; mepac—heart; mepad—artery; mepag—vein; mepal—blood; merab—brain; meral—eye; meram—ear; merap—palate; meraq—nose; mecab—nerve; metaq—lung; mexab—sex;

mi—ery; mib—bird cry; mibac—crow; mibat—cackle; mic—dog cry; micab—bark; micad—howl; micag—growl; mid—cat cry; midaf—mew; midap—purr; mif—barnyard cry; mifab—bleat; mifad—bellow; migab—stridor; migag—grate; migaj—jar; migak—clank; mij—sibilatation; mijab—buzz; mijak—sneeze; mijas—hiss; mik—outcry; mikab—bawl; mikac—shout; mikal—yell; mikar—roar; mikas—snore; milab—resonance; milad—resound; milaf—plash; milak—tinkle; milam—chime; milaq—jingle; mimaf—rumble; mimam—boom; minab—silence; minac—hush; mip—musical instrument; mipcag—guitar; mipcak—lute; mipcar—harp; mipfac—violin; mipkad—piano; miplaf—fife; miplal—flute; miplay—bagpipe; mipmab—bugle; mipmac—cornet; mipmar—trumpet; miprad—organ; mipsad—bell; mipsad—drum; miq—sing; mirab—melody; mirac—concord; mirnac—discord; mirad—pitch; mirak—key; misab—music; misad—tone; mitac—chant; mitaf—hymn; mitag—psalm; mivag—giggle; mivnag—sob; mival—

laugh; mivnal—moan; miwab—inarticulate sound; miwam—mumble; miwat—mutter;

mo—visible expression; mobac—attitude; mobad—gesture; modac—smile; modnac—frown; molab—stare; molac—glare; monac—resist; monad—contend; monaf—fight; monag—struggle; monaj—antagonize; monak—kick; monal—combat; monam—battle; monaf—attack; monaq—defend; monav—war; mopad—stride; mopak—stalk; mopal—bluster; mopam—boast; mopar—brag; morat—tremble; mosad—cheer; mosak—applaud; mosam—commend; moyab—co-operate; moyac—agree; moyav—make peace;

mua—animal; muba—protozoa; muca—sponge; muda—mollusk; mufa—worm; mugdas—spider; mugan—bug; mugvak—fly; mugyab—bee; muja—fish; muka—reptile; mukla—snake; mukma—lizard; mula—bird; mulca—swimming bird; mulcam—duck; mulfal—stork; mulja—running bird; muljab—ostrich; mulkac—chicken; mulal—pigeon; multa—owl; mulva—vulture; mulvab—eagle; muqeä—whale; mura—rodent; murdab—hare; murma—mouse; murna—rat; mursa—squirrel; musa—herbivore; musab—elephant; musag—hog; musal—horse; musap—ox; musapf—cow; musrab—deer; musta—goat; musya—sheep; muta—carnivore; mutab—lion; mutca—big cat; mutcab—tiger; mutaf—cat; mutfag—kitten; mutka—dog; mutkar—hound; mutlab—bear; muxab—monkey; muxar—gorilla; tuyab—mankind;

ne—negative verb; neba—not to be; neca—be not; neda—had not been; nefä—has not been; nega—not having been; neka—was not; nela—is not; nema—will not be; nera—not being; neta—will not have been; neva—not to have been; ni—not;

o—(preposition, opposite to i); ob—back; oc—around; od—from; of—off; og

—under; oj—down; ok—after; ol—out
of; om—across; on—not in; op—despite;
oq—over against; or—without; os—
against; ot—since; oth—regardless of; ov—
of; ox—beyond; oz—except;

pa—instrument; pabal—tool; pacab—
engine; pacal—mill; padak—wheel; padal—
lever; pafad—sew; pafadap—needle;
pafag—knit; pafaj—crochet; pafal—lace;
pakab—hammer; pal—edge tool; palab—
wedge; palac—razor; palaf—knife; palag—
plow; pamabap—perforator; pamac—
auger; pamad—drill; pamar—key; panak—
tack; panal—lock; papab—merchan-
dise; papabac—wholesale merchandise;
papac—groceries; papag—millinery;
papaj—haberdashery; papak—drygoods;
papal—drugs; papam—hardware; papan—
notions, toys; papaq—liquors; paparad—
stationery; papas—furniture; papatam—
leather goods; papath—smokers' goods;
papav—jewelry; pasab—peg; pasak—
hook; pasal—handle; pavab—weapon;
pavac—club; pavad—sword; pavag—gun;
paval—cannon; pavam—bomb;

