

Middle Cornish paradigms

Pronouns

	singular	plural
Independent:		
1	/my/	1 /ni/
2	/ty/	2 /hwi/
3m.	/ev/	3 /i/
3f.	/hi/	
Possessive:		
1	/ow/	1 /agan/
2	/dhe/	2 /agas/, /as/
3m.	/y/	3 /aga/
3f.	/({h})y/	
Infixed possessive:		
1	/'m/	1 /'gan/
2	/'dh/	2 /'gas/
3m.	/'y/	3 /'ga/
3f.	/'y/	
Infixed object:		
1	/'m/	1 /'gan/, /'n/
2	/'dh/	2 /'gas/
3m.	/'n/	3 /'s/
3f.	/'s/	
Suffixed single:		
1	/ve/, /ve/, /-ma/	1 /ni/
2	/ji/, /-ta/	2 /hwi/
3m.	/e(v)/	3 /i/
3f.	/({h})i/	
Suffixed double:		
1	/-a-ve/	1 /-ni-ni/
2	/-te-ji/	2
3m.	/-ve/, /-fe/, /-e-ev/	
3f.	/-i-hi/	

Prepositions

First conjugation:	/war/ 'on, upon'		
1	/warnav/	1	/warnan/
2	/warnas/	2	/warnowgh/
3m.	/warnodho/	3	/warnedhe/
3f.	/warnydh/		

Conjugated like /war/:

/a/ 'out of, of, from'			
1	/ahana(v)/	1	/ahanan/
2	/ahanas/	2	
3m.	/anodho/	3	/anedhe/
3f.	/anedhi/		

Second conjugation: /rag/ 'for, because of'

1	/ragov/	1	/ragon/
2	/ragos/, ?/ragas/	2	/ragowgh/
3m.	/ragtho/	3	/ragdhe/
3f.	/rygthi/, ?/ragthe/		

Conjugated like /rag/ is the following compound with /rag/:

/dhe-rag/ 'before'			
1		1	/dhe-ragon/
2		2	
3m.		3	/dhe-ragdhe/
3f.	/dhe-rygthi/		

Also conjugated like /rag/ are:

/dre/, /dyr/ 'through, by, by way of'			
1	/dredhov/	1	
2		2	/dredhowgh/
3m.	/dredho/	3	/dredhe/
3f.	/drydhi/		

/yn/ 'in, into; on (the cross)'			
1		1	
2	/ynnos/	2	
3m.	/ynno/	3	/ynne/
3f.	/ynni/		

/yntre/, /ynter/ 'between, among'			
1		1	/yntredhon/
2		2	
3m.		3	/yntredhe/
3f.			

Third conjugation:	/gans/ 'with, by'		
1	/geny(v)/	1	/genyn/
2	/genys/	2	/genowgh/
3m.	/ganso/	3	/ganse/
3f.	/gynsi/		
	(A 1sg. form /genav/ occurs once.)		

Like /gans/ are conjugated:

	/worth/, /orth/ 'against, at, to'		
1	/(w)orthv/	1	/(w)orthyn/
2	/(w)orthys/	2	
3m.	/(w)orto/	3	/(w)orte/
3f.	/(w)orti/		
	/dhe-worth/ 'from'		
1	/dhe-worthv/	1	/dhe-worthyn/
2	/dhe-worthys/	2	
3m.	/dhe-worto/	3	/dhe-worthe/
3f.			

Fourth conjugation: /dhe/ 'to'

The preposition /dhe/ forms a conjugation class of its own. It also distinguishes itself by having two paradigms, one with long forms and another with short forms:

Long forms:

1	/dhymmo/	1	/dhynni/
2	/dheso/, /dhyso/	2	/dhe(w)hwi/, /dhy(w)hwi/
3m.	/dhodho/	3	/dhedhe/
3f.	/dhydhi/		

Short forms:

1	/dhymm/	1	/dhynn/
2	/dhys/	2	/dhewgh/, /dhywgh/
3m.	/dhy/	3	
3f.			

Compound prepositions

/a-dro dhe/ 'around, about'

1		1	
2		2	
3m.	/a-dro dhodho/	3	
3f.	/a-dro dhedhi/		

*/bys dhe/ 'as far as, up to'

1		1	
2	/bys-dheso/	2	
3m.	/bys dhy/, /bys dhodho/	3	
3f.	/bys dhedhi/		

<i>/erbyn/</i> ‘against’			
1		1	
2	<i>/er-dhe-byn/</i>	2	
3m.	<i>/er-y-byn/</i>	3	<i>/er-aga-fyn/</i>
3f.			

