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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Auyana-Kosena is spoken by 6,500 people of the Eastern Highlands District of Papua New Guinea. It is a member of the Gadsup-Auyana-Awa-Tairora language family. The data used in this paper is from the Kosena dialect.

The purpose of this paper is to record my understanding of the grammar of Kosena at this point in time. This is the first draft of the paper. In some sections more examples than may be necessary have been recorded. Morphemes, stems, words, phrases and Clauses are described. Sentence, Paragraph and Discourse levels have been described in a separate paper.

1.1 Orthography

There are five vowels

i, e, o, u and ʌ ( a symbolizes ʌ )

e, o and ʌ may be lengthened

There are twelve single consonants

p symbolizes initial p and medial p:

t symbolizes initial t and medial t:

k symbolizes initial k and medial k:

g

' symbolizes glottal stop

r symbolizes ɾ and l

v symbolizes f and b

n symbolizes n and ŋ

m

s

w

y

There are thirteen consonant clusters

mp mb kw nk w 'n

nt nd 'm

nk ng gw ngw 'w

Tone is symbolized by ' for high tone and low tone is unmarked.

## 1.2 Symbols

- ∴ filled by
- = consists of
- + obligatory item
- + optional item
- / without space between words, means portmanteau morpheme, complex morpheme with more than one meaning
- { ; } either one item or other may occur
- preceding a form, is suffix
- between forms is morpheme break
- following a form, is prefix
- ( ) items between such brackets considered a unit
- < > item inside brackets represents class of morphemes
- rewrite as
- ∅ zero morpheme

## 1.3 Abbreviations

acc	accompaniment	dem	demonstrative
Acc	Accompaniment Tagmeme	Dem NP	Demonstrative Noun Phrase
acq	acquisition	dem s	demonstrative stem
acq n	acquisition noun	desc	descriptive
Acq	Acquisition Allotagma	desc s	descriptive stem
ani	animate	Desc NP	Descriptive Noun Phrase
ani dem	animate demonstrative	desig	designatory
ani n	animate noun	desid	desiderative
antic sbj	anticipatory subject	dim	diminutive
App NP	Appositional Noun Phrase	dir	directional
asp	aspect	dist past	distant past
assert	assertative	ds	different subject
		DS	Different Subject Clause
benef	benefactive	dsv	different subject verb
C	consonant	Eq Cl	Equative Clause
Cl	Clause		
col numb	collective number	fut	future
Com	Comment Tagmeme		
Com mker	Comment Tagmeme marker	G	Glottal class
comp	completive	gen	general
conc	Concession	imp	imperative
cont	continuative	Imp	Imperative
Cont Act VP	Continued Action Verb Phrase	ina	inanimate
contraf	contrafactual	ind	indicative
contraex	contraexpectation	Ind	Indicative
conj	conjunction	Info	Information Tagmeme
Co-ord NP	Co-ordinate Noun Phrase	inst	instrument
Co-ord LocP	Co-ordinate Locative Phrase	Inst	Instrument Tagmeme
c-t-e-r	contrary-to-expected-result	intens	intensifier
cust	customary	intent	intensive
		IntCl	Intransitive Clause
		IO	Indirect Object Tagmeme
		io <sub>gen</sub>	indirect object general
		IO <sub>spec</sub>	Indirect Object specific



inter	interrogative	Mod NumP	Modified Numeral Phrase
Inter	Interrogative	mv	motion verb
Inter Com	Interrogative Comment Tagmeme	mvs	motion verb stem
Inter Com mker	Interrogative Comment marker	mVP	Motion Verb Phrase
*		n	noun
Inter Desig	Interrogative Designatory	N	Nasal Class
inter loc	interrogative locative	neg	negative
inter n	interrogative noun	Neg	Negative Tagmeme
* inter desc	interrogative descriptive	neg com	negative command
		nom	nominal
Inter NP	Interrogative Noun Phrase	ns	noun stem
		num	numeral
inter temp	interrogative temporal	Num NP	Numeral Noun Phrase
Inter TempP	Interrogative Temporal Phrase	numb	number
intr	intransitive	0	Object Tagmeme
iv	intransitive verb	Obj	Object Tagmeme
ivs	intransitive verb stem	obj	object
iVP	intransitive Verb Phrase	obj pro	object pronoun
lim	limitation		
loc	locative	per	person
Loc	Location Tagmeme	perf	perfect
Loc Cl	Locative Clause	permis	permissive
Loc <sub>gen</sub>	locative general	Pint	intransitive Predicate
loc <sub>gen</sub>	locative general	pl	plural
Loc P	Locative Phrase	Pm	Motion Predicate
Loc <sub>spec</sub>	Locative specific	pos	possessive
		post	positional
ManCl	Manner Clause	PosNP <sub>1</sub>	Possessive Noun Phrase 1
man	Manner Tagmeme	PosNP <sub>2</sub>	Possessive Noun Phrase 2
MCl	Motion Clause	prest	present
mker	marker	prohib	prohibitive
mo	motion	pro	pronoun
Mod NP	Modified Noun Phrases	pro ref	pronominal referent

Ptr	transitive Predicate	T	Time Tagmeme
PurpCl	Purpose Clause	temp	temporal
		temp ns	temporal noun stem
R	reduced verb stem	Temp Cl	Temporal Clause
ref	referent	TempP	Temporal Phrase
ref n	referent noun		
Ref	Referent Tagmeme		
repet	repetitive		
Repeat Act VP	Repeated Action Verb Phrase	time gen	time general
resem	resemblance	Time spec	Time specific
		Top	Topic Tagmeme
s	stem	tr	transitive
S	Subject Tagmeme	TrCl	Transitive Clause
sbj	subject	ts	tense
Sbj	Subject Tagmeme	tv	transitive verb
sbj <sub>gen</sub>	subject general	tv <sub>s</sub>	transitive verb stem
Sbj <sub>spec</sub>	Subject specific	tVP	transitive Verb Phrase
sbj per	subject person	V	Vowel class
sbj pro	subject pronoun	v	verb
sg	singular	vs	verb stem
Simult	Simultaneous Clause	VP	Verb Phrase
simult	simultaneous		
simult v	simultaneous verb		
spec	specific		
spec num	specific numeral		
ss	same subject		
SS	Same Subject Clause		
ssv	same subject verb		
stat	stative		

## 2 Morphophonemics

## 2.1 Morphophonemic Classes

All Kosena morphemes may be divided into one of three morphophonemic classes namely:-

Vowel (V) class, those morphemes which end with a vowel,

Nasal (N) class, those morphemes which end with a nasal and

Glottal (G) class, those morphemes which end with a glottal stop e.g.

Vowel Class		Nasal Class		Glottal Class	
<u>kisaaV</u>	sweet potato	<u>kuN</u>	axe	<u>maiG</u>	pit
<u>moráV</u>	one	<u>éiyaiN</u>	four	<u>kaeG</u>	two
<u>ákiV</u>	short	<u>anóN</u>	big	<u>kítóG</u>	little
<u>anóV</u>	his mother	<u>auraN</u>	his eye	<u>ávaG</u>	his younger brother
<u>-neiV</u>	instrument	<u>-piN</u>	in	<u>-kwarag</u>	accompaniment
<u>iyóV</u>	go up	<u>kumoN</u>	go down	<u>puwóG</u>	die
<u>awanaV</u>	see him	<u>asinaN</u>	remove	<u>araG</u>	chop
<u>seV</u>	say	<u>-maN</u>	nominal	<u>ameG</u>	give him
<u>kwé-V</u>	continuative	<u>-iN</u>	he	<u>-tuwaG</u>	completive
		<u>maan</u>	this		

-maN nominal, has two allomorphs, namely

-maN occurs with V and N class morphemes e.g.

moráV one + -maN nominal = morá-ma one

anóN big + -maN nominal = <sup>1</sup>anóm-ba big

-'aN occurs with G class morphemes e.g.

kaeG two + -'aN nominal = kae-'a two

1 Nasal class morpheme causes a following initial nasal to become a voiced stop - Section 2.2.1. page 12.

All non-verb stems and kwé-V 'continuative' may also be divided into one of two tone classes namely:

tone class 1, those morphemes which cause the following morpheme(s) in a close-knit sequence to perturb to low tone and  
tone class 2, those morphemes which cause the following morpheme(s) in a close-knit sequence to perturb to high tone.

A close-knit sequence may be a word which is a non-verb or any Modified Noun Phrase. kwé-V 'continuative' will cause tone perturbation in verbs.

~~Tone class 1 morphemes as follows~~

Tone class 1 morphemes e.g.

<u>moráV1</u>	one	<u>mora-kisaama</u>	one sweet potato
<u>kítóG1</u>	little	<u>kító-ka'a</u>	in a little while
<u>anónN1</u>	big	<u>anón-kisaama</u>	big sweet potato
<u>ándáV1</u>	vine	<u>ándá-raamba</u>	like a vine
<u>aaváyaaV1</u>	morning	<u>aaváyaa-vimba</u>	in the morning
<u>aánoV1</u>	later	<u>aáno-ma</u>	later
<u>kwé-V1</u>	continuative	<u>kwé-gumo</u>	they are going down

Tone class 2 morphemes e.g.

<u>kaeG2</u>	two	<u>kae-kisaama'</u>	two sweet potatoes
<u>kaweG2</u>	good	<u>kawe-kisaama'</u>	good sweet potato
<u>noN2</u>	water	<u>nom-pá'a</u>	at the river
<u>miN2</u>	that	<u>min-tantáa'a</u>	that thing
<del><u>kwé-V2</u></del>	<del>continuative</del>	<del><u>kwé-gumo</u></del>	<del>they are going down</del>

## 2.2 Morphophonemic Rules

Morphophonemic changes are progressive, non-contiguous regressive and loss of stem final vowel as follows:

2.2.1 Progressive

When two morphemes are <sup>u</sup>juxtaposed certain morphophonemic changes result. These occur at morpheme boundaries within words and between words within Modified Noun Phrases. Exceptions are stated at appropriate places.

Vowel class morphemes cause the following changes:

An initial k of a following morpheme within a word becomes g e.g.

kisaaV2 sweet potato + -kwarag with = kisaa-gwára'á with sweet potato

ayóviVl her adult brother + -koV stative = ayóvi-goma her adult brother

An initial p of a following morpheme within a word becomes v e.g.

anaV2 bamboo + -piN in = ana-vimbá in bamboo

kigauVl garden + -paG at = kigau-va'a at the garden

An initial t of a following morpheme within a word becomes y e.g.

kisaaV2 sweet potato + -toN plural = kisaa-yómbá many sweet potatoes

moráVl one + /tantaag thing = morá-yantaa'a one thing

Nasal class morphemes exhibit the following changes:

The final nasal is lost before silence e.g.

anóNl big + -maN nominal = anóm-ba big

póivl pig + -maN nominal = pói-ma pig

noyááGl fish + -'aN nominal = noyáá-'a fish

The final nasal becomes m before bilabials e.g.

<u>anón1</u>	big	+ poiV1	pig	= <u>anóm-poima</u>	big pig
<u>ó'on1</u>	another	+ paroiV2	arrow	= <u>ó'om-paroima</u>	another arrow
<u>tanón1</u>	ground oven	+ -piN	in	= <u>tanóm-pimba</u>	in ground oven

The final nasal becomes n before alveolars, velars and vowels e.g.

<u>iyán2</u>	dog	+ -toN	plural	= <u>iyán-tómbá</u>	lots of dogs
<u>anón1</u>	big	+ <u>tamayóG1</u>	stick	= <u>anón-tamayo'a</u>	big stick
<u>iyán2</u>	dog	+ -kwaráG	with	= <u>iyán-kwára'a</u>	with a dog
<u>anón1</u>	big	+ <u>kisaaV2</u>	sweet potato	= <u>anón-kisaama</u>	big sweet potato
<u>anón1</u>	big	+ <u>iyán2</u>	dog=	= <u>anón-iyamba</u>	big dog
<u>anón1</u>	big	+ <u>kuN2</u>	axe	= <u>anón-kumba</u>	big axe

Nasal class morphemes cause a following initial nasal to become a voiced stop having the same point of articulation as the original nasal e.g.

<u>iyán2</u>	dog	+ -maN	nominal	= <u>iyám-bá</u>	dog
<u>anón1</u>	big	+ <u>maráV2</u>	ground	= <u>anóm-barama</u>	big ground
<u>kuN2</u>	axe	+ -neiV	instrument	= <u>kun-déi</u>	with an axe
<u>anón1</u>	big	+ <u>numaV2</u>	bird	= <u>anón-dumama</u>	big bird

Glottal class morphemes exhibit the following:

The final glottal stop is lost preceding morphemes with initial stop e.g.

maiG2 pit + -kavaN along = mai-kavamba beside the pit

kaeG2 two + kuN2 axe = kae-kumba two axes

maiG2 pit + -piN in = mai-pimba in the pit

kaeG2 two + poiV1 pig = kae-poima two pigs

maankaG2 here + -'oNdesignatory = maanka-'o here

The final glottal stop becomes r preceding initial vowel e.g.

kaeG2 two + iyaN2 dog = kaer-iyamba two dogs

<sup>1</sup> kwiyoG make path + ankani he will  
benef.him = kwir-ankani he will make a  
path for him

The final glottal stop is retained before initial nasals e.g.

avaG1 his younger brother + -maaG plural = ava'-maa'a his younger brother

kaeG2 two + maraV2 ground = kae'-marama two grounds

tamayoG1 stick + -neiV instrument = tamayo'-nei with a stick

kaeG2 two + numaV2 bird = kae'-numama two birds

<sup>1</sup> agambaraG measure + -mai Manner  
Tagmeme marker = agamba'-mai measuring

The final glottal stop is lost preceding morphemes with initial glottal stop e.g.

kaeG2 two + -'aN nominal = kae-'a two

<sup>1</sup> verb stem reduction is described in Section 3.3.1 page 43.

2.2.2 Regressive non-contiguous

Verb stem final {o ; e} + C {i ; a} becomes i + C {i ; a} e.g.

iyó go up + -n future tense + -iyo 2nd singular person

becomes iyí-n-iyo You will go up.

inkaisé fear + -n future tense + -i 3rd person singular

becomes inkaisí-n-í He will fear.

o do + -ra past tense + -i 3rd singular person becomes u-rá-i  
He did.

se say + -ra past tense + -i 3rd singular person becomes si-rá-i  
He spoke.

2.2.3 Loss of stem final vowel

Verb stem final {o ; e} + {i ; u} becomes {i ; u} e.g.

kumó go down + -um 1st singular person becomes kum-úm I go down.

kumó go down + -i 3rd singular person becomes kúm-í He goes down.

inkaisé fear + -um 1st singular person becomes inkais-úm I fe

inkaisé fear + -i 3rd singular person becomes inkáis-í He fears.



## 3 MORPHEME INVENTORY

Morphemes may be stems, affixes or stem forming particles.

## 3.1 Stem Forming Particles

Stem forming particles may be Pronominal Referent Morphemes or a small class of Stem Formatives. These are listed with some examples of the stems they form. They also occur under the specific stem type which they help to form.

## 3.1.1 Pronominal Referent Morphemes

Pronominal Referent Morphemes obligatorily occur with certain noun stems i.e. kin term stems, body part stems and bodily processes and state stems and occur with certain transitive verb stems. For overall simplicity of descriptive these morphemes are treated as part of the complex stems, not as inflectional affixes.