pe—receptacle; pec—cell; pedab—bas-
ket; pefab—barrel; pefag—jug; pefal—
bottle; pegab—bag; pegac—pouch; pegap—
pocket; pejab—box; pekaf—trunk;
penab—tub; penac—bucket; pevac—cis-
tern; pevad—tank; pevak—reservoir;

pi—vehicle; pidab—wagon; pidaf—car-
riage; pidak—cab; pifab—boat; pifac—
ship; pikab—aeroplane; pikac—biplane;
pilac—street car; pipac—mail; pipad—
postoffice; pipaj—postage; pipak—post-
card; pipal—letter; pipam—posta-
ge stamp; piqab—automobile; pirab—rail-
way; virac—locomotive; pirak—car; piral—
train; pitab—telegraph; pitak—tele-
phone;

pó—food; pocab—raw food; pofab—
beverage; pofac—coffee; pofad—tea;
pofag—cocoa; pofam—milk; pogab—
liquor; pogac—beer; pogal—wine; pogam—
whiskey; pojab—pickle; pojag—gravy;

pojal—salad; pojam—jam; pojaq—jelly;
pokab—cook; pokac—bake; pokad—
roast; pokaf—toast; pokal—broil; pokam—
boil; pokar—fry; pokas—stew; polab—
bread; polac—biscuit; polaf—loaf; polag—
waffle; polap—pastry; polaq—dough-
nut; polar—pie; polas—cake; polat—
cracker; pomab—meat; pomad—steak;
pomaf—cutlet; pomal—omelet; pomas—
sausage; popab—soup; popac—broth;
porac—cream; poraf—butter; poral—
cheese; posab—condiment; posag—sugar;
posal—salt; posam—mustard; posap—
pepper; posav—vinegar; pota—mealtime;
potab—breakfast; potac—lunch; potad—
dinner; potal—supper; poxab—hash;
pozab—dessert; pozad—pudding;

pub—waste; pucab—rubbish; pucak—
trash; pudab—dirt; pudaf—scum; pudaj—
dross; pudam—sediment; pufabz—ashes;
pugab—evil; pugal—harm; pukab—
obscenity; pukal—lust; pulad—wicked-
ness; pusab—sin; putab—crime; putar—
forgery; puvab—treason;

ra—person; rabal—individual; racab—
people; racaf—family; racam—nation;
racar—race; rada—male person; radac—
boy; radak—bachelor; radnak—widower;
radal—man; radam—husband; radamat—
bridegroom; radap—father; radapac—
grandfather; radapav—father-in-law;
radaq—uncle; radar—nephew; radas—
son; radat—brother; radya—sir, Mr.;
rafo—female; rafac—girl; rafyaj—young
lady; rafak—maiden; Rafyak—Miss; raf-
nak—widow; rafal—woman; rafam—
wife; Rafyam—madam, Mrs.; rafap—
mother; rafaq—aunt; rafar—niece; rafas—
daughter; rafat—sister; rafya—lady;
raga—either sex; ragab—baby; ragac—
child; ragaj—a youth; ragal—an adult;
ragap—parent; ragav—cousin; rajab—
chieftaincy; rajad—king; rajaf—queen;
rajag—rule; rajak—govern; rajal—pre-
side; rajamar—mayor; rajapar—superin-
tendent; rajaq—oversee; rajatar—direc-

