NEO GRAMMAR IN TWO PAGES

PRONUNCIATION. Neo, like Spanish, is pronounced exactly as it is spelt. No letter is silent. Every letter has one sound, always the same.

VOWELS. There are 5 vowels: a, e, i, o, u; they may vary in length and are indifferently short or long. They are pronounced as follows: a like palm, father; e like bet, bay, late, leather; i like bit, beet, in, if, easy; o like on, off, go, low; u like foot, rule, moon.

CONSONANTS: c and ch are pronounced like church, China; g like go, get, gun; j like jet, John; r like red, rag, round, rat; s like sit, sue, son, summer; z like zoo; x like axe, box, excited (never gz like example). All other letters same as in English.

Definite article lo: the.

Ending o may be dropped before words beginning with a vowel: l'arbo,

l'arbos the tree, the trees;

in the plural, when preceding an invariable word, ending s may be added: los Smith, los Nelson the Smiths, the Nelsons; it may be added also when suggested by a want of clearness or euphony.

INDEFINITE ARTICLE un: a, an.

The ADJECTIVE ends with the letter a: bona good; forta strong.

the ADVERB deriving from an adjective ends with the letter e: forte strongly.

The NOUN ends with o (plural os): frato, fratos brother, brothers; soro, soros sister, sisters; gardeno, gardenos garden, gardens; tablo, tables table, tables; libro, libros book, books.

Ending o is frequently dropped in the SINGULAR, so long as the pronunciation remains very easy: frat, sor, garden. One may not say tabl, libr, because the pronunciation would be difficult. THE PLU-RAL ENDING OS IS NEVER DROPPED.

NUMBERS:

un du tre qar qin sit sep ot non is ek mil milyon 5 6 7 8 9 10 100 1000 million

All other numbers by compounding these 13 elements: isun isdu istre isaar isain issit issep isot isnon duis duisun

16 17 18 14 15 13 duisdu treis treisot qaris qarisqin qinis sitis sepis otis 60 80 50 45 30 22

otisun nonis nonisnon ek un ek sepisot duek treek qarek 300 400 200 101 178 90 81

otmil qarek sepmil nonisqin qinek sitmil 8400 500 6000

ORDINAL NUMBERS: prima, una first; dua second; trea third; qara fourth; ota eighth; isa tenth; eka hundredth.

PRONOUNS

SUBJECT (1)		OBJECT (1)		POSSESSIVE	
mi tu il el it so nos vu zi zel	I you he she it oneself; one we you they they (fem.)	me te le (-y) le, it se ne ve ze ze (-y)	me you him her it oneself us you them them (fem.)	ma ta la la la sa na va za	my; mine your; yours his her; hers its his; one's our; ours your; yours their; theirs

- (1) IMPORTANT: After a preposition the pronoun takes always the "subject" form: mi gar kon il I go with him; Venar vu kon nos? are you coming with us?
- (2) Example for possessive adjective: ma dom, ma domos my house, my houses; possessive pronouns end with s in the plural: lo ma. lo mas mine.

The **VERB.** Conjugation of the verb i (to have) (same form for all persons)

Present ar mi, tu, il, nos, vu, zi ar I have, you have, he has Past tense, Imperfect .. ir mi, tu, il, nos, vu, zi ir I had, vou had, he had, we had Future or mi, tu, il, nos, vu, zi or I shall have, you will have Conditional (3) ur mi, tu, il, nos, vu, zi ur I should have, you would have Imperative, Subjunctive iu Iu duldo! have patience! (pron i-u) Past participle at had (mi ar at I have had) Present participle ande having (adjective: anda) Compound participle .. inde having had (adjective inda)

(3) The "conditional" tense may be ignored by beginners and by persons who don't use this tense in their mother tongue.

This verb i is the pattern and the ending of ALL OTHER VERBS:

si to be; mi sar I am; il sir he was; el sur she would be; sat been; fi to do; tu far you do; nos fir we did; vu ar fat you have done; vidi to see; nos vidar we see; el vidor she will see; vidinde having seen; promeni to walk; zi promenir they walked; el ar promenat she has walked.

VOCABULARY: ya yes; no no, not; forse perhaps; sem always; ni never; of often; vo where; ik here; ye there; toye everywhere; de of; da from; e and; o or; kon with; sen without; an also; nur only; parli to speak; angla English; Anglal English (language); xena foreign; kompreni to understand; pli to please; pi to be able; par vu? can you? po for; somo something; epe a little; dezi to wish; lente slowly; vit quickly; speri to hope; kras to-morrow: oje to-day; yer yesterday; fas almost; mul much, many; muy very.

Parlar vu Anglal? No, mi xena. Do you speak English? No, I am

Mi komprenar epe, mo no par I understand it a little, but I cannot parli. Mi dezur apreni an Neo. Neo un linguo iza e plaza. Par mi fi somo po vu? Pli, parlu lente, mi no kompre-Mi sperar ve vidi kras. Sar vu of ik? Fas sem.

Bonid, Sir. Bonser, Madam.

Alvid, Damel Janin, Bonnox.

speak it. I should like to learn Neo too. Neo is an easy and pleasant language. Can I do something for you? Please, speak slowly, I don't understand. I hope to see you to-morrow. Are you often here? Almost always. Good morning, Sir. Good evening,

Good-bye, Miss Jane. Good night.

a foreigner.

After reading these two pages, you know all essential rules of Neo.