

# Counting in Tonk

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I cannot imagine why you would want to know this. I needed to know it, though, and have just had to go through it again. So thought I'd share. Here is counting in Tonk.

0 – ip  
1 – dai  
2 – rai  
3 – vai  
4 – roi  
5 – shet  
6 – fyn  
7 – kyn  
8 – nosa  
9 – kel  
10 – ta  
11 – ta-dai  
12 – ta-rai  
13 – ta-vai  
... and so on.

20 is **ro**, 30 is **vo**, 40 is **ran**, 50 is **shan**, 60 is **fynan**, 70 is **kynan**, 80 is **nosan**, 90 is **kelan**. Hundreds are **cet**, so that 100 is **tacet**, 200 **rocet**, etc.. Thousands are **haal** in the same manner that hundreds are **cet**, ten thousands are **tahaal**, hundred thousands are **cethaal**. If you have to count beyond the hundred thousands, you're probably not Tonk.

As a final couple of examples, 335 would be **vocet-vo-shet**, and 4289 would be **roihaal-rocet-nosan-kel**.

More than you ever wanted to know, I know. But too nerdy for me not to pass on. I love stuff like this. I was one of the people who memorized Tolkien's glossaries.

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