tor; rajav — office; rakabar — soldier; rakabo — military; rakadar — sailor; rakal — legislate; raklab — senate; raklac; ralab — business; ralabo — busy; ralac — occupation; ralad — concern; ralag — engage; ralam — employ; ramab — serve; ramad — attend; ramag — agency; ramakar — waiter; ramalar — butler; ramas — assist; ramav — help; rapab — merchant; rapac — grocer; rapacak — confectioner; rapacal — greengrocer; rapad — clothier; rapadad — tailor; rapaf — hatter; rapag — milliner; rapaj — haberdasher; rapak — drygoods merchant; rapal — druggist; rapalac — apothecary; rapalam — pharmaceuticalist; rapam — hardware seller; rapan — knickknack dealer; rapap — restaurateur; rapaq — barkeeper; rapar — bookseller; raparad — stationer; rapas — furniture seller; rapat — shoe dealer; rapatam — leather dealer; rapath — tobacconist; rapav — jeweler; rabab — teach; rara — educate; rasab — finance; rasad — capital; rasal — bank; ratab — labor;

reb — think; rebad — idea; rebaf — opinion; rebak — deliberation; rebal — study; recab — attention; recad — heed; recaf — notice; recak — examine; recal — curiosity; recap — interest; recaq — question; recat — topic; recav — experiment; redab — evidence; redag — argue; refabo — possible; refado — probable; regalo — certain; regamo — positive; regas — demonstrate; rejab — bound; rejad — limit; rejaf — modify; rek — feel; rel — see; relav — look; rem — hear; remav — listen; remomi — audibly; rep — taste; req — smell; reqav — sniff; reso — conscious; ret — experience; rev — comprehend; rerab — learn.

rib — remember; ribado — retentive; ribak — recollect; ribal — remind; ribas — recognize; ricad — discover; rical — solve; ridab — judge; ridaf — arbitrate; ridak — award; rifak — optimism; rifnak — pessimism; rigab — belief; rignab — disbelief; rijab — credulity; ril — know; rilac —

science; rilac biv — astronomy; rilaco mul — ornithological; rimab — truth; riqab — maxim; risab — intelligence; risnakar — fool; risav — sanity; ritac — expect; ritawo — ominous; rivab — imagine; rivag — guess; rival — dream; rivam — idealize; rivar — romance;

ro — language; robac — signify; robaf — express; robak — declare; robam — metaphor; robar — interpret; robas — explain; robat — translate; robav — define; rocab — manifest; rocad — inform; rocaf — disclose; rocak — publish; rocal — news; rocam — message; rocap — report; rocar — rumor; rocav — advertise; rodab — vernacular; rofa — part of word; rofab — letter; rofac — consonant; rofad — vowel; rofaf — syllable; rofag — stem; rofal — prefix; rofam — suffix; rogab — word; rogac — part of speech; rogaz — word group; rogzaf — proposition; rogza — sentence; rojab — dictation; rokab — name; rokad — nominate; rolab — voice; rolac — enunciate; rolap — pronounce; rolas — emphasize; romab — speak; romaf — oration; romas — whisper; ronabo — dumb; ropab — loquacity; roqab — soliloquy; rorab — teach; rosad — address; rosak — accost; rotab — talk; roxab — converse;

rubab — indicate; rubac — figure; rubad — clew; rubaf — index; rubag — cipher; rubaj — badge; rubak — ticket; rubal — label; rubam — mark; rubap — banner; rubaq — autograph; rubar — guide; rucab — register; rucad — record; rucaf — trace; rucag — document; rudab — represent; rudac — portrait; rудал — engrave; rudas — art; ruf — write; rufac — transcribe; rufak — stenography; rufal — typewrite; rufamar — correspondent; ruga — part of book; rugac — title; rugaf — paragraph; rugaj — chapter; rugal — page; rujab — punctuate; rujad — comma; rukab — book; rukac — encyclopedia; rukav — volume; rulab — print; rulac — set type; rulakar — pressman; rulat — type; rumac — describe; rumad — nar-

rate; rumap — state; rumat — history; rumav — treatise; rupab — paper; rurab — read; rusab — poetry; rusaf — verse; rusak — rhyme; ruta — periodical; rutaf — daily paper; rutal — monthly publication; ruvab — drama; ruvac — tragedy; ruzab — library;

sa — the sensibilities; sabac — character; sabad — disposition; sabak — spirit; sabal — soul; sabam — mind; sacab — fervor; sacam — enthusiasm; sacap — passion; sadab — endurance; sadap — patience; sadar — fortitude; safam — tenderness; safas — sentiment; sakab — excite; samaf — serenity; sataf — fascinate; satal — enchant;