Pronominal referent morphemes indicate the possessor of the body part or kin term and indicate the object, direct or indirect, of the transitive verb and bodily processes or state, which occur in Idiomatic Verb Phrases.

	singular	non-singular
2nd and 3rd persons	$\emptyset$ ; <u>a-</u>	<u>t-</u> ; <u>tu-</u> ; <u>tin-</u> ; <u>ti-</u>
1st persons	<u>s-</u> ; <u>su-</u> ; <u>sin-</u> ; <u>si-</u>	

s- and t- occur preceding o ; aa ; i ; u

su- " tu- " " w

sin- " tin- " " k

si- " ti- " elsewhere

$\emptyset$  occurs preceding o ; aa ; i

an- " " k

a- " elsewhere



<u>s-óiG1</u> my mouth	<u>su-wétáN2</u> my leg	<u>sí-samaiV1</u> my foot
<u>t-óiG1</u> their mouths	<u>tu-wétáN2</u> their legs	<u>tí-samaiV1</u> their feet
<u>ø-óiG1</u> your mouth	<u>a-nówaV1</u> his mother	
<u>ø-ááG1</u> his ear	<u>a-vowaV2</u> her father	
<u>a-raíV1</u> his desire	<u>á-wíG1</u> his name	
<u>si-raíV1</u> my desire	<u>sú-wíG1</u> my name	
<u>á-wa'naaV</u> help him	<u>ái-saaV</u> ask him	
<u>sú-wa'naaV</u> help me	<u>sí-saa</u> ask me	
<u>an-kaV</u> for him	<u>a-wánaV</u> see him	<u>a-úyoraGR</u> escort him
<u>sin-kaV</u> for me	<u>su-wánaV</u> see me	<u>s-úyoraGR</u> escort me

### 3.1.2 Stem Formatives

There are a number of stem forming particles which occur with other stems to form animate noun stems, demonstrative stems or ~~personal~~ pronoun stems. These particles are:

<u>naG</u>	male person
<u>naV</u>	male or female person or inanimate
<u>waV</u>	male or female person
<u>wiV</u>	male or female persons

<u>kanísóroV1</u> council	+ <u>naG</u>	= <u>kanísóronaG1</u> councillor
<u>miN2</u> that	+ <u>waV</u>	= <u>miwaV2</u> that person
<u>maaN2</u> this	+ <u>wiV</u>	= <u>miwiV2</u> these people
<u>maaN2</u> this	+ <u>naV</u>	= <u>maandaV1</u> this



## 3.2 Affixes

Affixes may be described under three general headings i.e.

## 3.2.1 Verbal affixes

## 3.2.2 Locational affixes

## 3.2.3 Nominal affixes

## 3.2.1 Verbal affixes

Verbal affixes may be prefixes or suffixes. There are two types of prefixes i.e. directional morphemes and kwé-VI 'continuative' which is closely related to tense.

Verbal prefixes

## Directional morphemes

Two classes of directional morphemes occur indicating sequential or simultaneous relations with the action indicated in the verb. (a) Directional <sup>(dir)</sup> morphemes indicate a sequential relation between the direction and the action indicated in the verb. (b) Bi-directional morphemes have the same relation as the set above in (a), but indicate direction and return. (c) Positional <sup>(post)</sup> morphemes indicate a simultaneous relation between the position and the action indicated in the verb. These are <sup>second</sup> order prefixes and are optional.

direction of movement	directional sequential			positional simultaneous
	direct	round about	bi-directional	
up	u-V uma-V *	uma-V	usa-V up then down	mo-V
down	ku-N kuma-N *	kuna-V	kunta-V down then up	maru-N moru-N
along	towards	ta-V N *	taya-V come	ma-G
	away from	ko-V / ku-V koma-N	koya-V go then come along	me-V

\* occur with mono-syllabic stems

Directional morphemes occur with

transitive verb stems e.g. ko-awáñarai. He went and saw it.

intransitive verb stems ta-mérai. He came to stay.

ko-kwé-gwaewasa They go and sleep and

Bi-directional morphemes occur with one verb stem only i.e. 'return'

and are treated as complex verb stems. Section 3.3.1

Positional morphemes occur with

transitive verb stems e.g. mó-amakai. He gave it to her up there.

intransitive verb stems mé-gwantowana He turned round from her  
and she

kwé-VI 'continuative' (cont) indicates an action which is in progress at the present time or is a customary action at the present time. It is first order prefix and is optional. It occurs prefixed to verb stems and the non-verb stem of an Idiomatic Verb Phrase. When occurring with a different subject verb or simultaneous verb, there must be agreement with the present tense form of the subject person/tense morphemes.

pukaa'á íma kwé-naum.

tobacco no cont-I eat

I don't smoke. / I am not smoking.

kwé-agaraar ankai.

cont-show he for him

He is showing him.

kwé-tavisu-wa-na

cont-pull-they/present tense-it

They pull it and it

## Verbal Suffixes

Suffixes may be aspect, tense, subject person or mood morphemes.

Aspect Suffixes

(asp)

Aspect<sub>A</sub> suffixes <sub>V</sub> are first order suffixes and are optional.

The following chart gives the distribution of each aspect in regards to the type of verb stem each occurs with, transitive, intransitive or motion and also in regards to the type of verb structures, final, different subject, same subject or simultaneous, which represents the distribution of the Clauses in higher constructions.

	final v			ds v			ss v			simult v		
	tr	intr	mot	tr	intr	mot	tr	intr	mot	tr	intr	mot
<u>-koV</u> stative	+	+		+	+		+	+		+	+	
<u>-taV</u> all gone	+	+		+	+		+	+		+	+	
<u>ankaV</u> benef <sup>1</sup>	+	+		+	+		+	+		+	+	
<u>maraGR</u> put <sup>1</sup>	+	+		+	+		+	+		+	+	
<u>tuwaGR</u> comp <sup>1</sup>	+			+			+			+		
<u>-ma</u> perf							+				+	
<u>-uwa</u> c-t-e-r							+					
<u>-em</u> repet							+				+	
<u>-niy</u> intent							+				+	
<u>-esa</u> permis				+		+						

1 These forms may also occur as verb stems, benefactive, put and leave, respectively. R indicates verb stem reduction, see Section 3.3.1 page 48.

-koV stative aspect (stat) indicates that the action is in a state of being, or that the non-verb is in a state of being.

-koV occurs with N and G class verb stems

-goV occurs with V class verb stems

The verb stems which have been found with -koV stative aspect are as follows:

## transitive verb stems

ánásaV finish  
 aráátaV hold down gently  
 káátaV cover  
 umaV do  
 ankaiséVR break (stick)  
 pisináNR extinguish fire  
 tuvamóNR split  
 tararáGR break (string)  
 tavaaéGR tear  
 uwaéGR wipe  
 peráGR 'flee'

## intransitive verb stems

kasa'náV dry  
 kausíVR it heals  
 kayoráGR offended  
 kwaéV sleep

-taV 'all gone' aspect indicates that the action has completely finished the object of that action or, in the case of intransitive verbs, that the subject is all finished.

-taV occurs with N and G class verb stems

-saV occurs with V class verb stems

The verb stems which have been found with 'all gone' aspect are as follows:

## transitive verb stems



## transitive verb stems

naV	eat
simaV	say
umaV	do
mayáVR	take
atiyéVR	pour
asaéGR	split
peráGR	'flee'

## intransitive verb stem

puwóGR	die
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ankaV benefactive (benef) indicates an action performed on behalf of, for the benefit of or instead of someone else. This morpheme is a complex one, formed by the pronominal referent morpheme plus ka benefactive stem. This may also occur as a transitive verb stem.

The verb stems which have been found with benefactive aspect are as follows:

## transitive verb stems

kaátaV	cover
simaV	say
umaV	do
iyáVR	dress
kausoráVR	hang bag from head
kaavóGR	open mouth
kwiyoGR	spit
tátoraGR	hold

## intransitive verb stems

aisotáV	line up
kwaéV	lie down/sleep

maráGR perfect aspect (perf) indicates that the results of the action are continuing. The same form occurs maráGR as the verb 'put'.

(At this stage I can't distinguish the difference between this and -ma perfect aspect.)

The verb stems which have been found with this aspect are as follows:

## transitive verb stems

atáV thatch  
 káraroV tie  
 oV do  
 seV say  
 toV plug water bamboo  
 utáV bury

## intransitive verb stem

torupáV come and gather

agayáVR cook/write  
 atiyéVR pour  
 kauvóVR steam  
 kwisóVR cook in bamboo  
 mayaVR take

aunáNR taboo

inkamóNR hit him

aráGR chop/wring bark  
 araráGR cut crosswise  
 avóGR paint  
 kúraraGR take a light  
 kuveráGR keep  
 peraGR 'flee'  
 tuvuwóGR kill  
 uwiyeGR spread

-tuwaGR completive aspect (comp) indicates completion of the action.

The same form occurs tuwaGR as the verb 'leave'.

-tuwaGR occurs with N and G class verb stems

-suwaGR occurs with V class verb stems which reduce

-yuwaGR occurs with V class verb stems which are unreduced

(N.B. occurs with past, present or future tense, kun-kwe- may precede)

The verb stems which have been found with completive aspect are as follows:

transitive verb stems

káraV	cut	inkamóNR	hit him
amentáV	push her	pisináNR	extinguish fire
ánásaV	finish	agayáVR	cook/write
aráataV	hold down gently	atiyéVR	pour
isáV	hear	ankaiséVR	break
kaátaV	cover	kausóVR	steam
kwántáV	turn	mayáVR	take
naV	eat	araGR	ring bark
umaV	do	aruwóGR	stretch limb out
simaV	say	ameG	give him
taviséV	pull	kwiyuvóGR	sweep
taV	call		
utáV	bury		

-ma perfect aspect (perf) indicates that the results of the action are still in evidence during the following action i.e. the following clause. (At this stage I can't distinguish the difference between this and maráGR'put' perfect aspect.) The following Clause may contain a verb in the present, past or future tense.

The verb stems which have been found with this aspect are as follows:-

transitive verb stems

aítóV	put into bag	mayáVR	take
amentáV	push her	aavóGR	grasp in mouth
isáV	hear	airáGR	carry him
karáV	cut	kotoráGR	pluck grass
oV	do	kwaráGR	hunt
taviséV	pull	uvóGR	dig
		tavaaeGR	tear

motion verb stems

koyauweráGR	return coming
usauweráGR	return down

-uwa contrary-to-expected-result aspect (c-t-e-r) indicates that the expected result is frustrated or the action is performed in vain.

The verb stems which have been found with this aspect are as follows:-

transitive verb stems

avaká oV	search for him
seV	say

-em repetitive aspect (repet) indicates that the action is continued for a long time.

The verb stems which have been found with this aspect are as follows:

## transitive verb stem

oV do

## motion verb stems

iyóVR go/come up

koV go along

teV come along

-niy intentive aspect (intent) indicates the intention to perform an action. Occurs with 2nd and 3rd subject persons. If 1st person is desired the desiderative mood is used instead.

The verb stems which have been found with this aspect are as follows:

## transitive verb stems

mayáVR take

naV eat

oV do

## motion verb stems

iyóVR go/come up

kumóNR go/come down

-esa permissive aspect (permis) indicates that someone has permitted another person to perform such an action.

The verb stems which have been found with this aspect are as follows:

## transitive verb stems

agayáVR cook/write

naV eat

## motion verb stems

koV go along

teV come along

Tense Suffixes

Tense suffixes (ts) are second order suffixes and are obligatory. They are not all primarily related to time, terms and definitions are given below:

distant past (dist past) indicates that an action has taken place prior to a few days ago.

near past indicates that an action has taken place on the previous day.

past indicates that an action has taken place in some past time or that it must take place before the next action.

past tense covers all the time spans of past and may be used for same. near past is used to emphasize that the action took place on the previous day. distant past is used in Legends and also in contemporary narratives.

present - unmarked time indicates that the action is a present one or that it takes places in a series or sequence of actions.

continuative indicates an action which is in progress at the present time or is a customary action at the present time. This occurs as first order prefix and is described on page 18.

future (fut) indicates an action which has not yet taken place.

customary indicates a past action which used to occur as a tradition or habit.

The following chart gives the distribution of the various tense morphemes in regards to final, ds, ss and simult verbs:

	final	ss	ds	simult
distant past	<u>-ka</u>	<u>-ka</u>	sbj per/past ts	sbj per/past ts/simult
near past	<u>-eira</u>	? <sup>1</sup>	? <sup>1</sup>	+ <u>-eira</u>
past	<u>-ka</u>	<u>-ka</u>	sbj per/prest ts	sbj per/prest ts/simult
present	∅ <sup>2</sup>	∅ <sup>2</sup>		
continuative	<u>kwe-Vl</u>	<u>kwe∅Vl</u>	+ <u>kwe-Vl</u>	+ <u>kwe-Vl</u>
future	<u>-naao</u>	∅	sbj per/fut ts	sbj per/fut ts/simult
customary	<u>-emae</u>			

distant past indicates that an action has taken place prior to a few days ago. With final verbs and ss verbs -ka suffix occurs and with ds and simult verbs past tense occurs as complex morphemes with subject persons. These are listed under subject persons in the next section.

near past tense indicates that an action has taken place on the previous day. -eira occurs with final verbs and occurs preceding subject person / ts / simult morphemes in simultaneous verbs. It must agree with the present tense form of this complex morpheme. (More work is needed in this area.) Examples follow:

toómbá<sup>3</sup> n-éíra.∅  
 food eat-near past-they  
 They ate food yesterday.

kum-éíra-um.  
 come down-near past-I  
 I came down yesterday.

kwaasái s-éíra.∅  
 news say-near past-they  
 They talked yesterday.

iy-éíra-um.  
 go up-near past-I  
 I went up yesterday.

1 ? indicates lack of data.

2 ∅ zero form indicates that that particular tense is implied.

3 stem final vowel is lost.

koasa'mar-éíra-unda

go chop-near past-I/prest/simult

I went and cut (more wood and left it there)

mar-éíra-unda

put-near past-I/prest/simult

I put it there yesterday

past tense indicates that an action has taken place in some past time or that it must take place before the next action.

With final and ss verbs -ka occurs following N and G class morphemes and

-ra occurs following V class morphemes.

With ds and simult verbs past tense occurs as complex morphemes with subject persons. See next section under subject persons.

kun-ká-i.

go down-past-he

He went down.

na-r-é-'a<sup>1</sup>

eat-past-ss-I

When I've eaten I'll

na-rá-i.

eat-past-he

He ate.

agaima-k-é-sa<sup>1</sup>

write-past-ss-they

When they'd written it they

future tense indicates an action which has not yet taken place.

With final verbs -naao occurs with singular and plural persons

-yaa occurs with dual persons

ao is lost when -um 1st sg/pl persons occurs or

-u 1st dual person occurs

aa is lost when -iyo 2nd sg person occurs or

-i 3rd sg person occurs.

With ds and simult verbs future tense occurs as complex morphemes with subject persons, which are listed in the next section.

l a + e becomes e



ko-nááo. Ø  
go-fut-they  
They will go.

ná-na-um.  
eat-fut-I  
I will eat.

mé-n-i-ye.  
stay-fut-he-indicative  
He will stay.

kó-ya-u-yo.  
go-fut-we two-interrogative  
Will we two go?

Customary suffix indicates a past action which used to occur as a tradition or habit. -émae occurs with final verbs.

íma tí'a Ø-éma-í-mbani. <sup>1</sup>  
no their sickness do-customary-it-mood  
They didn't become sick.

naaópa'a t-émaé-Ø-mbani.  
home come-customary-they-mood  
They would come home.

íma kanavínken-kísáa n-émaé-Ø-mbani.  
no sweet potato from ash eat-customary-they-mood  
They didn't eat sweet potatoes from the ashes.

kwikombó n-émaén-kwasai sénáe.  
cane eat-they used to-talk I want to say  
I want to tell about cane swallowing.

avo kwiráávei umái má-émaé-Ø-mbani.  
so with laughing stay-customary-they-mood  
So they'd laugh and have no ill feelings.

min-anón-aai'a tiy-émaé-Ø-mbani.  
that-big-fight fight-customary-they-mood  
They would have a big fight.

matínkantuw-émaé-Ø-mbani.  
there kill them-customary-they-mood  
They killed them there.

1 e + i becomes i

Subject Person Suffixes

Subject person suffixes are third order suffixes and are obligatory.

There are four sets as follows:

- (a) Subject person morphemes which occur with final verbs. There are two sub-sets, one occurring following future tense and the other occurring following present and past tense.
- (b) Subject person morphemes which occur with ds verbs. These are complex morphemes indicating subject person and tense. Hence there are three sub-sets for future, present and past tenses.
- (c) Subject person morphemes which occur with similt verbs. These are complex morphemes indicating subject person, tense and simultaneous verb. There are three sub-sets for future, present and past tense.
- (d) Anticipatory subject person morphemes which occur with ds and ss verbs. These morphemes indicate the subject person of the following Clause. They occur following -e same subject morpheme in ss verbs and following ds per/ts morphemes in ds verbs, making them fourth order suffixes in such cases.