<i>/yn-herwydh/</i> ‘in association with, together with’			
1		1	
2	<i>/yn-dhe-herwydh/</i>	2	
3m.		3	<i>/yn-aga-herwydh/</i>
3f.			

<i>/yn-mysk/</i> ‘among(st), amid(st)’			
1		1	
2		2	<i>/yn-agys-mysk/</i>
3m.		3	
3f.			

<i>/war-lergh/</i> ‘after, following’			
1		1	
2	<i>/war-dhe-lergh/</i>	2	
3m.	<i>/war-y-lergh/</i>	3	<i>/war-aga-lergh/</i>
3f.			

Demonstrative pronouns

	masc.	fem.
‘this’	<i>/hemme/</i>	<i>/homma/</i>
‘that’	<i>/henna/</i>	<i>/honna/</i>

Verbs

(N.B. /^v-.../ indicates vowel change in the stem; /^H-.../ indicates provection of the final consonant of the stem.)

Indicative

Present

1	/-a(v)/	1	/-yn/, / ^v -yn/
2	/ ^v -ydh/	2	/-ewgh/, / ^v -owgh/
3	/-/ , / ^v -/	3	/-ons/, / ^v -ons/
impersonal: / ^v -yr/			

Imperfect

1	/-en/, / ^v -yn/	1	
2	/-es/	2	
3	/-e/, / ^v -i/	3	/ ^v -ens/
impers.			

Preterite

1	/ ^v -ys/	1	/ ^v -syn/
2	/-sys/	2	/ ^v -sowgh/
3	/-as/, /-ys/, / ^v -ys/	3	/-sons/
impers.			

Pluperfect

1	/-sen/	1	
2	/-ses/	2	/-sewgh/
3	/-se/	3	/-sens/
impers.			

Subjunctive

Present

1	/ ^v -Hyv/	1	/ ^v -Hyn/
2	/ ^v -Hi/	2	/ ^v -Hewgh/, -Howgh/
3	/-Ho/	3	/-Hons/
impers. /-er/			

Past

1	/-Hen/	1	/-Hen/
2	/-Hes/	2	
3	/-He/	3	/-Hens/
impers.			

Imperative

1		1	/ ^v -yn/
2	/-/	2	/-ewgh/, / ^v -ewgh/, / ^v -ywgh/, /-owgh/, / ^v -owgh/
3	/-es/, /-ens/, / ^v -yns/	3	/-es/, / ^v -es/, /-ens/

The paradigm of 'to be':

Indicative

Present

1	/ov/, /asov/	1	/on/
2	/os/, /asos/	2	/owgh/
3	/iw/, /asiw/, /eji/ /yma/ /eus/	3	/yns/ /ymons/
	impers. /eder/		

Imperfect

1	/en/, /ejen/	1	
2	/ejes/	2	
3	/o/, /eje/	3	/ens/, /ejens/
	impers.		

Preterite

1	/beuv/	1	/beun/
2	/beus/	2	
3	/beu/	3	/bons/
	impers.		

Pluperfect

1	/bien/	1	
2		2	/biewgh/
3	/bie/, /asevie/	3	
	impers.		

Habitual

Present

1	/bedhav/	1	/bydhyn/
2	/bydhydh/	2	
3	/bydh/	3	/bedhons/
	impers. /bedher/		

Past

1		1	/bedhen/
2		2	
3	/bedhe/	3	

Subjunctive

Present

1		1	/been/
2	/bi/	2	/bewgh/
3	/bo/	3	/bons/, /byns/
	impers.		

Past

1	/ben/	1	/ben/
2	/bes/	2	
3	/be/	3	/bens/
	impers.		

Imperative

2	/bydh/	2	/bedhowgh/
3	/bedhes/	3	/bedhens/

Verbal noun: /bos/, /bones/. A verbal adjective is not attested.

The paradigm of 'to know'

Indicative

Present

1	/gon/	1	/godhen/
2	/godhes/	2	/godhowgh/
3	/gor/	3	
	impers. /godher/		

Imperfect

1		1	
2		2	
3	/godhye/	3	/godhyens/
	impers.		

Preterite

1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
	impers.		

Pluperfect

1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
	impers.		