sebac — happiness; sebad — delight; sebij — enjoyment; sebak — liking; sedab — contentment; sedaf — relief; sedak — comfort; sedal — cheer; sedamo — merry; sedap — triumph; sedas — amuse; sefabo — esthetic; sefad — artistic; segab — good taste; sejab — apprehension; sejnad — bravado; sekab — fashion; sekad — decorum; selab — hope; semab — dare; sepab — caution; seqab — desire; serab — wonder; serad — astonish; seraf — admire; sesab — repute; sesad — distinction; sesag — glory; sesak — honor; sesal — fame; setab — pride; setnab — humility; setac — dignity; sevab — vanity; sevnab — modesty; sevac — conceit; seval — celebrate; sevas — insolence; sevat — impertinence;

siba — friendship; sibac — associate; sicab — sociality; sicadar — companion; sidab — courtesy; sifag — congratulate; sigab — like; sikab — love; sikaf — affection; silac — court; silak — kiss; silas — ca'ers; silnaj — resent; simab — benevolence; simac — kindness; simal — bless; simnap — threat; sipad — pity; siqab — sympathy; sirab — console; sitab — thank; sitag — gratitude; sivab — forgive; sivad — pardon; sivak — excuse; sivnal — revenge; siwab — jealous; sixav — envy;

sobad — right; sobnad — wrong; sobag — debt; sobaj — claim; sobal — privilege;

sobar — oblige; sobav — conscience; socab — respect; socaf — revere; socal — hallow; sodab — approve; sodac — endorse; sodaf — commend; sodar — praise; sofar — flatter; sofnar — disparage; sogab — vindicate; sognab — accuse; sogal — apology; sognal — prosecute; sojab — uprightness; sojad — justice; sojaf — fairness; sojal — loyalty; sokab — generosity; sokac — chivalry; solab — virtue; solad — desert; solafa — worthy; solap — innocence; solnap — guilt; solar — repent; solat — atonement; somab — temperance; somnam — gluttony; somas — chastity; sopab — legality; sopafar — lawyer; soqab — tribunal; sorab — jurisdiction; soraj — jury; sobab — acquit; sovab — reward; sovac — recompense;

suba — divinity; Suda — Heaven; Sudna — Hell; sufa — angel; sufna — demon; sugab — piety; sugad — religion; sugal — hallow; sulab — worship; sumab — idol; supab — theology; supac — priesthood; supacar — priest; supnacar — layman; supad — prophecy; supag — gospel; supagar — evangelist; supam — sermon; suprab — pope; suprac — cardinal; surab — orthodoxy; susab — revelation; sutab — rite; sutaf — baptism; sutag — sacrament; Suva — God; Suvna — Satan;

ta — time; tab — moment; tac — minute; tad — hour; taf — day; Tafab — Sunday; Tafac — Monday; Tafad — Tuesday; Tafaf — Wednesday; Tafag — Thursday; Tafal — Friday; Tafam — Saturday; tagab — morning; tagnab — evening; tagac — forenoon; tagaf — noon; tagar — dawn; taj — night; tak — week; tal — month; Talab — January; Talac — February; Talad — March; Talaf — April; Talag — May; Talal — June; Talam — July; Talaq — August; Talar — September; Talbach — October; Talbab — November; Talbac — December; tam — season; tamab — spring; tamac — summer; tamad — autumn; tamaf — winter; taq — year;

teba — duration; tebac — term; tebak — pendency; tebal — interim; tebam — mean-

while; teca—past time; teda—future time; tef—age; teg—a wrong date; tera—recurrent time; tesa—chronometry; teva—opportunity;

tiba—long time; tibac—prolong; tibadem—will last; ticabo—antique; ticaf—anciently; ticako—stale; ticalo—old; ticamo—obsolete; ticapo—primeval; ticaqot—antiquated; ticaro—primitive; ticav—tedium, ennui; tidaco—far off in time; tidafo—late; tidako—slow; tidal—interval; tidali—between times; tifo—old; tigabo—premature; tigaco—precocious; tijo—punctual; tik—last past; tik taf—yesterday; tik tak—last week; tilo—present; till—at present; til tab—this instant; tim next; tim taf—tomorrow; tigo—contemporaneous; tiro—periodic; tirad—series; tiraf—cycle; tirak—rhythm; tisa—correct time; tiva—timeliness;

