

ELISION

One may *OPTIONALLY* (never obligation), and *SO LONG AS THIS DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH EUPHONY AND CLARITY*, elide following words:

1) the article **lo** before a word beginning with a vowel:

l'abro, l'abros	the tree, the trees
l'eldo, l'eldinos	the hero, the heroines
l'aventuros d'Artur	Arthur's adventures

2) the preposition **de** and the word **ke** (pronoun or conjunction), and also *the object pronoun*, before a word beginning with a vowel:

l'aventur d'et boy	this boy's adventure
l'orelos d'un asno	an ass's ears
l'okos d'un fem k'il vidir	the eyes of a woman he saw
m'amar tu as mi t'amar?	do you love me as I love you?
il dicar k'il t'amar	he says that he loves you

3) the two-syllable (one syllable after elision) or at most three-syllable (two syllables after elision) *ADJECTIVE*, when this *PRECEDES* the noun to which it relates, *NEVER WHEN IT FOLLOWS IT*:

et(a) dom	this house
yen(a) floros	those flowers
nus(a) let(a) kamos	nice little rooms
un gran(a) bel(a) klezo	a big beautiful church
mi ricir ta gentil(a) brif	I received your kind letter
let(a) domos e klezos grana	small houses and large churches

4) the ending **o** of the NOUN, but *ONLY IN THE SINGULAR*. The plural's designation **os** *MAY NEVER BE ELIDED* (see "[NOUN](#)")

5) the ending **at** of the past participle, when used as a noun suffixed with **in** (feminine):

l'akuzat; l'akuzin	the accused (<i>m; f</i>)
ma libat; ma libin	the beloved (<i>m; f</i>)
ma benamat; ma benamin	my much beloved (<i>m; f</i>)

6) the suffix **er** and other suffixes, to reduce the length of a few feminine nouns (cf. 5, above):

biblioteker; bibliotekin	librarian (<i>m; f</i>)
matematist; matematin	mathematician (<i>m; f</i>)
korespondent; korespondin	correspondent (<i>m; f</i>)

7) in poetry, any word may be elided, when this is suggested by the rhythm or by the musicality of the verse. The poet is of course granted extra freedom in this matter, as his muse may suggest to him.

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