Anticipatory subject morphemes may also occur suffixed to the fillers of other Tagmemes in Clauses agreeing with the subject person in the Predicate or the Indirect Object if such occurs. They substitute for the closing suffix in such cases.

final subject person charts are as follows:

future tense				present and past tense			
persons	1st	2nd	3rd	persons	1st	2nd	3rd
singular		-iyon	-iV	singular		-.N <sup>1</sup>	-iV
	-umN			plural	-umN		-.V <sup>1</sup>
plural		∅V		dual	-uV		-.iV <sup>1</sup>
dual	-uV	-iV					

<sup>1</sup> -. indicates lengthening of the previous vowel

## different subject person / tense charts

tense	future			present			past		
persons	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd
singular		-ina	-ina		-na	-isa		-una	-uwa
	-na			-una			-wana		
plural		-iya			-wa			-uwa	
dual	-ya			-uya	-ya		-waya	-uya	

## subject person / tense / simultaneous charts

tense	future			present			past		
persons	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd
singular		-inda V	-inda V		-nda	-imba		-unda	-umba
	-nda V			-unda V			-wanda		
plural		-iyamba			-mba			-umba	
dual	? 1			-uyamba	? 1		-uyamba	? 1	

morphophonemic rules  $\{ \underline{e} ; \underline{o} \} + \{ \underline{i} ; \underline{u} \}$  becomes  $\{ \underline{i} ; \underline{u} \}$   
 $\underline{aa} + \{ \underline{i} ; \underline{u} \}$  becomes  $\{ \underline{ai} ; \underline{au} \}$   
 $\underline{aa} + \underline{u}$  becomes  $\underline{o}$  with past tense charts only

It would appear from the above two sets of three charts that certain subject person / tense morphemes are identical. Only those which occur in the same boxes are identical. The following forms are different either in the tone pattern of the suffix or the tone pattern of the verb stem. More investigation is needed in the area of tone perturbation in verbs. The similar forms are listed below: (those which have a different tone)

1st person singular/future and 2nd person singular/present  
 1st person sg/pl/present and 2nd person singular/past  
 1st person dual/future and 2nd/3rd person dual/present  
 1st person dual/present and 2nd/<sup>3</sup>rd person dual/past

1 indicates lack of data

2nd person singular/future and 3rd person singular/future

2nd person singular/past and 3rd person singular/past

Anticipatory subject morphemes

	1st	2nd	3rd
singular	-'aQ	∅ V	-naV
plural	-taaV	-'aQ	-saV
dual		-kaiV	-saraiV

Anticipatory subject morphemes occurring with non-Predicates are as follows:

Locative                      Predicate

kesinaaópa-taa. kónaum.

my village-we I/we will go

We'll reach my village.

Subject                      Predicate

keyáá-yaa                      máyaum.

I/they only-we I/we stay

Only we three stay.

Subject                      Predicate

keyáá-rai                      máyaai.

I/they only-we2/you2 you2/they 2 stay

Only you two stay.

Object                      Predicate

aasípáá-yaa                      kwégusaum.

cane wall-we we are weaving

We (plural) are weaving a cane wall.

Object                      Predicate

aasípáá-rai                      kwégusau.

cane wall-we2/you2 we 2are weaving

We two are weaving a cane wall.

keiráimo téyasamo                      ésa                      toónkái                      siménaao.

we two we two will come if they food-we2/you2 they'll give us

If we two come                      they'll give us food.

keyáárika-kai-ma

keyáárika-taa-ma

I myself-dual-nom

I myself-plural-nom

We ourselves (dual)

We ourselves (plural)

Mood Suffixes

Mood morphemes have their main significance in Sentence constructions.

They are described here as verb suffixes, giving the distribution in

Sentence types where applicable. The following moods occur:

Imperative (imp) indicates a command or necessity to perform an action.

Desiderative (desid) indicates a desire to perform an action.

Indicative (ind) indicates that an action is viewed as a simple statement of fact or that a non-verb construction is in a state of existence.

Interrogative (inter) indicates a question.

Assertative (assert) indicates a strong affirmation of an act being performed or, with a non-verb construction, a strong affirmation of its existence.

Negative Command (neg com) indicates an action is forbidden as potentially harmful.

Prohibitive (prohib) indicates an action is forbidden.

Concession (conc) indicates a strong affirmation of an act being performed but implies that the following act will counter balance it.

Contrafactual (contraf) indicates that the action did not occur and implies that had it occurred the following action would have occurred.

Contraexpectation (contraex) indicates that the action did not occur as expected and implies that the following action took precedence.

Reason indicates the reason for an action but is not a strong implication but rather like sequence of actions.



There are two sets of complex morphemes which indicate subject person and mood. These are third order suffixes. They are subject person/desiderative mood and subject person/imperative mood.

There are nine more sets of morphemes indicating mood. These occur as fourth order suffixes, following final subject person morphemes or subject person / tense morphemes or anticipatory subject morphemes.

Most of these latter sets have two allomorphs each, one which follows V class morphemes and the other which follows N class.

	sbj per/imp mood			sbj per/desiderativ mood		
	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd
singular	-no	-yo	-ino	-nae	-inkwae	
		follows <u>i</u> -o elsewhere				
plural		-ro			-igwae	
dual		-kaiyo			-yae	

	indicative	interrogative	interrogative	assertative
follows N class i.e. 1st sg/pl and 2nd sg persons	-ne	-na	-no	-mpo
follows V class i.e. 3rd sg, 2nd/3rd pl, duals	-ye follows <u>i</u> -we elsewhere	-ya follows <u>i</u> -wa elsewhere	-yo follows <u>i</u> -o elsewhere	-vo
follows G class i.e. non-verbs	-re	-ra		

negative com.	prohibitive	concession	contrafactual	contraex- pectation	reason
-navo	-navai	-ndanivo	-kakai		
-vo				-sina	-ma
-yayo dual	-vai	-mbanivo	-rakai		

Certain combinations of mood morphemes occur and need more investigation.





Distribution of mood morphemes is shown in the following chart:

mood	Sentence or Clause type	non-final Clauses	final Clauses	final verbs	other verbs	non-verbs
imp	Imperative S		+	+		
desid	Positive Reason S	+	+	+	ss v	
ind	Intentive S closes quotation			+		
<u>-wa</u> <u>inter</u>	Inter Clauses	+			ds v	+
<u>-o</u> <u>inter</u>	Interrogative S		+	+		
assert	Reason-Result S	+		+		+
neg.com	Negative Reason S	+		+		
prohib		+		+		
conc	Concession-Result S	+		+		
contraf	Contrafactual S	+		+		
contraex	Contraexpectation S	+		+		
reason		+			ds v ss v simult v	

## 3.2.2 Locational affixes

Locative suffixes indicate location in space or time.

First order suffixes may be movement or location as follows:

-paG to, at i.e. active

-kaG at i.e. non-active

or may be stationary as follows:

-piN in, on

-kavaN along, beside

Second order suffix is -keN from, indicating movement away from or after  
in time.

-paG and -kaG are described as part of certain complex locative stems  
in section 3.3.7. page 65.

-paG, -kaG and -piN occur in certain word, phrase and clause constructions  
in manifest Location Tagmemes.

-paG and -piN occur in certain word, phrase and clause constructions to  
manifest Time Tagmemes.

-kavaN occurs in certain word constructions to manifest Location Tagmemes.

-keN 'from' may only occur following another locative suffix, most  
commonly -paG but sometimes -piN and manifests Location and Time Tagmemes.

## 3.2.3 Nominal affixes

There are first, second and third order suffixes. Distribution is given  
throughout in appropriate places.

First order suffixes may be of three types i.e.

- (a) basically Tagmeme markers on the Clause level
- (b) Co-ordinate Noun Phrase morpheme
- (c) morphemes indicating the internal state of the noun or pronoun.

(a) Tagmeme markers may be:

-o Vocative

-neiV Instrument

-nankakeN Source

-taaG Acquisition

Also see third order suffixes, closing suffixes which include Tagmeme markers.

Vocative -o is used in calling a person's attention. It is suffixed to personal names and certain kin term stems, e.g.

Konkáa-o(personal name)      A'ínaa-o (personal name)

Timótinavo-o                      kesinó-o

Timoti's father-o              my mother-o

Instrument (inst.) -neiV indicates the instrument with which an action is performed. It occurs with inanimate noun stems including certain body part stems, and with numeral stems. It indicates the Instrument Tagmeme.

paroi-nei with an arrow      morá-nei with one

óntan-dei with a stone      kae'-nei with two

tamayó'-nei with a stick      ayaán-dei-ma with his hand

Source -nankakeN indicates the source material from which an object is made. It occurs with demonstrative or inanimate noun stems.

It indicates the Source Allotagma of the Instrument Tagmeme.

taai-nankákéN from timber

sanón-dánkákéN with glue

mara-nánkákéN with the ground

Acquisition (acq') -taaG indicates an object one is making a trip to acquire. It occurs with inanimate noun stems excluding body part stems. It indicates the Referent Tagmeme, Acquisition Allotagma. -taaG occurs with N and G class morphemes and -yaaG occurs with V class morphemes.

kwaasái-yaaG for talk  
kun-táaG for the axe  
ko-táaG for wing beans

(b) Co-ordinate Noun Phrase morpheme

Conjunction (conj) -iyai indicates the co-ordination of two persons.

It occurs with personal names in Co-ordinate Noun Phrases.

Maásákéti-iyai Ópiriso-iyai .... and ....

(c) morphemes indicating the internal state of the noun or pronoun are

as follows: -koV stative  
-taaV limitation  
-iyaaIN diminutive  
-teV intensifier  
-tavaiV referent  
four types of number suffixes

Stative (stat) -koV individualizes the noun stem it is suffixed to, it indicates it to be in a state of being. See also sections 3.2.1, 3.3.2 and 3.3.3. It occurs with animate and inanimate noun stems including body part stems.

taai-gó the tree('s name is...)	aarai-gó the woman (is there)
aúran-ko-ma (I'm afraid of) her eyes	paroi-gó arrow('s point)
táa-ko-ma their ears (they didn't know)	morá-inin-ko one woman (came)
min-kwásái-gó (meaning of) that story	kígau-go garden (then grew)
iyámpói-go-na boy's (food)	
maan-umbái-yántáa-kóm-bá (take away) this difficulty	

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Limitation (lim) -taaV indicates only that item mentioned to the exclusion of others. It occurs with animate noun stems and pronouns.

-taaV occurs with N and G class morphemes and

-yaaV occurs with V class morphemes

inaamarú-yááV only girls      kwaan-tááV only possums

Diminutive (dim) -iyaaN indicates the non-existence of the item mentioned. It occurs with animate noun stem, excluding kin terms and body part stems.

iyámpó-iyaaN-inim-ba childless woman ( i + i becomes i )

ayaán-iyaaN-kwaasi armless man

Intensifier (intens) -teV indicates an intense degree of the action or state.

It occurs with inanimate noun stems including body part stems.

It frequently occurs in Idiomatic Verb Phrases.

-teV occurs with N and G class morphemes and

-yeV occurs with V class morphemes ending with i and

-weV occurs with other V class morphemes.

ánkú-te-ma íní. It'll small terribly.

táúgwi-te-ma urái. It was very cold (weather).

aamoi-yé kwéi. He is very excited.

kígau-we ivo. He certainly works hard.

sáá-te-ma kwégai. I'm very much afraid.

iyi-té tai. He's always crying.

Referent (ref) -tavaiV indicates a wide area including 'concerning', 'because of', 'for the purpose of' and indirect object.

It occurs with animate or inanimate noun stems and interrogative noun stems, <sup>+ locatives.</sup> It also occurs with verbs and is handled under

Result Sentence. -tavaiV occurs with N and G class morphemes

-yavaiV occurs with V class morphemes.

namuro-yavaiV awanasuwesa they looked for the enemy and

aruntavai éna she is mourning and

taátavai uraa. They were afraid.

naáwa-tavai concerning who

ina kanáagáápa-tavai siri tai. I do not like <sup>it</sup> the native village.

#### Number (numb) Suffixes

A noun stem without number suffix does not necessarily indicate singular number, it is just not being specific. Number suffixes are of four types i.e. collective number,

those which occur with noun and pronoun and kin term stems,

those which occur with kin term stems exclusively and

those which are basically Clause level.

Collective number (col.numb) -toN indicate a collection of items. It occurs

with animate noun stems excluding kin term stems and inanimate noun stems excluding body part stems.

-toN occurs with N and G class morphemes and

-yoN occurs with V class morphemes.

iyámpói-yoN1 many boyds

kwaan-tóN2 many possums

nováá-toN1 many fish

mai-tóN2 many pits

Noun and pronoun number suffixes

	occur with N and G class morphemes	with V class
dual number	-kaiV	-raiV
trial number	-kauV / -kaum	-rauV / -raum
plural number	∅	-rawaG

animate noun stems e.g. kwiyompakewai-raiV1 two people from heaven

minkwaási-raiV2 those two people

kwayó'ná-raúm three servants

kwiyompakenda-rawaG1 ones from heaven

kin term stems e.g. ávako-raiV1 his two younger brothers

ámanaako-raiV1 his two adult sisters

ayóvígo-raiV1 her two adult brothers

aúnko-raiV1 his/her two younger brothers

certain body part stems e.g. siyáán-kaiV1 my hands-two i.e. ten

pronoun stems e.g. mindá-raiV1 they two

mindá-rauV1 they three

mindá-rawaG1 they plural

Kin term number suffixes

	occur with kin term stems		occur with kin term 'pairs'
	V class	N and G class	V and G class
dual	-rasaraiV <sup>1</sup>	-kaisaraiV	∅
plural	-isaiV	-maaG	-nonda

1 -raiV also occurs

-saraiV also occurs

kin term stems e.g. <u>awaaó-rásaráiV</u>	his two brothers		
<u>ááninko-rasaraiV</u>	his sons		
<u>aún-kairasaiV</u>	his <sup>two</sup> younger sisters		
<u>anówa-isaiV</u>	his mothers	<u>aáanim-baaG</u>	his sons
<u>tinówa-isaiVl</u>	their mothers	<u>aúm-baaG</u>	his younger sisters
<u>avo-ísaiV</u>	his fathers	<u>ayaámum-baaG</u>	his daughters
<u>anaanowa-ísaiV</u>	his older sisters	<u>ámanaa'-maaG</u>	his adult sisters
<u>awaa-ísaiV</u>	his older brothers	<u>ayó'-maaG</u>	her adult brothers
		<u>aúnawa'-maaG</u>	his younger brothers and sisters

kin term 'pairs' e.g. keáinavói-nonda these father and sons  
kearaávanói-nonda these mother and daughters  
keávarawai-nonda these many brothers  
keákwa'-nonda these husband and wives

dual may occur with some kin term 'pairs'

keúnanda-raiV2 these two sisters

Anticipatory subject morphemes may also be used to indicate dual and plural number. These occur with locatives, pronoun and noun stems and manifest Location, Subject and Object Tagmemes are listed under section 3.2.1. They may also occur with kin term stems possessed by first person, where number suffix refers to the possessor, or kin term stems possessed by third person, where number suffix refers to the possessed e.g.

kesinó-raiV our (two of us) mother - occurs in Subject Tagmeme

kesinón-kaiV our(two of us) mother - occurs in Object Tagmeme

kesinó-yaaV our (three of us) mother

kesíva-taaV our (three of us) younger brother

These could be treated as complex possessive pronoun morphemes.



anówa-saraiV his/her two mothers  
avowa-saráiV his/her two fathers  
anaanowa-saráiV his/her two older sisters

Second order suffixes indicate an external relationship. These are:

-kaaN resemblance  
-kwarag accompaniment - active  
-teV accompaniment - non-active  
-na possessive morphemes

Resemblance (resem) -kaaN indicates a person or object is like another.

It occurs with kin term stems, inanimate noun stems excluding body part stems, with temporal stems and locatives.

-kaaN occurs with N and G class morphemes and

-raaN occurs with V class morphemes.

kesunkon-kaaN like my younger sister      ánda-raaN like a vine

naaóva-raán-kwaási before-like-person      íve-kaaN like now  
i.e. an old man

Uyaasimpa-kaaN like Uyaasimpa(village)

Accompaniment (acc) There are two accompaniment morphemes -kwarag implies a more active accompaniment, that is the one doing the accompanying and -teV implies a non-active accompaniment that is the one who is being accompanied.

-kwarag occurs with N and G class morphemes and

-gwaraG occurs with V class morphemes.