toba—brevity; tobado—transitory; tocafo—recent; tocako—fresh; tocalo—new; tocamo—current; tocaqot—modernized; todaci—soon; todafo—early; todaki—quickly; todali—immediately; tofo—young; togab—delay; togaco—behind-hand; tojo—tardy; toro—spasmodic; tovo—inopportune;

ub—but; ubme—however; ubre—still; ubve—yet; ud—and; udbe—besides; udge—again; udje—both; udle—also; udme—unless; ufse—lest; ug—though; ugde—not-withstanding; uk—because; ukre—for; ukte—since; ukwe—whereas; ul—then; ulre—therefore; ulwe—wherefore; um—in order that; uq—than; ur—or; urne—nor; ut—that; uth—either; uz—as;

va—the will; vaba—volition; vabac—choose; vabad—see fit; vabag—volunteer; yabal—voluntary; vabar—prefer; vabas—determine; vacad—destine; vacaf—fate; vadaq—spontaneity; vadas—will-ingness; vafak—resolve; vagab—obstinacy; vagnab—fickleness; vakab—persevere; valab—option; vamab—habit; vaqa-

—caprice; varab—motive; varad—induce; varas—reason; vasab—plea; vasal—allege; vatab—predetermine; vatnaso—extra-temporaneous;

vebac—intend; vecal—speculate; vecak—venture; vecam—gamble; vecaz—hazard; vedac—chase; vedak—hunt; vedamar—sportsman; vefac—transact; vegac—scheme; vegad—design; vekar—require; velab—subserve;; velakz—resources; velap—deposit; velas—stock in trade; vemab—provide; vemas—supply; vepek—satisfy; veqab—exuberance; veram—improve; verat—restore; vesab—protect; vesad—safety; vesal—warn; vesam—alarm; vesar—escape; vesat—deliver; vesas—rescue; vetaf—prepare; vetak—essay; vetal—undertake; vetas—use; vibac—act; vibad—perform; vibak—do; vicab—activity; vicad—ardor; vicak—industry; vidab—conduct; vidac—behavior; vidakar—director; vidal—control; vidam—manage; vifab—advise; vifac—counsel; vifag—suggest; vigab—skill; vijab—cunning; vijad—diplomacy; vijalar—politician; vikab—facility; vilab—aid; vimac—complete; vipad—succeed; viqab—prosper; virab—trophy; vobac—influence; vobal—lordship; vobam—government; vocab—severity; vocad—harshness; vocago—stringent; vodab—command; vodac—dictate; vodaj—enjoin; vodak—call; vodas—summon; vofad—obey; vofnad—disobey; vogab—loyalty; vojab—compel; vojad—coerce; volaf—freedom; vorac—commission; vorak—consign; vosab—permit; votak—vacate; votar—resign;

vucad—consent; vudaf—offer; vugal—request; vulam—promise; vumar—contract; vusad—secure; vutal—observe; wa—question; Troy el wab?—Does Troy exist?

wek?—was?; wel?—is?; wem?—will?; el wubo?—is it possible?; wuco?—probable?; wudo?—certain?; wuk?—

can?; Ac wuk rem ab?—Can you hear me?; Ab wul ket?—May I go?; Ad wum ket?—Must he go?; Abz wus ket?—Should we go?; Ac wuv kep?—Would you come?;

ya—affirm; Troy ek yab—Troy did exist; Suva el yab—God exists;
ye—yea, yes; Ag yek—It certainly was;

yi—affirmatively, certainly;
yo—affirm;

yubo—possible; yuco—probable; yudo—certain; yuko—able; Ab yuk rem—I can hear; Ac yul ket—You may go; Ad yum ket—He must go; Abz yus ket—We should go; Ab yuv kep—I would come;

