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### ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN XVRET/XVREP STEMS IN GEORGIAN

**xvret** and **xvret** stems were distinctly differentiated from each other: **x'uet-/x'vret** x from denoting "hole" or "drilling a hole" an **x** - stem denoted "xvrepā" suck in, drink noisily and with intervals.

In the dialects of the Georgian language, where **x'** (ჟ) has survived (as in Pshavian, Khevsurian, Ingiloian) "xvreta" and xvrepā is made different through **x'** (ჟ) phoneme.

In Svanetian the word "naxvreti" is found as "**x'uru**" and "**xvlip**" is a sound-symbolism expressing the sucking in of a thin liquid.

In modern Georgian the loss of **x'** (x) phoneme resulted in the coincidence of "xvreta" (to drill a hole) and "xvreta" (to drink).

For distinguishing the homonyms "xvret" (to drink) have changed into "xvret" which is an onomatopoeic variant to express "to drink"