Habitual

Present

1		1	
2		2	
3	/go/dh)vydh/	3	
	impers.		

Subjunctive

Present

1		1	
2		2	
3	/godhvo/	3	
	impers. /-er/		

Past

1		1	
2	/godhves/	2	
3	/godhve/	3	
	impers.		

Imperative

1			
2		2	/godhvedowgh/,
3		3	

Verbal noun: /godhvos/

Verbal adjective: /godhvedhys/

The paradigm of 'to have'

Indicative

Present

1	/a'm beus/	1
2		2
3m.	/a'n jeves/	3
3f.		

Imperfect

1		1
2	/a'dh fo/	2
3m.	/a'n jevo/	3
3f.		

Preterite

1		1
2	/a feu/	2
3m.	/a'n jeve/	3
3.f.	/a's teve/	

Pluperfect

1		1
2		2
3		3

Habitual

Present

1	/a'm bydh/	1	/a'gan bydh/
2	/a fydh/	2	/a'gys bydh/, /a's bydh/
3m.	/a'n jevydh/	3	/a's tevydh/
3f.	/a's tevydh/		

Subjunctive

Present

1	/a'm bo/	1	
2	/a fo/	2	/a'gas bo/
3m.	/a'n jefo/	3	/a's tefo/
3f.			

Past

1	/a'm be/	1	/a'gan be/
2		2	
3m.	/a'n jefe/	3	
3f.			

The paradigm of 'to go'

Indicative

Present

1	/-av/	1	/en/
2	/edh/	2	/ewgh/
3	/a/	3	
	impers.		

Imperfect

1	/en/	1	
2		2	
3	/e/	3	/ens/
	impers.		

Preterite

1		1	
2	/edhys/	2	/edhewgh/
3	/edh/	3	/edhons/
	impers.		

Perfect

1		1	
2		2	
3	/gallas/	3	

Pluperfect

1	/gallsov/	1	
2		2	
3	/gallse/	3	
	impers.		

Subjunctive

Present

1		1	/yllyn/
2		2	/yllewgh/
3	/ello/	3	
	impers.		

Past

1	/ellen/	1	
2		2	
3	/elle/	3	
	impers.		

Imperative

1		1	
2	/ke/, /a/	2	/ewgh/
3	/ens/	3	/a/

Verbal noun: /mones/, /mos/

Verbal adjective: /gyllys/

The paradigm of 'to come'

Indicative

Present

1	/dov/	1
2	/deuth/	2
3	/deu/	3
	impers.	/dons/

Imperfect

1		1
2		2
3	/do/	3
	impers.	/dens/

Preterite

1		1
2		2
3	/deuth/	3
	impers.	/deuthons/

Perfect

1		1
2		2
3	/deuve/	3

Pluperfect

1		1
2		2
3	/dothyte/	3

Subjunctive

Present

1		1
2	/dyfi/	2
3	/defo/	3
	impers.	/dyfons/

Past

1		1
2		2
3	/defe/	3
	impers.	/defens/

Imperative

1		1	/deun/
2	/deus/	2	/dewgh/
3		3	

Verbal noun: /devones/, /dones/, /devos/, /dos/

Verbal adjective: /devedhys/, /dyvydhys/

The paradigm of 'to do', 'to make'

Indicative

Present

1	/gwgrav/	1	/gwren/
2	/gwreudh/ (?)	2	/gwrewgh/
3	/gwra/	3	/gwrongs/
	impersonal: /gwrer/		

Imperfect

1		1	
2	/gwreus/	2	
3	/gwre/	3	/gwrens/
	impers.		

Preterite

1		1	
2	/gwreussys/	2	
3	/gwreug/	3	/gwreussons/
	impers.		

Pluperfect

1	/gwreussen/	1	
2	/gwreusses/	2	/gwreussywgh/
3	/gwreusse/	3	/gwreussens/
	impers.		

Subjunctive

Present

1	/gwryllyv/	1	
2	/gwrylli/	2	/gwyellowgh/
3	/gwrello/	3	/gwrellons/
	impers.		

Past

1	/gwrellyn/ (?)	1	/gwrella/
2		2	
3	/gwrelle/	3	
	impers.		

Imperative

1		1	/gwren/
2	/gwra/	2	/gwrewgh/
3	/gwrens/	3	

Verval noun: /gw(r)euthyl/, /geul/

Verbal adjective: /gwrys/, /oberys/