Occur with animate noun stems including kin term stems and inanimate noun stems, numeral stems and pronoun stems. May follow stative or referent morphemes.

e-gwára-'á kwíniyono. Will you go too?

owé ke-gwára-'á kónaumne. Yes, I'll go too.

kesinóntavai-gwara kesivontávai-gwara-'a kwésinkai.

I'm wanting my mother and father.

aaraigwára kwaai-gwára-'á taróruraiye. He made men and women.

kisaa-gwára tusi agavaao. Cook sweet potato with the pumpkin.

iyampoígo-gwara-e. She has a child.

kwaai-gwára-rá'i. Is she married?

mora-gwara siyo. Say it again.

kweu-kwára-kwaási men with shields

-teV occurs with N and G class morphemes and

-yeV occurs with V class morphemes following i,

-weV occurs with V class morphemes following u,

-seV occurs with other V class morphemes and

-eV occurs with personal names.

Occurs with animate noun stems, including kin term stems, with pronoun stems and personal names. It may follow stative or number morphemes.

e-sé meniye. He'll be with you.

kesimánaamaa-te with my adult sister

nompín-kwan-té marapá-kwan-té kawaá okaiyo. You (2) care for the water and ground creatures!

kesáanin-te ke-sé kumóyauye. My son and I will come down.

minakwa'á awainínkon-té awaikón-té usáveráakaiyo. The couple, the husband and wife must go up inside!

Possessive (pos) morphemes indicate possession and differentiate between singular and plural persons. They occur with animate noun and pronoun stems, and occur as the possessor in Possessive Noun Phrase <sub>1</sub>. They may be suffixed to stative or number

-na singular possessive

-ti plural possessive

kesinó-na my mother's

iyámpói-ti boys'

iyámpóigo-na boy's

kaer-inín-kái-ti two women's

Third order suffixes are closing suffixes, indicating a non-verb word construction or non-verb Phrase construction. They are:-

-maN nominal

-moN designatory

-we indicative

-wa interrogative

Comment Tagmeme marker

Interrogative Comment Tagmeme marker

Interrogative designatory

Nominal (nom) -maN indicates a non-verb word construction or a non-verb

Phrase construction. -maN occurs with V and N class morphemes and

-'aN occurs with G class morphemes.

iyámpói-raiV1 boy-two + nom = iyámpóirai-ma two boys

iyáN2 dog + nom = iyám-bá dog

keV2 I + nom = ke-má I

minkáG2 there + nom = minká-'á there

kaeG2 two + nom = kae-'á two

anón-kwaasiV1 big man + nom = anón-kwaasi-ma a big man

Designatory (desig) -moN indicates that attention is being focussed on that particular construction. It occurs with any non-verb or non-final verb with inflectional affixes.

-moN occurs with N and V class morphemes and

-'oN occurs with G class morphemes.

i-mo      amakwara-'o      kwain-kwaasi

no-desig with meat-desig it is-person

A person who is thin

e-mo      i-mo      naaopa-'o      kwe-mo

you-desig no-desig home-desig you go-desig

If you don't go home

naaem-bo      ke-mo      kowe-'o

later-desig I-desig i go-desig

If I go later

kwaai-mo      omba      mayuvuwim-bo

men-desig while they are doing while she hits her there-desig

Because they are men While she hits her there

Indicative (ind) see Section 3.2.1. page 33

Interrogative (inter) -wa occurs with the filler of any Tagmeme in an Interrogative Clause, except the Predicate in the final Clause of a Sentence. see Section 3.2.1. page 33

Comment Tagmeme marker (Com mker) may be of two types i.e.

(a) indicative mood may be used as a Comment Tagmeme marker e.g.

iyampoigogwara-re.

boy with - she is

She has children.

(b) a class of complex morphemes which indicate person as well as the Comment Tagmeme are as follows:

- i or -iye implies 3rd person singular and indicative
- one implies 2nd person singular and indicative
- une implies 1st person singular and indicative.

These forms are derived from oV 'do' verb.

Interrogative Comment Tagmeme marker (Inter Com mker) is a class of complex morphemes which indicate person as well as the Inter Com Tagmeme. These are:

- wa'iyó implies 3rd person singular and interrogative
- wa'ono implies 2nd person singular and interrogative
- wa'um implies 1st person sg or plural and interrogative
- wa'oyo implies 1st person dual and 2nd and 3rd persons non-sg. and inter.

The final CV is lost when occurring non-final in a Clause.

w becomes n following N class morphemes and

y following V class morphemes ending with i and

r following G class morphemes.

#### Interrogative Designatory (Inter Desig)

-no indicates that attention is being focussed on that particular construction and it is in question. It occurs with pronouns, demonstratives and personal names. It always follows N class morphemes so its form is -do.

maandán-do How about this?

mindán-do How about that?

emán-do How about you?

kemán-do How about me?

Puwaa'nán-do How about Puwaa'na?

### 3.3 STEM TYPES AND CONSTRUCTIONS

Kosena stems may be divided into two major classes, verb and non-verb stems. Verb stems are those which may occur with tense and person suffixes. Non-verb stems are those which do not so occur. Verb stems may be divided into transitive, intransitive and motion verb stems, depending on what type of Clause construction each may occur in. Non-verb stems may be divided into nouns, which may be animate, inanimate or temporal; personal name; pronouns; demonstratives; numerals; descriptives; locatives; temporals; interrogatives which may be locative, noun animate or inanimate or temporal; and specific stems.

Structurally stems may be:

- (a) simple, consisting of one morpheme,
- (b) complex, consisting of pronominal referent plus stem or  
directional morpheme plus stem or  
stem plus locative suffix or  
stem plus stem forming particle,
- (c) compound, consisting of two stems.

The resulting stems function on the word and Phrase level as single units.

#### 3.3.1 Verb stems

##### Types of verb stems

Morphophonemic classes have been described in Section 2.1. One other feature which applies to verb stems is described here. All N and G class verb stems reduce (R) when past tense or aspect suffixes or another stem is juxtaposed. Only some V class verb stems reduce. Verb stems therefore are listed as NR, GR and VR and V, the latter being the sub-class of V stems which do not reduce. Rules of reduction follow:

(1) The final vowel of a stem final nasal plus vowel is reduced and the nasal assimilates to the point of articulation of the following stop e.g.

pisiná extinguish fire becomes pisín-ka-i he extinguished fire  
kumó come/go down becomes kun-ká-i he went down  
tuvamó hit becomes tuván-ka-i he hit him

This can only apply to N class verb stems.

(2) The final vowel of a stem final CVV or CVVV is reduced e.g.

tavaaé tear becomes tavaá-ká-i he tore it  
asaé split wood becomes asa-ká-i he split wood

This has only been found with G class verb stems.

(3) The final vowel of a stem final aya is reduced e.g.

tuvayá blow fire becomes tuvai-rá-i he blew fire  
agayá cook/write becomes agai-rá-i he cooked it

This has only been found with V class verb stems.

(4) The final CV of stems other than the above mentioned, reduce e.g.

atiyé pour becomes atí-ra-i he poured it  
iyó go/come up becomes i-rá-i he went up  
kwiývó sweep becomes kwiýú-ká-i he swept it  
torá hold becomes to-ká-i he held it  
inkaisé fear becomes inkái-ra-i he was afraid

This may occur with V or G class verb stems.

Verb stems may be transitive, intransitive or motion. Transitive verb stems occur in constructions where an Object Tagmeme may occur.

Intransitive verb stems may not so occur. Motion verb stems occur in constructions where the Acquisition allotagma of the Referent Tagmeme may occur but intransitive verb stems may not so occur. Verb stems may end with a, o or e.

stem  
Verb structure  
^

The structure of verb stems may be:

- (1) simple, consisting of one morpheme,
- (2) complex, consisting of a pronominal referent plus verb stem or directional morpheme plus verb stem or
- (3) compound, consisting of two verb stems, either simple or complex.

Reduplicated verb stems are handled under Verb Phrases in section 5.1.

Transitive verb stems may be simple, complex or compound.

Intransitive verb stems may be simple or complex.

Motion verb stems may be simple or complex.

Transitive verb stems

simple e.g.	<u>ánasaV</u>	finish	<u>seV</u>	say	<u>aítóV</u>	put into bag
	<u>isáV</u>	hear	<u>tawiséV</u>	demolish	<u>káráro V</u>	tie
	<u>itáV</u>	prevent			<u>oV</u>	do
	<u>káraV</u>	cut				
	<u>naV</u>	eat				
	<u>utáV</u>	bury				
	<u>vaV</u>	shoot				
	<u>agayáVR</u>	coo/write	<u>atiyéVR</u>	pour	<u>arikwisóVR</u>	hang up
	<u>mayáVR</u>	take	<u>inkaiséVR</u>	fear	<u>kauvóVR</u>	steam
	<u>tuvayáVR</u>	blow fire	<u>kárákwiyeVR</u>	care for		
	<u>pisináNR</u>	extinguish fire			<u>avamóNR</u>	split wood
	<u>anáNR</u>	sharpen			<u>tuvamóNR</u>	hit
	<u>asináNR</u>	remove from pit				
	<u>aunáNR</u>	taboo				



<u>peráGR</u>	'flee'	<u>asaéGR</u>	split	<u>aruwóGR</u>	sew
<u>aráGR</u>	ring bark	<u>piyéGR</u>	pod	<u>kwiuvóGR</u>	sweep
<u>tararáGR</u>	break	<u>tavaaéGR</u>	tear	<u>tuvuwóGR</u>	kill
<u>tuwáGR</u>	lose	<u>uwaéGR</u>	wipe	<u>uvóGR</u>	dig

complex e.g.

<u>ØááyaV</u>	call him	<u>a-úsóV</u>	waken him
<u>á-iyóvaV</u>	doctor him		
<u>a-mentáV</u>	push him		
<u>an-kaV</u>	benefactive		
<u>á-úvaV</u>	he's alive		
<u>a-wánaV</u>	see him		
<u>a-iraGR</u>	carry him	<u>a-meG</u>	give him
<u>a-uwáGR</u>	leave him	<u>a-vuwóGR</u>	stare at him
<u>a-úyoraGR</u>	escort him		
<u>ØinkamóNR</u>	hit him		

Compound e.g.

<u>aruwóGR</u>	sew	+ <u>ameG</u>	give him	=	<u>arur-ame</u>	sew and give him
<u>simáV</u>	say	+ <u>ameG</u>	give him	=	<u>simá-me</u>	tell him
<u>karáV</u>	cut	+ <u>timeG</u>	give them	=	<u>kará-time</u>	cut and give them
<u>agayáVR</u>	write	+ <u>simeG</u>	give me	=	<u>agai-símé</u>	write and give me
<u>vamáV</u>	shoot	+ <u>ameG</u>	give him	=	<u>vamá-me</u>	shoot and give him
<u>asináNR</u>	remove	+ <u>naV</u>	eat	=	<u>asin-da</u>	remove and eat
<u>mayáVR</u>	take	+ <u>maráGR</u>	put	=	<u>mai-mará</u>	marry
<u>uwaéGR</u>	wipe	+ <u>naV</u>	eat	=	<u>uwa'-na</u>	lick

#### Intransitive verb stems

simple e.g.	<u>kwaéV</u>	sleep/lie down
	<u>kwantáV</u>	turn round
	<u>agándaV</u>	rest
	<u>kwáyáVR</u>	stay - inanimate
	<u>mayáVR</u>	stay - animate
	<u>puwóGR</u>	die

Motion verb stems

simple e.g. teV come along  
 koV go along  
 kooV go along, long distance  
 iyóVR go/come up  
 kumóNR go/come down

complex e.g. consists of directional or bi-directional morphemes plus  
 certain bound verb stems e.g.

+ bi-directional morpheme + verb stem, bound

usa-uweráGR go up but return down

kunta-uweráGR go down but return up

taya-uweráGR come along but return away from

koya-uweráGR go away from but return towards

+ directional morpheme + verb stem, bound

kó-maataV go across (river)

usá-maataV go up across

usamaat-owana he got into boat

kó-yaataV passby going along

tá-yaataV pass by coming along

usá-yaataV pass by going up

tá-yaaitaV pass by coming along

usayaaita-mai kwaasi the man who excelled

## 3.3.2 Noun stems

Noun stems may be animate, inanimate, temporal or personal names.

A Vowel class noun stem will change to a Nasal class to indicate that that word or Phrase is the manifestation of the Indirect Object Tagmeme in a Clause, e.g.

<u>anówaV1</u>	his mother	becomes	<u>anówaN1</u>
<u>iyánkóV2</u>	dog	becomes	<u>iyánkóN2</u>
<u>ÁapeV1</u>	personal name	becomes	<u>ÁapeN1</u>

The structure of noun stems may be:

- (1) simple, consisting of one morpheme,
- (2) complex, consisting of a pronominal referent plus body part stem, bodily processes or state stem or kin term stem or
- (3) compound, consisting of various stems plus stem forming particle, animate noun stem plus animate noun stem, inanimate noun stem plus inanimate noun stem, or reduplicated noun stems.

Other complexities are described as they are applicable.

Stem forming particles and bound noun stems are listed with examples, then other animate noun stems, with examples and structure, then other inanimate noun stems with examples and structure, then temporal noun stems and personal names.

Stem formatives

There are a number of stem forming particles which occur with other stems to form complex animate noun stems, demonstratives or ~~per~~ pronoun stems.

These particles are: naG male person  
naV male or female person or inanimate  
waV male or female person  
wiV male or female persons

They occur with kin term, inanimate noun, numeral, descriptive, locative stems or verbs: to form animate noun stems.e.g.

kaweG2 good + naG = kawe'náG2 the good person  
anóVl his mother + waV = anówaVl his mother  
kánísóroVl council + naG = kánísóronaGl councillor  
ó'oNl another + waV = ó'owaVl another person  
pukái he died + naG = pukáinaGl the dead person  
kwíyómpakeN from heaven + naV = kwíyómpakendaVl one from heaven  
anónl big + naV = anónndaVl big one / leader  
moráVl one + naG = moránaGl one person / someone

### Bound noun stems

There are a number of noun stems, animate or inanimate which are bound on the Phrase Level i.e. they substitute for other noun stems to form Noun Phrases. These bound noun stems are:

animate	<u>iniN</u>	married woman
	<u>arasiV</u>	unmarried girl
animate	<u>waiV</u> / <u>waiN</u>	person / it
or	<u>kwaN</u>	creature
inanimate	<u>úraNl</u>	reality
inanimate	<u>tantaaG</u>	thing
	<u>iG</u>	custom / way

Animate noun stems

simple e.g. human

aaraiV2 woman

kwaaiV2 man

inaamarúV2 girl

iyámpóiV1 boy

ivówaG2 teenage initiate

maaviV2 young initiate

kwaásiV1 person

non-human

noyááG2 fish

póiV1 pig

iyáN2 dog

kwaan2 possum

iraankavayaan2 snake

numaV2 bird

kwaíV1 rat

complex i.e. pronominal referent plus kin term stems. For first and second person a fused form of pronoun and pronominal referent is used. See also possessive pronouns in Section 4.3. For third person singular pronominal referent occurs plus kin term stem plus waV bound noun stem or -koV stative morpheme or o. These are not interchangeable.

kesi-voV2 my father      ena-voV2 your father

a-vo-waV2 his / her father

Generation once removed	1 áísááńkoV1 man's parent-in-law son-in-law	1 anááńvúkoV1 woman's parent-in-law daughter-in-law
ego's	airowáV2 man's sibling-in-law woman's brother-in-law	amaaigóV2 woman's sister-in-law
	1 áwááyaov1 man's brother's wife woman's husband's brother	
	awaikóV2 husband	awainínkóV2 wife

1 these are reciprocal kin terms

Generation	male	male and/or female		female
thrice removed		áikwá'nááoV1 great grand parents		
twice removed		áísaavukoV1 father's parents	anaavúgóV1 mother's father	araaráóV1 mother's mother
once removed	avowáV2 father/father's brother	amaamugóV2 father's sister	anaaogóV2 mother's brother	anówaV1 mother/mother's sister
		arauraaraóV2 husband of father's sister / wife of mother's brother		
ego's	ayóvígoV1 woman's adult brother 1 awaaóV2 older brother 1 ávakoV1 younger brother 2	anógaaóV1 cross cousin		ámánaakoV1 man's adult sister 1 anaanowáV2 older sister 1 aúnkoV1 younger sister 2
once removed	ááninkoV1 son	anaávéigoV1 cross niece/nephew		ayáámúnkoV1 daughter
twice removed		anówainkoV1 grandchild		

There are a few kin terms which are a fusion of two kin term stems e.g.

anóvowiV1 his parents

aúnavaG1 his younger sister and brother

áva'awaaV1 his younger and older brothers

1 child of the people ego'calls father and mother

2 also child of a man's brothers and child of a woman's sisters

There are a few kin terms which indicate 'pairs' of relationships. These occur with the demonstrative stem keV2 'this, near' or with miN2 'that'. keV2 occurs if the 'pair' is in sight and miN2 if out of sight.