za—number; zab—1; zabna—fraction; zac—2;zacna—half; zad—3; zadna—one-third; zaf—4; zafna—quarter; zag—5; zal—6; zam—7; zaq—8; zar—9; zax—0; zabax—10; zabab—11; zabac—12; zacax—20; zacab—21; zadaf—34; zagal—56; zarar—99; zararar—999; zabafrac—1492; zad, fim, gbr—3,467,519; zaw—00 (hundred); zay—000 (thousand); zabaw—100; zacaw—200; zaday—3000; zafay—4000; zaray—9000; zabaxay—10,000; zabaway—100,000; zazab—million; zazac—billion; zazad—trillion; zaka—fold; zakab—unit; zakabi—singly, only, alone; zakabo—single; zakabu—singleness; zakac—duality; zakaci—doubly; zakaco—double, duplex; zakadi—trebly; zakafa—quadruple; zapa—consecutive order; zapab—the first; zapabi—firstly; zapabo—first, foremost; zapaco—second; zapadi—thirdly; zapabaxi—tenthy; zata—frequency, number of times; zatabi—once; zatabo—singular; zataci—twice; zatafi—four times; zatazawi—a hundred times; zatabi zatacni—one and a half times; zava—power; zavac—square; zavad—cube; zavna—root; zavnac—square root; zavnad—cube root;

zebac—assemble; zebnac—disperse; zebaf—compile; zedab—mob; zedac—

crowd; zedam—miscellany; zedaq—throng; zefab—band; zefac—crew; zefag—gang; zegab—squad; zegac—company; zegaf—regiment; zegar—army; zekab—clump; zekas—set; zemad—herd;

zibac—repeat; zici—again; zidab—beget; zifal—bear; zigab—revert; zilay—relapse; zimac—reproduce; ziqb—imitate; zirab—describe.

zobac—catalogue; zobal—list; zod—account; zof—bill; zok—file; zolac—calendar; zopad—synopsis; zovac—census; zoza—statistics;

zubalo—steadfast; zudab—infinity; zuc—all; zufi—ever; zugi—perfectly; zukabo—constant; zumo—immortal; zuqo—unchanging; zutu—eternity.

NAMING THE ELEMENTS

The Ro word “ba” means substance, and “bab” elementary substance. The elementary substances of chemistry are named by Ro according to Mendelejeff’s table of atomic weights. These names, therefore, carry in themselves an accurate description of the substances, a summary of all that science can tell concerning them. The first consonant after the initial “bab” denotes the group, and the second consonant the series in the group. The names are:

babdac—helium; babdad—neon; babdaf—argon; babdal—krypton; babdam—xenon;

babgab—hydrogen; babgac—lithium; babgad—sodium; babgaf—potassium; babgak—copper; babgal—rubidium; babgam—silver; babgan—caesium; babgas—gold;

babhac—beryllium; babhad—magnesium; babhaf—calcium; babhak—zinc; babhal—strontium; babham—cadmium; babhan—barium; babhas—mercury; babhax—radium;

babjac—boron; babjad—aluminum; babjaf—scandium; babjak—gallium; babjal—yttrium; babjam—indium; babjan

—lanthanum; babjar—ytterbium; babjas
—thallium;
bablac—carbon; bablad—silicon; bablafl
—titanium; bablak—germanium; bablal
—zirconium; bablam—tin; bablan—cer-
ium; bablas—lead; bablax—thorium;
babmac—nitrogen; babmad—phosphorus;
babmaf—vanadium; babmak—arsenic;
babmal — niobium; babmam — anti-
mony; babmar—tantalum; babmas—bis-
muth;
babnac — oxygen; babnad — sulphur;
babnaf — chromium; babnak — selenium;
babnal — molybdenum; babnam — telluri-
um; babnar—tungsten; babnax—uran-
ium;
babrac — fluorine; babrad — chlorine;
babraf — manganese; babrak — bromine;
babram—iodine;
babvaf — iron; babval — ruthenium;
babvar—osmium;
babyaaf — cobalt; babyal — rhodium;
babyar—iridium;
babzaf — nickel; babzal — palladium;
babzar—platinum.

The existence of three of these elements, scandium, gallium and germanium, was unknown until very recently. Yet Mendeleeff had predicted that they might become known and had described their characteristics in advance with scientific accuracy.

He was able to describe these unknown elements because he understood the law of atomic weights, of which Professor Duncan in his book, "The New Knowledge," says: "This periodic law of the atoms is God's alphabet of the universe. By means of it and by means of it only, can we ever hope to spell out the history and the future of the creation."

