

Languages

Language	Type	Typical Speakers	Alphabet
Affa	Lost	(dead language from the Isle of the Elephant)	Affa
Aquan	Elemental	Water elementals, sea mages	Jannti
Auran	Elemental	Air elementals, wind mages	Jannti
Burnt Tongue	Lost	(dead language from the Pearl Cities)	Elven
Chun	Lost	(dead language from the Haunted Lands)	Chun
Common	Outlander	Foreigners	Common
Dwarven	Racial	Mesa dwarves	Dwarven
Elven	Racial	Oasis elves, dune elves	Elven
Giant	Racial	Ogres, sand giants	Dwarven
Goblin	Racial	Sewer goblins	Midani
Halfling	Racial	Sandstorm halflings	Common
Ignan	Elemental	Fire elementals, flame mages	Jannti
Jannti	Racial	Genies of all types, sahers, sha'irs	Jannti
Kadari	Lost	(dead language from the Ruined Kingdoms)	Kadari
Midani (East)	Enlightened	Residents of eastern Zakhara	Midani
Midani (Free)	Enlightened	Residents of the Free Cities and Qudra	Midani
Midani (Heart)	Enlightened	Residents of Huzuz and Hiyal	Midani
Midani (Pantheon)	Enlightened	Residents of the Pantheon cities	Midani
Midani (Pearl)	Enlightened	Residents of the Pearl cities	Midani
Noga	Lost	(dead language from the Ruined Kingdoms)	Noga
Orc	Racial	Orcs, half-orcs	Dwarven
Sakhamic	Lost	(dead language from Sakham), kheri	Sakhamic
Terran	Elemental	Earth elementals, sand mages	Jannti
Yikari	Racial	Yak-men	Yikari

While there is one “common” tongue in the Land of Fate - Midani - there are a number of other languages spoken in the region, as shown on the table above.

The Enlightened Language: Midani is the language of all civilized and intelligent creatures, and is by far the most commonly spoken language in the Land of Fate. Midani is the language in which the Laws of the Loregiver were set down by the First Caliph. There are five regional dialects in the Land of Fate; however, it's not particularly hard to communicate with someone from another region.

Elemental Languages: These are spoken by the genies to their underlings on the various elemental planes, and are also used as secret languages among the province mages. For example, the Brotherhood of the True Flame uses Ignan in their writings. The written forms of the elemental languages use Jannti for their alphabet.

Racial Languages: These languages are related to their non-Zakharan counterparts and can be understood -- albeit with some struggle -- by outlanders. Isolated groups uses these as their primary language except for trade (which is always done in Midani), and in cities the racial languages are used in the home.

Lost Languages: Often found on ancient ruins, they bear testimony of ancient civilizations which predate Zakharan culture. The only one which is actively spoken today is Sakhamic, and kher use it for communication within their battle-companies. Viziers and kahins will often learn lost languages in order to better learn from the past.

Outlander: The "Common" tongue is not spoken in Zakhara, except among those merchants who trade extensively with the North. A few corsairs out of Hawa use Common on their ships.