<u>ke-ainavoiV1</u>	father and son - nearby
<u>min-ainavoiV1</u>	father and son - out of sight
<u>ke-araavanoiV2</u>	mother and daughter
<u>ke-unandaV2</u>	sisters
<u>ke-avarawaiV2</u>	brothers
<u>ke-akwaG2</u>	married couple
<u>ke-akuN2</u>	family

There are a few kin terms which exhibit other complexities:

anowaV1 her mother + araankaN1 old woman + -koV stative =

anowa-araankankoV1 her old mother

compound e.g.

+ animate noun stem + animate noun stem

human

inaamaruV2 girl + iyampoiv1 boy = inaamaiyampoiv2 unweaned boy

(ru is lost)

aaraiV2 woman + kwaiV2 man = aaraigwaiV2 men and women

(change of tone)

non-human

kwaiV1 rat + kwaaN2 possum = kwaigwaaN1 animals

poiV1 pig + araaG1 offspring = poraaG1 piglets

(ia is lost)

numaV2 bird + kwaiV1 rat + kwaaN2 possum = numakwaikwaaN1 birds and animals

(change of tone)

Inanimate noun stems

simple e.g. unaaN2 string bag      taaiV2 tree  
iraV2 fire      naaN2 house  
teG2 banana      toón2 food  
kisaaV2 sweet potato

There are a few body part stems which do not occur with the pronominal referent, these are:

naaeV2 blood      naaN2 breast      ásiV1 skin

complex e.g. + pronominal referent + body part stem

s-úraN1 my / our eyes      a-úraN1 your/his/her eyes      t-úraN1 your/their

Following examples are given in third person singular forms:

ááG1 his ear      áintaaV1 chest      áisamaiV1 foot  
aiG2 nose      amaaiN2 chin/jaw      amaaviV1 tongue  
arauN2 knee      aruN2 liver      arúG1 thigh  
áúV1 body      auV2 seed      auN2 joint  
áuraN1 eye      awétaN2 lower leg      ayaáN1 hand

complex e.g. + pronominal referent + bodily processes or states

ááV1 his breath      áaiV1 hunger      aigaeV2 embarrassment  
áiG1 pain/sickness      aneG2 person      áugavaG1 sleepiness  
áwiG1 name      araiV1 desire

The following examples occur in Idiomatic Verb Phrases with no nominal suffix:

áisaaV ask him      avakaV search for him      áwa'naaV help him  
ávoN his tiredness



There are some body part stems which are structurally interesting, as follows: pronominal referent + body part stem (which may be reduced) followed by an inanimate noun stem and in some cases followed by bound noun stem or collective plural morpheme. The following stems and suffixes

occur: aísamaiV1 his foot aruN2 his liver naV bound noun stem  
ayaáN1 his hand auN2 his joint -toN collective plural  
a'nóN2 his head amaiV2 branch  
aiG2 his nose ánaV1 leaves  
amaG2 flesh/muscle  
ávoN1 centre pole  
amuV2 mountain  
áyáuV1 his hair/feathers/fur

ayaán-aruN1 his palm of hand aís-aruN1 his sole of foot  
ayaán-<sup>au</sup>N1 elbow/wrist aís-auN1 ankle  
ayaán-aun-toN1 knuckles aís-aun-toN1 toe joints  
ayaán-amaiV1 hand(not arm) aís-amaiV1 foot (not leg)  
ayaán-anaV1 fingers aís-anaV1 little toes  
ayaán-amaG1 arm flesh aís-amaG1 leg flesh  
ayaán-avon-daV1 thumb aís-avo-daV1 big toe  
ayaán-amuV1 inside of elbow aís-anuV1 back of knee  
a'nón-tauV1 head hairs ai-táuV1 moustache

compound e.g. + inanimate noun stem + inanimate noun stem

noN2 water + anaV2 bamboo = nonánaV2 bamboo for water  
noN2 water + taareiV2 style = nontáareíV2 bridge  
aaN2 path + taareiV2 style = aantaareíV2 gate<sup>1</sup>  
iraV2 firewood + áamaN1 bark = iraáamaN1 bark for firewood  
unaáN2 string bag + kwátóiV1 skirt = unaáankwátóiV1 clothes<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> note tone changes

+ noun stem, inanimate + noun stem, animate

kwaa'G1 bark cape + numaV2 bird = kwaa'numaV1 decorations for dancing

+ noun stem, animate + noun stem, inanimate

numaV2 bird + ayaaN1 his hand = numayaaN2 decorations for dancing

reduplicated noun stems are of four types

- (1) giving sense of many in number
- (2) giving sense of movement back and forth
- (3) giving sense of repetition
- (4) giving sense of intense degree

(1) naaó'-naaoG1 villages      megwi-megwiV1 rafters

o'owan-o'owaN1 others of various kinds

(2) pare-paraN1 butterfly      ninki-ninkiG1 hic-coughs

para'paraG1 hand clapping      para'-para'G1 as in the phrase  
para'para'r-aaN1 vehicle path

(3) All but final (C)CV of stem is lost and replaced by naa.

Tone pattern is not always predictable.

kampa'-naampaG2 falsehood

ese'-naaseG1 moans

karonke'-naankeG1 spotty

kwaaga-naagaV1 mocking

(4) Vowel change occurs:

suri-saariV1 disarray

inai-naiV2 beg

suwi-suwaa'G1 pleasure

Temporal noun stems

Temporal noun stems are of two types (a) those which occur with other stems to form Temporal Phrases and (b) those which occur with locative suffixes to form temporal words.

(a) <u>kwáya'wáíVl</u>	mid-day	<u>kwíyóNl</u>	moon
<u>no'wááNl</u>	night	<u>nosa'wááNl</u>	night
		<u>táwáíVl</u>	day

(b) <u>aaváyaaVl</u>	tomorrow morning	<u>iraróNl</u>	dawn
<u>aaúG1</u>	wet season	<u>aataíVl</u>	dry season
<u>kanaaY2</u>	time		

Personal names

Personal names are all of the Vowel class and change into the Nasal class when occurring in the Object Tagmeme, direct or indirect. Names of objects or any allowable combination of sounds may form personal names. Names may begin with Y or W which are not initial phonemes in the rest of the language.

<u>TimótiVl</u>	a boy's name	<u>ÁapeVl</u>	a man's name
<u>A'ínaaVl</u>	a woman's name		

Substitutes for personal names occur.e.g.

+ personal name (N class) + kin term stem

TimótiNl + avoV2 his father = TimótinavoVl Timoti's father

TimótiNl + anóVl his mother = TimótinanoVl Timoti's mother

A'ínaaNl + awaikó her husband = A'ínaanawaikoVl A'inaa's husband

This type of construction is used as a substitute for a given name, to avoid name taboos e.g. in-laws and within the 'family' circle. Given names are used by outsiders.

### 3.3.3 Pronoun stems (pro)

Pronoun stems which manifest Subject Tagmeme are all of the Vowel class. They change to the Nasal class to manifest Object Tagmemes, direct or indirect. Some general observations may be made:

keV or keiV implies a nearness to the speaker and  
miN implies a distance from the speaker.

This can be observed not only in pronoun stems but also with the stems of kin term 'pairs'. Except for 1st, 2nd and 3rd person singular stems, all personal pronoun stems are complex constructions. naV stem forming particle occurs with 2nd and 3rd person non-singular forms.

Subject person pronoun stem chart

	singular	dual	plural
1st person	keV2	* keiV2	keV2
2nd person	eV2	keináV1	
3rd person	kweV2	mindáV1	

\* becomes keN2 in

Object pronouns

keV2 may also be used for 3rd plural

### 3.3.4 Demonstrative stems (dem)

Demonstrative stems indicate the position in space relative to the speaker. They may occur in contrastive pairs, but there is overlap.

miN2 that            maaN2 this

kiN1 only that      kaaN1 only this

meN2 that, other    keV2 this, near

keV2 occurs with 1st person and 2nd person pronouns and kin term 'pairs',

miN2 occurs with 3rd person pronouns and kin term 'pairs'.

maaN2 occurs with 'this bank of the river' and

meN2 occurs with the 'other bank of the river'.

The following forms occur as part of certain locative stems:

meV2 up there      meN2 down there      meG2 along there

## 3.3.5 Numeral stems

(num)  
 Numeral stems may indicate specific number or general number. Structurally they may be (1) simple, consisting of one morpheme or

(2) complex, consisting of stem plus -kaG locative suffix or

(3) compound, consisting of

(a) noun stem plus number suffix,

(b) noun stem plus numeral stem or

(c) locative plus numeral stem.

The latter are structurally Phrases, but are handled here for convenience.

In specific numerals, only one to three are generally used. Numbering items is not a common practice and if needed, the Pidgin-English may be used.

simple e.g. specific numeral (spec.num) general numeral:

moraV1 one

o'oni another

kaeG2 two

sawivaG1 many/plenty

kaumboV2 three

amapaG1 all

eiyaiN1 four

amipaG1 all

eva'aaseiV1 five

evakaG1 some

complex e.g. general number

evakaraG1 at some

occurs with waiV to form evakarawaiV1 some people

compound e.g.

+ noun stem + number suffix

siyaan-kaiV1 ten i.e. my hands-two

+ noun stem + numeral stem

(avaG over, movement)

ava'moraéV1 six

avakaetéV1 seven

avakaumboéV2 eight

avaréiyaiN1 nine

+ locative + numeral stem

<u>sísamaivakemba</u>	<u>moraV1</u>	eleven
"	<u>kaeG2</u>	twelve
"	<u>kaumboV2</u>	thirteen
"	<u>éiyain1</u>	fourteen
"	<u>éva'aaseiV1</u>	fifteen
"	<u>ava'moraéV1</u>	sixteen
"	<u>avakaetéV1</u>	seventeen
"	<u>avakaumboéV1</u>	eighteen
"	<u>avareíyain1</u>	nineteen

### 3.3.6 Descriptive stems

Descriptive (desc) stems may be classified as:

- (1) those which modify nouns and verbs i.e. those which occur as modifiers  
in Descriptive Noun Phrases and in Manner Tagmemes, or
- (2) those which only modify nouns and
- (3) those which only modify verbs.

- (1) kaweG2 good      sáwíG1 bad      anón1 big

reduplicated stems giving sense of intense degree:

kawer-aweG2 <sup>very</sup> good      sáwí-sawaaV1 : very bad

- (2) akíV1 short      colours as follows:

<u>ayaátaáG1</u> long/tall	<u>sokón1</u> blue	<u>avután2</u> black/brown
<u>kítóG1</u> little	<u>karogaron2</u> red	<u>sevón2</u> yellow
	<u>kwayan2</u> white	

complex stems are as follows:

+ ááeV1 before + -kaan resemblance = ááeraan1 old

+ teG2 banana + ávuV1 ripe = terávuV1 yellow

Colour substitutes:

kanaV2 ash - used for white

naaeV1 blood /- used for red

(3) complex stems are as follows:

+ anoN1 big + -kaG locative suffix = anoNkaG1 loudly

reduplicated stem = kavegaveV2 quickly

### 3.3.7 Locative stems

(loc)

Locative stems are those stems which indicate location-in-space and occur in constructions on higher levels. Structurally they may be

(1) simple, consisting of one locative stem,

(2) complex, consisting of place name (village, garden or ground), demonstrative stem, directional stem or positional stem plus -paG active or -kaG non-active locative suffix or

(3) compound i.e. reduplicated stem or two stems plus -paG locative suffix.

simple e.g.

egwaaG1 near            moiV inside

sanaaN2 above        mosaV up

nampaG2 below        moruN down

moruna down

complex e.g.

+ place name + -paG active locative suffix

UyaasimpaG2 a Kosena hamlet

AiyurampaG2 Government Agricultural Station

KainantuvaG2 district office and township

+ demonstrative stem + -kaG non-active locative suffix

maankaG2 here      minkaG2 there      nénkaG1 long distance

+ demonstrative stem + -paG active locative suffix

maavaG2 here      mivaG2 there      nempaG1 long distance

meivaG2 up there long way      mevivaG2 up there fair way

mempaG2 down there long way      mempivaG2 down there fair way

mepaG2 along there long way      mepivaG2 along there fair way

+ positional stem + -kaG non-active locative suffix

avakaG2 over/out of way      avoraG2 in open

aakaakaG2 in sunshine      paakaG2 outside/ shallow

kusankaG1 lengthwise      nánkaG1 long distance

+ directional stem + -paG active locative suffix

aupaG2 hidden      kaapaG2 horizontal

áapaG1 in shade      kokupaG1 vertical

maapaG1 outside      kupaG1 vertical

améndaampaG1 underneath      avóvumáyáapaG1 above

awampaG2 edge/ end      maa'aruvaG1 outside house

amempaG1 on mountain side

compound e.g.

reduplicated stems giving sense of two or more in number

évarevaG1 each end      óparopaG1 different places

áákaraakaG1 at her ears  
(remember)      nánka'nankaG1 distances (spaces between words)

+ demonstrative stem + noun stem + -paG active locative suffix

maanávápáG2 this side of river      menávápáG2 that side of river



+ possessive pronoun + o 'presence' + -paG active locative suffix

kesópaG1 my presence      enópaG1 your presence

### 3.3.8 Temporal stems

(temp)

Temporal stems indicate the location in time. They may be general-relative or specific time. The latter must agree with present, past and future tense of the verb in the Predicate Tagmeme of the Clause.

The structure may be simple or compound.

simple e.g.

specific time

present	past	future
<u>ívéG1</u> now	<u>naaóváG2</u> before	<u>aánoV1</u> later
	<u>tíndauV1</u> yesterday	<u>sáraG1</u> tomorrow
	<u>ayúnkáV1</u> two days hence	

general-relative time

aivaG2 first      áaeV1 before / early      naaéN1 behind / last

compound e.g.

specific time

+ demonstrative stem + temporal stem

meN2 down there + ayúnkáV1 two days hence = menayúnkáV1 3 days hence

general-relative time

re duplicated temporal stem

aasiyaasiV2 always

## 3.3.9 Interrogative stems

Interrogative stems may be locative, noun or temporal.

Interrogative locative (inter loc) stem may substitute for a locative stem.

nááVl where - active or location

nááNl where - non-active or position

Interrogative noun (inter n) stem may substitute for a noun stem.

They may be animate or inanimate.

animate

nááVl where + waV stem forming particle = nááwaVl who, singular

nááVl where + wiV " " " = nááwiVl who, plural

inanimate

nóraVl what

nóinl what

nóinl what + tantaaG thing = nóintantaaGl what thing

nááNl where + naV stem forming particle = náándaVl where thing

Interrogative temporal (inter temp) stem may substitute for the first stem in a Temporal Phrase.

nósa when

## 3.3.10 Specific stems

There are a number of stems which function in specific place in Sentences and do not substitute for other stems.e.g.

póGl so      éGl if      a'áoVl don't      owé yes

also the negative stem íVl no

#### 4 WORD TYPES AND CONSTRUCTIONS

Words may be divided into two major construction types, verbs and non-verbs. Verbs are those word constructions which may occur with tense and subject person morphemes and non-verbs are those word constructions which do not so occur.

##### 4.1 Verbs

Four types of verb structure occur i.e. final, different subject (ds), same subject (ss) and simultaneous (simult) verbs. Final verbs occur with tense and final subject person/mood or final subject person and optional mood. ds verbs occur with ds person/tense and anticipatory subject (antic sbj) morphemes. ss verbs occur with same subject person morpheme and antic. sbj. morphemes. simult verbs occur with subject person/tense/simult morphemes.

Depending on the distribution within the Sentence, one of the above verb types will occur:

- final verbs manifest Predicate Tagmemes in final Clauses of Paragraphs.
- ds verbs manifest Predicate Tagmemes in final Clauses of Sentences.
- ss verbs manifest Predicate Tagmemes in non-final Clauses of Sentences.
- simult verbs manifest Predicate Tagmemes in non-final Clauses which have time overlap with the following Clause.

