

# Tengwar Classification according to J.R.R. Tolkien (Appendix E of The Lord of the Rings)

## Primary Letters

Composed by:

- four témar (series)
- six tyeller (grades)

Grades	Series			
	Series I tincotema	Series II parmatema	Series III calmatema	Series IV quessetema
Grade 1	ṛ	Ṗ	ḡ	ḥ
	Tinco	Parma	Calma	Quesse
Grade 2	ṛ̃	Ṗ̃	ḡ̃	ḥ̃
	Ando	Umbar	Anga	Ungwe
Grade 3	ḥ	ḥ̃	ḍ	ḍ̃
	Thúle	Formen	Harma	Hwesta
Grade 4	ḥ̃̃	ḥ̃̃̃	ḍ̃̃	ḍ̃̃̃
	Anto	Ampa	Anca	Unque
Grade 5	ḥ̃̃̃	ḥ̃̃̃̃	ḍ̃̃̃	ḍ̃̃̃̃
	Numen	Malta	Noldo	Nwalme
Grade 6	ḥ̃̃̃̃	ḥ̃̃̃̃̃	ḍ̃̃̃̃	ḍ̃̃̃̃̃
	Ore	Vala	Anna	Wilya

## Additional Letters

Ʒ	Ʒ	Ƨ	Ƨ
Rómen	Arda	Lambe	Alda
Ɔ	Ɔ	Ǝ	Ǝ
Silme	Silme nuquerna	Esse	Esse nuquerna
λ	ɹ	λ	o
Hyarmen	Hwesta sindarinwa	Yanta	Úre

## **Typographic Classification according to the corresponding Tehtar version**

There exist 4 Tehta versions defined by Dan Smith:

- Tehta Version 1: Tehtar shifted toward the left, intended for wide letters.  
Tehta Version 2: Tehtar intended for letters having normal width without upward extending stems (or without downward extending stems for Tehtar placed below the Tengwa) or letters having stems on the right side.  
Tehta Version 3: Tehtar slightly shifted toward the left suitable intended for letters having normal width having upward extending stems on the left side (or having downward extending stems on the left side for Tehtar placed below the Tengwar).  
Tehta Version 4: Tehtar shifted toward the right, intended for carrier symbols.

According to the most suitable Tengwa-Tehta correspondence that can be achieved for Tengwar Elfica (it could be false for other Tengwar Fonts), the Tengwar can be classified in the following types.

### **Tengwar Classification according to their compatibility with Tehtar placed above the Tengwar:**

- Type S-1: compatible with Tehtar placed above the Tengwar, Version 1.  
Type S-2: compatible with Tehtar placed above the Tengwar, Version 2.  
Type S-3: compatible with Tehtar placed above the Tengwar, Version 3.  
Type S-4: compatible with Tehtar placed above the Tengwar, Version 4.

### **Tengwar Classification according to their compatibility with Tehtar placed below the Tengwar:**

- Type I-1: compatible with Tehtar placed below the Tengwar, Version 1.  
Type I-2: compatible with Tehtar placed below the Tengwar, Version 2.  
Type I-3: compatible with Tehtar placed below the Tengwar, Version 3.  
Type I-4: compatible with Tehtar placed below the Tengwar, Version 4.

Usually characters type S-1 are also characters type I-1, etc., but it is not always so (e.g. )

### Classification of the Tengwar according the Tehtar placed *above* them

## Tengwar type S-1

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## Tengwar type S-2

**p n p m q u r v x y z t s j k l d e f g**

### Tengwar type S-3

Ⓟ Ⓡ Ⓢ Ⓣ Ⓤ Ⓥ Ⓦ Ⓧ Ⓨ Ⓩ ⓐ ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ ⓕ ⓖ ⓗ ⓙ ⓛ ⓜ ⓞ ⓟ ⓠ ⓡ ⓢ ⓣ ⓤ ⓶ ⓷ ⓸ ⓹ ⓺ ⓻ ⓼ ⓽ ⓾ ⓿ ⓠ ⓡ ⓢ ⓣ ⓤ ⓶ ⓷ ⓸ ⓹ ⓺ ⓻ ⓼ ⓽ ⓾ ⓿

## Tengwar type S-4

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### Classification of the Tengwar according the Tehtar placed *below* them

## Tengwar type I-1

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## Tengwar type I-2

h n h n d a d a C λ d λ d q q ε q q

### Tengwar type I-3

р Ӏ р Ӏ 6 о с у у

### Tengwar type I-4

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