But science did not know how to use this alphabet in providing names for the new elements. The names given them indicate simply where they were discovered, in Scandinavia, Gallia (France), and Germany, and to the perpetual loss of all fu-

ture students of chemistry, give no description of the substances themselves.

John Stuart Mill's dictum that names of things should be so constructed as to convey all the information possible is clear-cut common sense.

When all words are built on that plan, language will become the open sesame to the Temple of Knowledge. This is the goal that Ro has in view.

PLANTS.

In Ro the initial syllable "lu" denotes the vegetable kingdom; "luga" denotes a plant used for food; the consonant following lug denotes the part of the plant that is eaten.

Lugaz avze lesadz abz lig ela lugbalz, lugbam, lugbanz ud lugbapz. Vegetables whose seeds we eat are lentils, maize, beans and peas.

Iz lugaz avze lefab ela ligot el at lugcaf, lugcak ud lugcatz. Among vegetables whose fruit is eaten are the cucumber, okra and tomatoes.

Abz lig at lerabz ov luglacz ud luglat; at ledafaz ov lugnak ud lugnas, at lecadz ate lugrap, ud at lecabz ov lugyabz, lugyacz, lugyapz ud lugyatz. We eat the leaves of cabbages and lettuce; the stems of sea kale and asparagus, the tubers of the potato, and the roots of beets, carrots, parsnips and turnips.

ROGZALZ—SENTENCES.

Uf ac el ir abz in at selab ebi Ro at ixracamo ro ate bubar, rufec id abz. If you are with us in the hope to make Ro the international language of the world, write to us.

Wela ap Ro rebal zeka in ace ducak, racaf ur durab? If ni, ac aq wem jekab apa? Is there a Ro study group in your city, family or school? If not will you yourself start one?

Fabac ace rebad il ap rogzal; daec ag if ap pipak ud pipac ag id abz. Shape your idea into a sentence; place it upon a postcard and mail it to us.

Ruf id ap sibar in aj ax racam; vosal ad ur af ril av abz el viber. Write to a friend in any other nation; let him or her know what we are doing.

Ac wel rev av ab ro id ac? Ac wuk reb in Ro? Do you understand what I say to you? Can you think in Ro?

Ye, ab rev av ac ro id ab, ud ab yuk reb in Ro. Yes, I understand what you say to me, and I can think in Ro.

Abz kas id ac abze sifabz ud cim giy seqavz. We send to you our greetings and best wishes.

Gyo tagab, abe sibar. Abz hab lafob bical til taf, we ne? Good morning, my friend. We have beautiful weather today, do we not?

Asi ag el, yi. Ac el lico ab selab. So it is, truly. You are well I hope.

Gyo tagnab, Raday Jones. Ab ne relef ac is ap gib ta. Ac wefa ol ducaf? Good evening, Mr. Jones. I have not seen you for a long time. Have you been out of town?

Ye, Rafyak Brown. Ab ketek if ap kecal id Boston ud efa is zabax tafz in at detab. Ab zikatek dasam tik taf. Yes, Miss Brown. I went on an expedition to Boston and have been for ten days in the east. I returned home yesterday.

Ab rivac ac relek ace rafat avit ac eka in Boston. Awi el af? I suppose you saw your sister when you were in Boston. How is she?

Ye, ab relek af ud afe radam ud agze godod radac. Agz eka zuc lico. Yes, I saw her and her husband and their little boy. They were all well.

Birab el at bira cim gol at bisa. Ag kecab oc at bisa in zaqaq birado tafz. Mercury is the planet nearest the sun. It travels around the sun in eighty-eight terrestrial days.

PROGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE.

The International Research Council (Conseil International de Recherches) whose headquarters are at Brussels, Belgium (Bruxelles, Belgique), at its meeting in July, 1919, appointed a Committee on International Auxiliary Language (Commission de Langue Internationale Auxiliaire).

The chairman of this committee is Dr. F. G. Cottrell, Director of the Bureau of Mines; its secretary is Mr. Ward Nichols, and its offices are at 1701 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C.