These four types of verb structure may be sub-classified as transitive, intransitive and motion verbs, depending on the verb stem which occurs. Following are formulae for these three types of verbs, each one has alternative readings for tense, subject person and mood to suit final, ds, ss and simult verb types.



motion verb (mv) = + kwé- + mvs + asp + { as tv formula }

Motion verb consists of an optional kwé-VI 'continuative' morpheme which is in agreement with the tense morphemes, it may only occur with present tense. Then follows an obligatory motion verb stem, followed by an optional aspect morpheme, which may only be -em 'repetitive' aspect. Then follows the specific readings for final, ds, ss and simult verbs as given for transitive verb above.

Examples:

transitive final verbs

ma-tinkan-tuw-émae-Ø-mbani.

towards-hit him-comp-cust-they-mood

They would kill them there.

vá-suwa-igwae.

shoot-comp-they/desid mood

They want to shoot (birds).

umá-tinka-naao-Ø-we.

do-benef-future-they-ind

They will do it for them.

tuwá-u-navo (Negative Reasons S)

leave-I-neg.com

I mustn't leave it

tátoraa-Ø-vai.

hold-they-prohibitive

They mustn't catch me out.

asá-ta-ra-i.

split-'all gone' aspect-past-he

He has split all the wood up.

transitive ds verbs

tímé-wa-sarai

give to them-they/prest-they dual

They gave it to them and they(dual)

kará-yuwaa-wa-na

cut-comp-they/prest-it

They cut it away and it

kwé-tavisu-wa-na

cont-pull-they/prest-it

They pull it and it

agaisím-ína-'a

cook/give me-you/fut-I

You'll cook, give to me and I'll

kaáta-g-uwa-na

cover-stative-it/past-he

It covered (them) and he

vamá-ina-na

shoot/give her-he/fut-she

He'll shoot, give to her and she

transitive ss verbss-uwa-e-na

say-contrary/to/expected/result-ss-he

He spoke in vain and

aa-k-e-sa

hold in mouth-past-ss-they

They held it in their mouths  
and thenavaká-uwa-e-'a

search for him-contrary to expected result-ss-I

I searched for him in vain and

sinkami-niy-e-na-wa'i.

hit me-intentive-ss-he-Inter Com mker

Is it that he intends to kill me?

kum-bai-mar-e-na

go down-take-put-ss-she

She went down and took (baby) and

ku-simá-suw-e-taa

go-say-comp-ss-we (plural)

We went and spoke about it and

Ø-ém-e-'a

do-repetitive-ss-you(pl)

You (pl) went on and on doing it

ma-uta-suw-e-sa

towards-bury-comp-ss-they

They buried them there and

kwi-ma-e-sa

cook-perfect-ss-they

They cooked it and

kwi-mar-e-sa

cook-pyt-ss-they

They cooked it and

transitive simultaneous verbsma-yuvúw-imbo

towards-hit-she/prest/simult/desig

While she hits her there

ank-ómba

benef for him-she/past/simult

While she gave birth to him

maimó mār-óm̄ba

ambush put-they/past/simult

While they set an ambush

kwé-s-umba

cont-say-they/past/simult

While they were speaking

intransitive final verbskwáyá-i-yo.

stay-it-interrogative

Is there any?

u-kwé-gwae.Ø

go up-cont-sleep-they

They go up and sleep.

koyó-ku-ra-i.

offend-stative-past-he

He was offended.

kwé-ga-i-yo (Reason-Result S)

cont-burn-it-assertative

It is burning so

mé-kaiyo.

stay-dual imperative

You (dual) stay!

agáandaa-no.

rest-we imperative

We must rest.

intransitive ds verbsmé-gwant-owa-na

away from-turn-he/past-she

He turned around from her and she

ko-kwé-gwae-wa-na

go-cont-sleep-they/prest-she

They go and sleep and she

intransitive ss verbskun-kw-é-na

go down-stay-ss-it

It went down and was there and

intransitive simult verbskwé-ga-imba

cont-become-he/prest/simult

While he became (an old man)

motion final verbsusáuwera-Ø-i.

return down-prest-he

He went up and came down.

ko-ró.

go-plural imperative

You (plural) go!

kó-naáo-Ø-mbanivo (Concession-Result S)

to-future-they-concession

They will go but

motion ds verbskúm-ísa-sa

go down-he/prest-they

He went down and they

t-ésa-ina-'a

come-permissive-he/fut-I

He'll allow me to come and I'll

motion ss verbskw-ém-é-na

go-repetitive-ss-he

He went on and on and

motion simult verbst-únda-rakai

come-I/prest/simult-contrafactual

If I had have come

k-ú-sina. (Contraexpectation S)

go-I- contraexpectation

I would have gone.

iy-éira-um.

go up-near past-I

I went up yesterday.

kwé-go-uwa-sa

cont-go-it/past-they

It(time) goes by and they

(N.B. kwé-VI does occur with past)

(so need to change paper thruout)

tí-niy-e-Ø-o.

come-intentive-ss-you-inter

Do you intend coming?

t-umba'

come-they/past/simult

While they came



Non-verbs

A non-verb as the sole manifestation of a Tagmeme in a Clause or a non-verb as the head of a non-verb Phrase will occur with a closing suffix.

However a non-verb which occurs as a modifier in a non-verb Phrase will not occur with a closing suffix and therefore could consist of only a non-verb stem. So non-verbs may be described as non-verb stems, with or without suffixes, occurring in a higher level construction.

Non-verbs may be nouns, personal names, pronouns, demonstratives, numerals, descriptives, locatives, temporals, interrogative words and specific words.

Any non-verb may occur with -maN 'nominal' as the closing suffix or with -moN 'designatory' as the closing suffix. Any non-verb including negative stem and excluding other specific stems, may occur with -wa 'interrogative' as the closing suffix, in which case this word manifests a Tagmeme which is in question in an Interrogative Active Clause. Or may occur with -wa'iyo 'Inter Comment marker' as the closing suffix, in which case it manifests the Interrogative Comment Tagmeme. Or may occur with -ne 'indicative' as the closing suffix, in which case it manifests the Comment Tagmeme. Any noun, personal name, pronoun, demonstrative or interrogative noun may occur with a possessive suffix instead of the closing suffix, in which case that word is the possessor in a PosNP<sub>1</sub>.

In the following pages non-verbs are described with their appropriate closing suffixes, naming the word construction and its distribution, then giving the interrogative form, indicative form and possessor form as applicable. Occasionally the closing suffix is omitted, but nominative is implied when no closing suffix occurs, so it is written as obligatory.





## (2) + n.s. + internal state + closing suffix

animate noun stem

- aaraiV2 woman + -koV stative + nom = aarai-gó-má the woman
- inaamarúV2 girl + -taaV limitation + nom = inaamarú-yáá-má only girls
- iyámpóiV1 boy + -iyaaIN diminutive+nom = iyámpó-iyaaim-ba childress
- namuroV2 enemy + -tavaiV referent = namuro-yávai for the enemy
- noyááG1 fish + -toN collective pl+nom = noyáá-tom-ba lots of fish
- kwayó'náV2 servant+ -kaum trial = kwayó'ná-raúm 3 servants
- keáinávoíV2 father & son + -nonda plural = keáinávoí-nónda father and sons

kwíyómpakendaV1 one from heaven + -kawaG pl = kwíyómpakenda-rawa-'a

ones from heaven

iyámpóiV1 boy + -koV stative + pos = iyámpói-g-na the boy's

inanimate noun stem

- taaG1 their ears + -koV stative + nom = taa-ko-ma their ears
- ayaáN1 his hand + -iyaaIN diminutive +nom= ayaán-iyaaim-ba armless
- iviG2 cry + -teV intensifier = ivi-té cry plus plus
- taaG1 their ears + -tavaiV referent = taa-tavai regarding their ears
- maiG2 pit + -toN collective pl +nom= mai-tóm-ba lots of pits
- noN2 water + -tavaiV referent + inter = non-távai-yá for water?

## (3) + n.s. + external relationship + closing suffix

animate noun stem

kesúnkoN1 my younger sister + -kaaN resemblance + nom = kesúnkon-kaam-ba  
like my younger sister

inanimate noun stem

ándáV1 vine + -kaaN resemblance + nom = ándá-raam-ba like a vine

(4) + n.s. + internal state + external relationship + closing suffix

animate noun stem

iyámpóiV1 boy + -koV stative + -kwaraG acc + ind = iyámpói-go-gwara-re  
she has children

inanimate noun stem

kesinóN1 my mother + -tavaiV referent + -kwaraG acc =  
kesinón-tavai-gwara  
and for my mother

kesímanaaG1 my adult sister + -maaG plural + -teV acc =  
kesímanaa-maa-te and my adult sisters

(5) + n.s. + closing suffix

animate noun stem

kwaiiV2 man + nom = kwaii-má man / men

anónaV1 big one + inter = anóna-ra the leader?

iyámpóiV1 boy + -ti pos = iyámpói-ti the boys'

kesinóV1 my mother + -na pos = kesinó-na my mother's

inanimate noun stem

kampaG2 falsehood + inter = kampa-rá lie? / lies?

Personal names

Personal name stems occur with a nominal suffix when manifesting Subject or Object Tagmemes. All personal names are of the V class when occurring in the Subject Tagmeme and change to N class when occurring in the Object, direct or indirect.

TimótiV1 boy's name + nom = Timóti-ma i.e. Subject

TimótiN1 boy's name + nom = Timótim-ba i.e. to Timoti

TimótiV1 boy's name + pos = Timóti-na Timoti's

Personal names may be possessed:

+ pos prc + personal name

kesí Timóti = kesí Timóti 'my Timoti'

## 4.3 Pronouns

Pronouns may substitute for nouns in Subject and Object Tagmemes. To the basic pronoun stems, dual, trial and plural number suffixes are added as given in the following two charts for subject and object pronouns:

## subject pronoun chart

	singular	dual	trial	plural
1st person	keV2	keiráiV2	kesááV2	
2nd person	eV2	keináraiV1	keinárauV1	mkeinárawaG1
3rd person	kweV2	mindáraiV1	mindárauV1	mindárawaG1

## object pronoun chart

	singular	dual	trial	plural
1st person	keN2	kenkáíV2	kentááV2	
2nd person	eN2			
3rd person	kweN2			

(as for subject chart above)

Various nominal suffixes may occur with pronouns e.g.

- taaV limitation
- teV accompaniment, non-active
- kwaraG accompaniment, active
- yaarikaG reflexive

Locative suffixes may occur with pronouns e.g.

- paG active locative      kem-paG2 (you trust) in me
- kwe-yaá-vaG1 (he took and placed) him alone
- kaG non-active locati.      kwe-yaá-raG1 (it grew) by itself
- ken-kaG2 (he cared) for me

More investigation is needed.

To these forms a closing suffix is added to form a pronoun word construction

- e.g. keV2 I            + nom = ke-má I
- eV2 you        + desig = e-mó you
- keV2 I        + ind = ke-wé it is I
- keináraiV1 you two + ind = keinárai-ye it is you two
- keV2 I        + Inter Com mker = ke-wá'iyó is it I?
- kweV2 he        + -tááV limitation + ind = kwe-yaá-we it is only he
- keV2 I + -seV acc + -rai dual + inter = ke-sé-rai-ya may I too (go)?
- keV2 I + -taaVlimitation + -rai dual+ nom = ke-yaá-rai-ma we two only
- keinárau<sup>V1</sup> you 3 + -taaVlimitation + nom = keinárau-yaá-ma you 3 only
- kweV2 he + -yaarikaG reflexive + nom = kwe-yaárika-'a he himself

Possessive morphemes may substitute for the closing suffix with the

resulting construction occurring as the possessor in a PosNP<sub>1</sub>.

Possessive morphemes occur with the object pronoun forms, which are given in the following chart.

## possessive pronoun chart

	singular	dual	trial	plural
1st person	ke-sí	kenkaí-sí	kentaá-sí	
2nd person	e-ná	keinárai-ti	keinárau-ti	keinárawa-ti
3rd person	kwe-ná	mindárai-ti	mindárau-ti	mindárawa-ti

2nd and 3rd persons of non-singular may occur as kentí 'your /their'

In section 3.3.2 kin term stems are given with the 3rd person singular pronominal referent morpheme. Possessive pronouns may occur with kin term stems too e.g.

kesi-nó my mother

kenkaisi-nó our (dual) mother

kentaasi-nó our (plural) mother

kenkaisi-nó-rasai our (dual) two mothers

kentaasi-nó-isai our (plural) three mothers

These forms are noun constructions, with closing suffixes.

## 4.4 Demonstratives

Demonstratives may be animate or inanimate. Animate demonstratives substitute for pronouns. Both may occur in Subject and Object Tagmemes.

The demonstrative stems which occur are:

miN2 that maaN2 this kiN1 only that kaaN1 only this

The stem forming particles which occur are:

naV for inanimate waV for animate singular wiV animate plural  
demonstrative (dem) = + dem.s + stem forming particle + closing suffix

An animate demonstrative consists of a demonstrative stem followed by

waV or wiV 'stem forming particles' followed by a closing suffix.



An inanimate demonstrative consists of a demonstrative stem followed by naV 'stem forming particle' followed by a closing suffix.

These stem forming particles change from V class to N class when occurring in the Object Tagmeme.

animate demonstrative

miN2 that + waV sg + nom = mi-wá-má that person  
maaN2 this + wiV pl + nom = maa-wí-má these people  
miN that + waV sg + inter = mi-wá-wá that person?  
miN that + waV sg + Inter Com mker = mi-wá-wá'iyó is it that

inanimate demonstrative

miN2 that + naV + nom = min-dá-má that  
kiN1 only that + naV = kin-da only that  
kaaN1 only this + naV = kaán-da only this

#### 4.5 Numerals

Numerals may occur as modifiers in a Noun Phrase, in which case they occur without a closing suffix. Numerals may occur as the head of a Numeral Phrase or as the sole manifestation of a Tagmeme in which case a closing suffix occurs.

numeral (num) = + numeral stem + closing suffix

moraV1 one + nom = mora-ma one

moraV1 one + inter = mora-wa one?

kaeG2 two + Inter Com mker = kae-ra'i is it two?

A numeral stem may substitute for a noun stem to form an instrument noun e.g.

moraV1 one + -neiV instru + closing suffix = mora-nei-ma with one

## 4.6 Descriptives

Descriptives may occur as modifiers in a Noun Phrase, in which case they occur without a closing suffix. Descriptives which are the sole manifestation of a Tagmeme occur with a closing suffix.

descriptive (desc) = + desc.s. + closing suffix

kaweG2 good + nom = kawe-'á good

kaweG2 good + inter = kawe-rá good?

kítoG1 little + Inter Com mker = kíto-ra'iyó is it the little one?

## 4.7 Locatives

Locatives manifest Location Tagmemes in Clauses.

locative (loc) = +  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{locative stem} \\ \text{demonstrative} \\ \text{descriptive s} \\ \text{inanimate n.s} \\ \text{numeral s} \\ \text{pronoun} \\ \text{verb} \end{array} \right\} + \text{loc suffix} + \underline{-keN} + \text{closing suffix}$

A locative consists of either a locative stem or one of the following; demonstrative, descriptive, inanimate noun, numeral stem or a <sup>demonstrative,</sup> pronoun or verb with inflectional affixes. Then follows a first order locative suffix followed by an optional -keN 'from' followed by a closing suffix.

Following are possible readings of the above formula:

+ locative stem + -keN 'from' + closing suffix

égwaaG1 near + -keN + nom = égwaa-kem-ba from nearby

maankáG2 here + -keN + nom = maanká-kém-bá from here

sanaaN2 above + nom = sanaam-bá above

avoraG2 in open + nom = avora-'á in open

UyaasimpaG2 hamlet name + nom = Uyaasimpa-'á at ....

évarevaG1 each end + nom = évareva-'a at each end

+ descriptive stem + loc suffix + -keN + closing suffix

ákiV1 short + -paG + nom = áki-va-'a at edge of page i.e.  
at short

kaweG2 good + -kaG + nom = kawe-ka-'á good place

ayaátaáG1 long + -paG + -keN + nom = ayaátaá-pa-kem-ba (write) in  
long hand

anónI big + -kaG + inter = anón-ka-ra (is it burning) big?

