

The Alphabets of Europe

Scots

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Alphabet:

A a, B b, C c, D d, E e, F f, G g, H h, I i, J j, K k, L l,
M m, N n, O o, P p, Q q, R r, S s, T t, U u, V v, W w, X x,
Y y, ȝ ȝ, Z z

The letter YOGH ȝ ȝ is found in older Scots texts, often with a sharp glyph which looks like the letter EZH ȝ ȝ. Phonetically it represented [j]. In Early Scots ȝ alternated with y, ȝh, and yh. In Middle Scots texts the glyphs ȝ and z fell together, and ȝ/z was used to write [j] and [z]; in the 17th century y was reintroduced (from standard English usage) to disambiguate the two sounds.

Quotation marks: ‘single’, “double”

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