

Kurdish Sorani speakers

English as an additional language (EAL) developmental features:

Introduction

- in Kurdish Sorani the basic word order in a sentence is: subject:-verb-object (SVO)
- there are no pronouns to distinguish between masculine and feminine
- the definite article appears after a noun a variety of prepositions exist to indicate place, time, conditions etc.
- there are verb tenses indicating past/past perfect/present/future plurals do exist - in Kurdish Sorani this is indicated by adding an extra two letters to the singular form to make plurals
- adjectives come after nouns
- there is no verb inflection to signal gender.

Script features

- Kurdish Sorani writing starts from right to left in a horizontal form
- Characters sit on the line and space is left between words in a sentence
- Kurdish (Sorani and Badini) has 36 letters and distinguishes between vowels and consonants
- there are no capital letters in Kurdish Sorani
- punctuation is similar to English
- some letters change shape depending on whether they are at the start, in the middle or at the end of the word.