+ inanimate noun stem + loc suffix + -keN + closing suffix

kanaV2 ash + -piN + -keN + nom = kana-vín-kém-bá from the ashes

anuV2 mountain + -piN + nom = anu-vím-bá in the valley

uwoiV2 pit pit  
shoots + -kaG + -keN + nom = uwoi-ra-kém-bá (I got salt) for  
pit pit shoots

kuriV2 fence + -kavaN + nom = kuri-rávám-bá along the fence

maraV2 ground + -piN + -keN + inter = mara-vín-ké-ná from the ground?

kígauV1 garden + -paG + Inter Com mker = kígau-va-ra'iyo is it at  
the garden?

+ numeral stem + loc suffix + closing suffix

éiyaiN1 four + -kaG + nom = éiyain-ka-'a (split) into four pieces

kaeG2 two + -kaG + nom = kae-ka-'á (how much) for two

moráV1 one + -paG + nom = morá-va-'a (put it) there

+ demonstrative + loc suffix + -keN + closing suffix

mindáV1 that + -kaG + -keN + nom = mindá-ra-kem-ba from that (the  
lock from that key)

mindáV1 that + -kaG + nom = mindá-ra-'a (how much) for that

+ pronoun + loc suffix + closing suffix

keN me + -kaG + nom = ken-ka-'á (you work) for me

keN me + -paG + nom = kem-pá-'á (you trust) in me

+ verb with inflectional affix + loc suffix + closing suffix

## 4.8 Temporals

Temporals indicate the Location in Time. They occur as exponents of the Time Tagmeme. Depending on the type of temporal stem chosen, they may be general-relative time or specific time. The latter must agree with present, past and future tense of the verb in the Predicate Tagmeme of the Clause.

$$\text{temporal} = + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{temp.n.s. (a)} \\ \text{temp.s.} \\ \text{(temp.n.s. (b))} \\ \text{desc.s.} \\ \text{dem.s.} \\ \text{n.s.} \end{array} \right\} + \text{loc suffix} + \underline{-keN} \left. \vphantom{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{temp.n.s. (a)} \\ \text{temp.s.} \\ \text{(temp.n.s. (b))} \\ \text{desc.s.} \\ \text{dem.s.} \\ \text{n.s.} \end{array} \right\}} \right\} + \text{closing suffix}$$

Temporals consist of a temporal noun stem<sup>(b)</sup>, certain descriptive stems, or certain noun stems certain demonstrative stems<sup>(a)</sup> followed by a locative suffix and an optional -keN 'from'; or a temporal stem<sup>(a)</sup> may occur. Then follows a closing suffix. The locative suffixes which may occur are: -piN 'in', -paG 'at', active and -kaG 'at', nonactive. Following are examples of specific readings of the above formula:

(1) + temporal stem + closing suffix

specific time

<u>aánoV1</u> later	+ nom	= <u>aáno-ma</u> later
<u>sáraG1</u> tomorrow	+ nom	= <u>sára-'a</u> tomorrow
<u>ayúnkáV1</u> 2 days hence	+ nom	= <u>ayúnká-ma</u> 2 days hence
<u>menayúnkáV1</u> 3 days hence	+ nom	= <u>menayúnká-ma</u> 3 days hence
<u>tíndauV1</u> yesterday	+ nom	= <u>tíndau-ma</u> yesterday
<u>naaóvaG2</u> before	+ nom	= <u>naaóva-'a</u> before
<u>ívéG1</u> now	+ inter	= <u>ívé-ra</u> now?
<u>ívéG1</u> now	+ Inter Com mker	= <u>ívé-ra'i</u> is it now?

## general-relative time

<u>kwáyá'wáíV1</u> mid-day	≠ nom	≠ <u>kwáyá'wáí-má</u> mid-day
<u>no'wáánV1</u> night	≠ nom	≠ <u>no'wáán-má</u> night
<u>aivaG2</u> first	+ nom	= <u>aiva-'á</u> first
<u>ááeV1</u> before/ early	+ nom	= <u>ááe-ma</u> before / early
<u>naaéN1</u> behind/ last	+ nom	= <u>naaém-ba</u> behind/ last
<u>kwaáyuV1</u> temporary	+ nom	= <u>kwaáyu-ma</u> temporary
<u>aasiyaasiV2</u> always	+ nom	= <u>aasiyaasi-má</u> always

## (2) + temporal noun stem(a) + closing suffix

<u>kwáyá'wáíV1</u> mid-day	+ nom	= <u>kwáyá'wáí-ma</u> mid-day
<u>no'wáánV1</u> night	+ nom	= <u>no'wáám-ba</u> night
<u>kwíyónV1</u> moon	+ nom	= <u>kwíyóm-ba</u> month

## (3) + temporal noun stem(b) + locative suffix + closing suffix

<u>aaváyaaV1</u> tomorrow a.m.	+ <u>-piN</u> + nom	= <u>aaváyaa-vim-ba</u> in the morning time
<u>ááuG1</u> wet season	+ <u>-paG</u> + nom	= <u>ááu-pa-'a</u> in the wet season
<u>aataíV1</u> dry season	+ <u>-paG</u> + nom	= <u>aataí-va-'a</u> in dry season
<u>irarónV1</u> dawn	+ <u>-kaG</u> + nom	= <u>irarón-ka-'a</u> at dawn

## (4) + descriptive stem + locative suffix + closing suffix

<u>ákíV1</u> little	+ <u>-kaG</u> + nom	= <u>ákí-ra-'a</u> in little while
<u>ayaátaaG1</u> long	+ <u>-kaG</u> + nom	= <u>ayaátaa-ka-'a</u> in long time
<u>áG1</u> enough	+ <u>-kaG</u> + inter	= <u>a-ka-ra</u> permanently?

(5) + demonstrative stem + loc suffix + -keN + closing suffix

<u>miN2</u> that	+ <u>-paG</u> + <u>-keN</u> + nom	= <u>min-ká-kém-bá</u> then
<u>miV2</u> that	+ <u>-paG</u> + nom	= <u>mi-vá-'a</u> then

(6) + noun stem + locative suffix + closing suffix

umaraN2 baby + -kaG + nom = umaran-ká-'á when I was a baby

ááin2 base + -kaG + nom = ááin-ka-'a at the beginning

#### 4.9 Interrogatives

##### Interrogative locative

Interrogative locative may substitute for a locative, occurring in

Interrogative Location Tagmeme or Interrogative Comment Tagmeme.

interrogative locative = + inter.loc.s + loc suffix + -keN + closing suffix

Interrogative locative consists of an interrogative locative stem followed by either -paG active or -kaG non-active locative suffix, optionally followed by -keN 'from', followed by either -wa interrogative or

Interrogative Comment marker as the closing suffix.

nááVl where, active + -paG + inter = náá-va-ra where - at what place

náaNl where, non-active + -kaG + inter = náán-ka-ra where - in what position

nááVl where, active + -paG + -keN + inter = náá-va-ke-na from where

nááVl where, active + -paG + Inter Com mker = náá-va-ra'i where is it?

náá-va-ra'o where have you been?

náaNl where, non-active + -kaG + Inter Com mker =

náán-ka-ra'i where is it?

náán-ka-wa'o where are they from?

Interrogative noun

Interrogative noun may substitute for a noun, occurring in an Interrogative Tagmeme of Subject, Object, Referent or Instrument or in Interrogative Comment Tagmeme. It may be animate or inanimate and if animate may be possessive. In such case the possessive suffix will substitute for the closing suffix and the construction occur as the possessor in a PosNP<sub>1</sub>.

$$\text{interrogative noun} = + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{inter.n.s.}^+ \\ \text{inter.loc.s} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{inst.} \\ \text{ref} \\ \text{numb} \end{array} \right\} \right\} + \text{closing suffix}$$

Interrogative noun consists of an interrogative noun stem followed optionally by - number of manifesting an Object Tagmeme,; obligatorally by - referent if manifesting a Referent Tagmeme; obligatorally by - instrument if manifesting an Instrument Tagmeme; or an interrogative locative stem followed by a closing suffix.

Various readings of the above formula follow:

- + interrogative noun stem, inanimate + instrument + closing suffix  
nóinl what + -neiV inst: + inter = nóin-dei-ya with what
- + interrogative noun stem, inanimate + referent + closing suffix  
nóinl what + -tavaiV referent + inter = nóin-tavai-ya about what?
- + interrogative noun stem, inanimate + plural + closing suffix  
nóraVl what + -yaaV plural + inter = nóra-yaa-wa what (will we say)
- + interrogative noun stem, inanimate + closing suffix  
nóinl what + inter = nói-na what  
nóraVl what + inter = nóra-wa what / nóra what  
naánda where thing + nom = naánda-ma where thing

+ interrogative noun stem, animate + closing suffix

nááwaVI who, singular + nom = nááwa-ma who, singular

nááwaVI who, singular + inter = nááwa-wa who, singular

nááwiVI who, plural + nom = nááwi-ma who, plural

nááwaVI who, singular + pos = nááwa-na whose

+ interrogative locative stem + Inter Comment marker

nááVI where, active + Inter Com mker = náá-wa'iyo who is it?

náá-wa'i who is it?

náá-wa'ono who are you?

### Interrogative descriptive

Interrogative descriptive may substitute for a descriptive as the modifier in a Noun Phrase or occur in a Manner Tagmeme, modifying the verb in the Predicate. The structure is like that of the Manner Clause.

interrogative descriptive = + inter.n.s, inanimate + umai + closing suffix

Interrogative descriptive consists of an inanimate interrogative noun stem followed by umai 'doing' which is the verb 'do' plus -mai Manner marker, optionally followed by a closing suffix, depending on the distribution.

nóraVI what + umai doing = nóra-umai how much (food) /  
why (have you come to hit me) /  
how (will it break)

nóraVI what + umai doing + inter = nóra-umai-ya how (will we do the killing)

nóraVI what + umai doing + Inter Com mker = nóra-umai-ya'iyo how much is it?



More investigation is needed for the following, which are just listed:

nóraVl what + -paG active locative + -keN from + nom =

nóra-pa-kem-ba how (is he sick)

nóra-pa-ke how (will I cook it)

nóinVl what + -kaG non-active locative + inter = nóin-ka-ra how  
(will he care for them)

#### 4.10 Specific words

There are a number of stems which function in specific places in Sentences or Clauses and do not substitute for other stems, these occur with specific suffixes to form words, as follows:

póGl so + antic sbj = pó-'a so-I

pó-sarai so-you dual

Occurs between the two Clauses in Cause and Effect Sentences.

éGl if + antic sbj = é-sa if-they

é-kai if-we dual

Occurs between the two Clauses in Future Conditional Sentences.

a'áoVl don't + nom = a'áo-ma don't

íVl no + nom = í-ma no

íVl no + inter = í-ya no?

íVl no + Comment Tagmeme marker = í-man-i it is no.

## 5 PHRASE TYPES AND CONSTRUCTIONS

On the basis of their distribution within the Clause, Phrases are divided into:

- Verb Phrases which manifest Predicate Tagmemes,
- Noun Phrases which manifest Subject and Object Tagmemes,
- Locative Phrases which manifest Location Tagmemes,
- Temporal Phrases which manifest Time Tagmemes and
- Interrogative Phrases which may be:

- Locative and manifest Interrogative Location Tagmeme.
- Temporal and manifest Interrogative Time Tagmeme,
- Noun and manifest Interrogative Object Tagmeme or Interrogative Comment Tagmeme.

## 5.1 Verb Phrases

Verb Phrases are of four types: Impersonal Verb Phrases,  
State of Being Verb Phrases,  
Idiomatic Verb Phrases and  
Repetitive Verb Phrases.

## 5.1.1 Impersonal Verb Phrases

These meteorological phrases consists of a limited number of inanimate nouns followed by a limited number of verbs. The noun may occur with -teV 'intensifier'.

- aa'á atmosphere + ta call becomes aa'á kwétai. It's raining.
- aa'á atmosphere + kai it burns " aa'á kwégai. It's sunny.
- aa'á atmosphere + éna ends becomes aa'á énkwi. It's dark.
- aa'á atmosphere + inkaráGR becomes aa'á inkárai. Rain has stopped.
- úndáma wind + toráGR becomes úndáma tokái. The wind blew.
- koko'á hot + oV do becomes koko-téma kwéi. It is very hot.

## 5.1.2 State of Being Verb Phrases

States of being are expressed by Verb Phrases which consist of either a body part with obligatory pronominal referent followed by verb with 3rd person singular subject; or body part with obligatory pronominal referent followed by verb with 3rd person singular subject and obligatory pronominal referent; or by inanimate noun followed by verb with 3rd person singular subject and obligatory pronominal referent.

A free form Subject never occurs in a Clause where these Phrases occur, but an Indirect Object may occur manifested by an object pronoun, which agrees with the pronominal referent of the verb and body part. The specific situations the verb may be modified, see below \*. The non-verb may occur with -teV 'intensifier'.

+ {body part  
bodily processes or state} + -teV intensifier + verb with 3rd sg sbj

táá'a their ears + kai it burns becomes táá'a kwégai. They're afraid.

áá'a his ears + kai it burns becomes áá'a kwégai. He's afraid.

sáá'a my ears + kai it burns becomes sáá'a kwégai. I'm afraid.

kembá me + sáá'a my ears + kai it burns = kembá sáá'a kwégai. I'm afraid.

sigaemá my embarrassment + oV do = sigaemá kweí. I'm embarrassed.

simaaímbá my chin + ta call = simaaímbá kwétai. I'm yawning.

símú'a my stomach + va shoot = símú'a kwevai. My stomach's full.

sívo my ... + kai it burns = sívo kai. I'm tired.

sísamaima my foot + puwó die = sísamaima pukái. My foot's asleep.

sirumbá my liver + oV do = sirumbá kweí. I'm sorry / have pity.

sirumbá my liver + sáwí'a bad + oV = sirumbá sáwí'a kweí. I'm annoyed.

sirumbá my liver + kawe'a good + oV = sirumbá <sup>\*</sup>kawe'a kweí. I'm happy.

sí-te-ma my <sup>pain</sup> -intens + oV do = sítema kweí. (My foot) is very painful.

sí'a my pain + oV do = sí'a kweí. I'm sick/ in pain.

súgáva'a my sleepiness + oV do = súgáva'a kwéi. I'm nodding to sleep.

+ bodily process or state + transitive verb with pronominal referent  
and 3rd person singular subject

sáái my hunger + benef verb = sáái kwésinkai. I'm hungry

sí'a my pain + éna end + benef aspect = sí'a ésinkai. I'm recovering.

+ inanimate noun + as above

untambá cough + benef verb = untambá kwésinkai. I have a cough.

### 5.1.3 Idiomatic Verb Phrases

These groups of Verb Phrases consist of two parts, a limited number of non-verbs which include some body parts and bodily processes or state which have pronominal referent, followed by a limited number of verbs which are formed from ten verb stems. The two parts are inseparable i.e. no other Clause level item may separate them and they are non-substitutable with other verbs or non-verbs. -teV 'intensifier' may occur with the non-verb.

The following types occur:

- (1) + kwé-VI 'continuative' + non-verb (no nominal suffix) + verb (any subject person may occur)
- (2) + non-verb (optional nominal suffix) + kwé-VI + verb (any subject person)
- (3) + non-verb (optional nominal suffix) + kwé-VI + verb (3rd per sg.sbj)
- (4) + reduplicated non-verb (optional nominal suffix) + kwé-VI + verb (any subject person may occur)

The verb stems which occur are:

<u>ankaV</u> benefactive	<u>isáV</u> hear	<u>kaiV</u> it burns
<u>kauvoVR</u> steam	<u>maráVR</u> put	<u>oV</u> do
<u>peráGR</u> 'flee'	<u>seV</u> say	<u>taV</u> call
<u>vaV</u> shoot		

(1) + kwé-VI + non-verb (no nominal suffix) + verb (any subject person)

agaraáG demonstration + ankaV benef = agaraá sínkai. He shows me.

aváG over, movement + " = avá sínkai. He moves out of my way.

maG + " = masínkarai. She gave birth to me.

