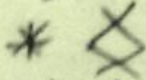



Determinative signs

These signs were commonly written before the noun, but a few normally follow the noun. These signs are not pronounced, their purpose is to indicate the class of object in question. Thus an object made of wood would be preceded by the word for wood. In the case of type of bird the kind of bird would be followed by the sign representing a bird. The following is a short list of common determinative signs ;



 dingir
 uru
 gim
 bu

Determinative signs preceding the nouns .

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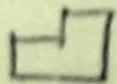
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dingir

الآلهة

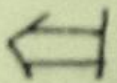
The names of gods



uru

مدینة

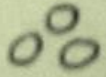
Names of cities



gim

خشب

The kinds of trees



bu

جبال

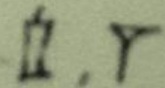
Names of countries
or mountains



ka

رجل

Kinds of professions



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m

ذكر

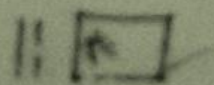
Male personal names



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Female personal names

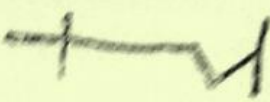
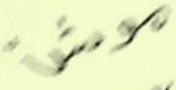
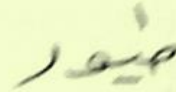


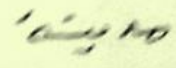




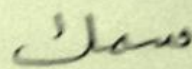


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Names of rivers

علامات
تكملة ياوسا

Determinative signs following the nouns.

	 mušen		The kinds of <u>birds</u>
	 ki		The names of places and countries
	 ni		Males
	 ha		The kind of <u>fish</u> . fish

Sumerian Grammar

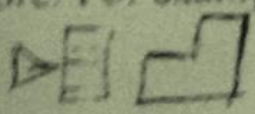
Dropping of Final Consonants

Sumerian word roots end either with a vowel or with a consonant, in the latter case the Sumerian commonly dropped the final consonant and it is not written unless it is followed by a vowel e.g., du-li-la dug-lil-ak . . . In our transliterations such final consonants will be shown but in brackets to indicate that it is not pronounced e.g., du (g), uru uri (m).

Genitive

In Sumerian the genitive ending is ak. Thus in Sumerian the genitive ending is placed at the end of the complex of noun and its various qualifiers. However, the k is not shown unless followed by a vowel. One of the characteristic of the genitive form is that a maximum of two genitives may be represented not more. For example, The lady of the city lady-city-of nin-uru-ak

nin uru



الأميرة
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