This committee is now taking steps to secure the attention of responsible academic agencies to a thorough investigation of the problem of an international language, with a view to stimulating study and centralizing effort through competent and conservative channels preparatory to eventually securing a broadly representative and competent international commission, to deal constructively and authoritatively with the subject and insure practical international communication. It will keep up the rapidly increasing correspondence, supply detailed information of sources, and help the individual university groups to build up their library equipment.

Believers in an a-priori system of language like Ro will await the outcome of such deliberate action with confidence, sure that it cannot result in anything else than the creation of an absolutely new language, on the philosophic basis.

In the meantime this "Key to Ro" goes out to the public, after more than sixteen years of diligent toil have gone into its preparation, carrying with it an invitation to everybody, from the university president or professor to the man of business or the child who is just learning to read,

to look into it enough to catch the idea on which it is based.

We want to make arrangements with printers in all lands who will translate and print this Key in their own native speech.

Ro can then be used at once for international correspondence, either between individuals, or between educational, commercial or other groups.

Next we hope to have the aid of scientists who will assist in preparing larger dictionaries with accurate and complete technical vocabularies. This will open the way for scientific textbooks, up-to-date in every particular with all that science knows, yet presented in words that will be definite, easy and daylight-clear to the ordinary average individual. It will remove the stumbling-stones from the highway of science, and make learning a delight.

PRAISES RO.

Mr. H. Kirkwood, a New York writer, in a widely circulated article on "The Ultimate Language," says:

"The Phoenicians accomplished a great improvement when they made the symbols express the sound of the word; it has been often called the most important invention ever made. The twentieth century is capable of a far greater and more valuable achievement—making the symbols indicate not only the sound but also the idea."

In the same article he quotes from the Ro Dictionary and adds:

"This is the logical, scientific, philosophic, a-priori method. It cannot be outgrown; it is capable of supplying a complete vocabulary of wonderful directness and exactness."

THE SCIENTIFIC LANGUAGE

The stereotype plates from which this morning's newspapers were printed cannot be sawed up into type for tomorrow's papers. They go through the melting pot and are remolded in new matrices.

I happened to be a visitor in the composing room of the Cincinnati Enquirer at the time the first linotype to enter that establishment was being slowly rolled in through the doorway. A compositor standing by my side said to me almost pathetically: "I never thought the time would come when the iron man would knock us printers out, but he is doing it."

More recently I was at one of our great Eastern universities canvassing for Ro. One of the professors remarked to me: "I make my living teaching Latin. Bring in a new language, and I shall be out of a job."

Greek and Latin were model languages twenty centuries ago. We cannot now cut them up into international words, from which to patch together an international language adequate for modern needs. When they go into the melting pot the words vanish like the letters on a molten stereotype plate. The IDEAS alone withstand the furnace, and an a-priori language is the only possible outcome.

This truth is so clear and palpable that the asseveration of Greek and Latin professors who, in spite of logic and the evidence of their own senses, insist that "there is no such animal," becomes grotesque.

We may feel sorry for them, but when the linotype comes in, the hand-setter must learn the linotype or go, and when the a-priori language comes in, the Latin professor must learn it, or look for a new job.

Ro is the a-priori language, and it is written in the stars, as well as in logic and the absolute necessities of the world, that Ro is going to win.

E. P. F.

THE RO LANGUAGE SOCIETY.

The first publication of Ro was an 8-page leaflet in 1906. A little booklet in 1910 was followed by a larger book, Ru Ro, in 1913, by a monthly publication, World-Speech, from 1912 to December, 1919, and by a Ro-English Dictionary in January, 1920.

Two corporations for its aid have been formed at Marietta, the Universal Language Society, and the Ro Publishing Company.

The working force of the Ro Language Society consists of Rev. Edward P. Foster, inventor of Ro, and Mrs. Edward P. Foster, secretary. Its Sustaining Membership consists of all those who contribute the sum of One Dollar a year to the support of the Society in its work of creating a world language. The most of its members at present are in the cities of Marietta, Ohio, and Parkersburg, West Virginia. However, it aspires to become a truly international Society, and cordially invites memberships from all over the world. To each of them goes a copy of the Ro-English Dictionary, while the edition lasts.

This Key to Ro is published under its auspices, and it plans the translation and publication of the Key in all languages of the world, so soon as its funds will permit. Lend a helping hand.

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