áísaaV ask him + oV do = to ask him

sísaaV ask me " = to ask me

sivakáV search for me " = to search for me

súwa'naaV help me " = to help me

páapa confess " = to confess/ bring matter into open

seseV wash clothes " = to wash clothes

(2) + non-verb (+ -teV intensifier) + kwé-VI + verb (any subject person)

ánkú'a smell + isáV hear = to smell (with nose)

sáaka'a my ears, at + maráVR put = to remember

aamoimá pleasure + oV do = to be pleased / excited

aamoiV2 pleasure + -teV + nom" = to be very pleased / excited

imayaama thoughts " = to think

kisuvú'a cook " = to cook

meyaamba trade " = to trade

namáima weeds " = to weed

kwéyáwé scatter " = to scatter (people)

áakaraaka'a at herears " = to keep on remembering

nombá water + peráCR 'flee' = to wash oneself

naamba house " = to go to a meeting / school

kwiráima laugh + seV say = to laugh

awiráima his laugh " = to laugh at him

kesuwiráima my laugh " = to laugh at me

<u>oyáima</u> whistle	+ <u>seV</u> say	= to whistle
<u>aamoimá</u> pleasure	+ <u>taV</u> call	= to be soft / weak
<u>áwí'a</u> his name	"	= to name him / say his name
<u>ima</u> song	"	= to sing and dance
<u>ivi'á</u> cry	"	= to cry / wail
<u>áwayo'a</u> small stature	+ <u>va</u> shoot	= to be immature of stature
<u>tanaambá</u> fall	"	= to fall over (person)
<u>uwaa'á</u> sorcery	"	= to make sorcery on someone

(3) + non-verb (+ -teV intensifier) + kwe-VI + verb (only 3rd per sg sbj)

<u>ávuma</u> ripe	+ <u>kaiV</u> it burns	= it is ripe
<u>áséima</u> delicious	"	= it tastes delicious
<u>oraa'á</u> sour	"	= it tastes sour / tart
<u>uwíma</u> salt	"	= it tastes salty
<u>áuma</u> his body	"	= he has leprosy
<u>aiyamá</u> his body excreta	"	= he is excreting
<u>ámu'a</u> her stomach	+ <u>kauyóVR</u> steam	= she is pregnant
<u>anómba</u> big	+ <u>oV</u> do	= it is big
<u>apumá</u> straight	"	= it is straight
<u>ayántámbá</u> his bones	"	= he is shaking with fear
<u>kawe'á</u> good	"	= it is good
<u>sáwí'a</u> bad	"	= it is bad
<u>sisipaáama</u> squeeze	"	= it is crowded / tightly squeezed
<u>toto'a</u> slow	"	= it is slow going
<u>ááu'a</u> wet season	+ <u>seV</u> say	= it is the wet season
<u>awíma</u> his urine	"	= to urinate

<u>aráima</u> his desire	+ <u>taV</u> call	= to want
<u>ayawaimá</u> famine	"	= it is famine
<u>maríma</u> earth tremor	"	= it is an earth tremor
<u>umbaimá</u> Heavy/difficult	"	= it is heavy / difficult
<u>aváá'a</u> wild	+ <u>vaV</u> shoot	= it went wild
<u>ikaa'a</u> hot taste	"	= it tastes hot
<u>námóima</u> smoke blackened	"	= it is smoke blackened
<u>taúkaa'a</u> mouldy	"	= it is mouldy

+  
(4) reduplicated non-verb + kwe-V1 + verb oV 'do (any subject person)

This type of Verb Phrase indicates continued action, movement back and forth, repetition or intense degree. The non-verb reduplicated stems are described under nouns, section 3.3.2 and locatives, section 3.3.7.

~~xxreduplicated non-verb~~

<u>áákaraaka'a</u> at her ears	+ <u>oV</u> do	= to go on remembering
<u>nínkininki'a</u> hic-coughs	"	= to hic-cough
<u>paróparo'a</u> clap hands	"	= to clap hands
<u>toratora'a</u> shake	"	= to shake e.g. in earth tremor
<u>tuwátuwa'a</u> bang/knock	"	= to bang/knock e.g. plates
<u>ésé'naase'a</u> moan and moan	"	= to go on moaning
<u>paruvará</u> to rub arms and legs	"	= to greet someone
<u>suri saári</u> disarray	"	= to be in disarray

## 5.1.4 Repetitive Verb Phrases

Repetitive Verb Phrases may be of two types: Continued Action Verb Phrases and Repeated Action Verb Phrases, which latter have three varieties.

These Verb Phrases may be transitive, intransitive or motion, depending on the type of verb stem which is reduplicated.

(1) Continued Action Verb Phrase

This indicates an action which is continued over a period of time.

Continued Action Verb Phrase (Cont Act VP) = +(verb stem + iG) reduplicated  
+ nominal suffix + verb oV 'do'

Continued Action Verb Phrase consists of a verb stem plus iG which is reduplicated followed by an optional nominal suffix followed by the verb oV 'do' with appropriate affixation.

kwai-kwai'a íńí. It will go on and on being.

mai'-mai'a kwéi. There will always be (poor people).

uvír-uvi'a kwéi. She is digging and digging.

usáyaair-usayaair esa They pass by one by one going up and

agaivair-agaivai urái. He went on and on stabbing him.

(2) Repeated Action Verb Phrases

These indicate an action which is the repetition of one action.

There are three varieties as follows:

Repeated Action Verb Phrase (Repeat Act VP<sub>1</sub>) = + verb<sub>1</sub> <sup>reduplicated</sup> + nominal suffix  
+ verb oV 'do'

Repeated Action Verb Phrase<sub>1</sub> consists of a verb (minus sbj person, tense and mood) reduplicated followed by an optional nominal suffix followed by the verb oV 'do' with appropriate affixation. The first verb may be an



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Idiomatic Verb Phrase, with only the verb reduplicated, not the non-verb.

síma-síma'a urái. He kept on saying it.

káráruma-kararuma kwéowana They kept on tying (cane) and it  
to-yo kwéi. She comes regularly.

kára-kara úmakea They cut it all up then

náma'-nama kwéesa They go on and on eating and

kunkárasu-karasu úmaesarai They (dual) <sup>went down and</sup> cut him all up and

áitu-aitu úmaesarai They (dual) stuffed him into bag and

ové-ove kwéesa They twisted(tooth) round and round

Idiomatic Verb Phrases as follows:

ivi'á táma-tama'a kwéi. She kept on crying and crying.

tanaambá vágu-vagu éna He kept on falling over and

ái'a umág-umagu éna She keeps on getting sick and

partial reduplication of verb stem. as follows:

tawisi-naawisi kwéo. They are demolishing (house).

Repeat Act VP<sub>2</sub> = + verb, reduplicated + verb oV 'do'

Repeated Action Verb Phrase<sub>2</sub> consists of a verb (minus subject person, tense and mood) reduplicated either with opposition meaning verb stem or opposite meaning in directional or positional morphemes followed by verb oV 'do' with appropriate affixation. This Verb Phrase indicates the repetition of the action is this way and that.

iré kunké kwéena It goes up and down (description of waves) and

mógara mégara kwéuwana He looked this way and that and she

móyusu méyusu úmakea They weave this way and that and

kógaruwa-yaguruwa ésa They went out from house helter skelter and  
koaké taéké ónavo. You mustn't stay round her and there.  
komaé-yamae ésa They gathered from here and there and

Repeat Act VP<sub>3</sub> = +<sup>SS</sup> Verb reduplicated

Repeated Action Verb Phrase<sub>3</sub> consists of a verb including -e same subject morpheme, reduplicated, the reduplicated form occurring with the appropriate anticipatory subject morpheme.

tarátuwe-yaratuwesa They kept on breaking off (shells) and  
óisuwe-óisuwesarai They (dual) kept pulling(bits)out of bag and

## 5.2 Noun Phrases

Noun Phrases are of three general types:

### 5.2.1 Modified Phrases

### 5.2.2 Possessive Noun Phrases and

### 5.2.3 those Phrase types which consists of multi heads.

All these Phrase types occur with a closing suffix, which may be:

nominal suffix, designatory suffix, indicative mood, interrogative mood

or the Interrogative Comment marker. Occassionally the closing suffix is omitted, but nominal is implied, so closing suffix is considered obligatory.

### 5.2.1 Modified Phrases

Modified Phrases may be either Modified Noun or Modified Numeral Phrases, the former have a noun manifesting the head and the latter have a numeral manifesting the head.

(Mod NP)

Modified Noun Phrases<sub>A</sub> may be animate or inanimate, depending on the type of noun stem occurring in the head. These Phrases may be Demonstrative, Descriptive or Numeral Noun Phrases, depending on the type of stem

occurring as the modifier immediately preceding the head.

These Modified Noun Phrases may become possessive by substituting a possessive animate noun in the head. Such Phrases then occur as the possessor in a Possessive Noun Phrase <sub>1</sub>.

These Modified Noun Phrases may become Interrogative by choosing the interrogative mood as the closing suffix. Such Phrases then occur in Interrogative Clauses manifesting the appropriate Tagmemes which are in question.

#### Demonstrative Noun Phrases

Demonstrative Noun Phrase = + dem.s + noun + closing suffix

Demonstrative Noun Phrase (DemNP) consists of a demonstrative stem followed by a noun, animate or inanimate followed by a closing suffix.

The demonstrative stems which occur are:

maaN2 this    miN2 that    kaaN1 this only    kiN1 that only  
kiN1 that only + kwaasaiV1 news + nom = kin-kwasai-ma that little news  
kaaN1 this only + iyampoíV1 boy + nom = kaan-iyampoí-ma only this boy  
miN2 that + iyampoíraiV1 2 boys + nom = min-iyampoírai-ma those 2 boys  
maaN2 this+ ininkoV woman + nom = maan-ininko-ma this woman  
maaN2 this + nondánkákéN water with + nom = maan-dondánkákém-bá (wash it)  
with this water

#### Descriptive Noun Phrases

Descriptive Noun Phrase = + dem.s. + 

}	desc.s.
	temp.s.
	locative
	noun
	pronoun
Clause	

 + noun + closing suffix

Descriptive Noun Phrase (Desc NP) consists of an optional demonstrative stem which has significance on the Discourse Level as it only occurs when the item has been named before in the Discourse, followed by a descriptive stem or temporal stem or by a locative, noun, pronoun or Clause which is followed by an animate or inanimate noun in the head, with a closing suffix.

Following are various readings of the above formula:

+ dem.s + desc.s. + noun + closing suffix

miN2 that + anóN1 big + ááiG1 fight + nom = min-anón-aai-'a that  
big fight

+ desc.s. + noun + closing suffix

anóN1 big + noN2 water + nom = anón-dom-ba big river

kítóG1 little + ininkoV woman = nom = kítor-ininko-ma the little  
woman

sáwíG1 bad + mayáiV2 work = inter- sáwí'-mayai-ya is it bad  
work?

+ temporal s. + noun + closing suffix

ívéG1 now + kwaásiV1 person = ívé-kwaasi young man

naaóváG2 before + kwaásiV1 person = naaóvá-kwaási old man

aivaG2 first + iyámpóiV1 boy + nom = aivar-iyámpói-má first born  
child

+ locative + noun + closing suffix

kanavínkéN2 from ashes + kisaaV2 sweet potato + nom =  
kanavínkén-kisaa-má sweet potato from ashes

iravínkéN2 from fire + óntaN1 stone + nom = iravínkén-óntám-bá  
stone from the fire

aúpáG2 hidden + aaiN2 talk + nom = aúpár-ááim-bá secret

avumpiN2 middle + iyámpóiV1 boy = avumpin-iyámpói middle child  
in family

+ animate noun + noun + closing suffix

iyámpóiyaaíN1 childless + ini N woman + nom = iyámpóiyaaín-iním-ba  
childless woman

aasóG1 in-laws + kwaásiV1 person = aasó-kwaási in-laws

megusaaV2 orphan + iyámpóiyóN1 boys(Obj) + nom = megusaa-iyámpóiyóm-bá  
orphan boys (Object)

+ inanimate noun + noun + closing suffix

naaó'-naaoG1 villages + kwaaiV2 man = naaó'-naao-kwaai village men

kweukwáraG2 with shields + kwaásiV1 person = kweukwára-kwaási  
men with shields

amaaínN2 chin/jaw + kwaásiV1 person = amaaín-kwaási a diviner

taánkaánN2 club/like + tantaaG thing + nom = taánkaán-tántaa-'á a club like  
thing

noN2 water + úraN1 reality + nom = nón-uram-ba real water  
(i.e. not medicine)

+ pronoun + noun + closing suffix

kenkáánN1 like me + waiV person + nom = kenkáá-wai-ma someone like me

+ Clause + noun + closing suffix

pusáámó ánkón they placed him as vanguard + kwaásigoV1 person + nom =  
pusáámó ánkón-kwaasigoma the man they'd placed as vanguard

kwaasáíye siN she talks a lot + iniN woman + nom =  
kwaasáíye sin-iním-ba talkative woman

púwí he is dead + waiV person = púwí-wai the dead person

púwó they die + tantaaG thing + nom = púwón-tántaa-'a death thing  
(i.e. sorcery)

naíVhe eats + tantaaG thing + nom = naí-yántaa-'á edible thing

Numeral Noun Phrase

Numeral Noun Phrase = +  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{numeral s.} \\ \text{Mod Num P} \\ \text{Clause} \end{array} \right\}$  + noun + closing suffix

Numeral Noun Phrase (Num NP) consists of either a numeral stem, Modified Numeral Phrase or Clause following by an animate or inanimate noun followed by a closing suffix. Following are various readings of the above formula:

+ numeral s. + noun + closing suffix

moráV1 one + ininkoV1 woman + nom = morá-ininko-ma a certain woman

éva'aaseiV1 five + kwaásiV1 person = éva'aasei-kwaasi 5 people

évakaG1 some + tantaaG thing + nom = évaka-tantaa'a some things

amápaG1 all + uvowaN2 insects + nom = amápar-uvowam-ba all the insects

évakaG1 some + ayaántántoN1 bones + nom = évakar-ayaantantom-ba  
some of his bones

moráV1 one + aaiN2 talk + nom = morá-aaim-ba agreement

+ Modified Numeral Phrase + noun + closing suffix

kím-boraV1 only one + kwaásiV1 person = kím-bora-kwaasi only one person

+ Clause + noun + closing suffix

évaka-kun some went down + kwaásiV1 person = évaka-kun-kwaasi  
some of the men who went down

Modified Numeral Phrase

Modified Numeral Phrase = . + dem.s + num.s + closing suffix

Modified Numeral Phrase (Mod NumP) consists of a demonstrative stem, either kíN1 'that only' or miN2 'that' followed by a numeral stem and a closing suffix.

kíN1 that only + moráV1 one = kím-bora only one

kíN1 that only + kaeG2 two + nom = kím-kae-'a only two

miN2 that + moráV1 one = mim-borá that one

## 5.2.2 Possessive Noun Phrases

Possessive Noun Phrases may be animate or inanim<sup>a</sup>te, depending on the type of noun stem manifesting the head. In both types, tone perturbation does not occur across the word boundaries.

They are of two structural types:

Possessive NP<sub>1</sub> consists of a possessor with a possessive suffix followed by the possessed head,

Possessive NP<sub>2</sub> consists of a possessor without a possessive suffix followed by the possessed head with a pronominal referent.

Possessive Noun Phrase<sub>1</sub>

$$\text{Possessive Noun Phrase}_1 = + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{pronoun} \\ \text{ani.dem} \\ \text{inter.n} \\ \text{ani.n} \\ \text{Mod NP} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{personal name} \\ \text{noun} + \text{closing suffix} \\ \text{loc.s} \\ \text{temp.s} \end{array} \right\}$$

Possessive Noun Phrase<sub>1</sub> (Pos NP<sub>1</sub>) consists of pronoun, animate demonstrate, interrogative noun, animate noun or Modified Noun Phrase, all of which are a personal name, possessive followed by an animate or inanimate noun or locative stem or temp.s followed by a closing suffix. Following are readings of the above formula:

+ possessive pronoun + personal name + closing suffix

kesí my + Timóti boy's personal name = kesí Timóti my Timoti

+ possessive pronoun + noun + closing suffix

kwená his + akuN family + nom = kwená akum-ba his family

kentí their + naaó'-naaoG villages + nom = kentí naaó'-naao-'a

their villages

+ animate demonstrative + temporal stem + closing suffix

miwána his + naaéN behind/later + nom = miwána naaém-ba

after that one

+ animate demonstrative + noun + closing suffix

miwítí their + kwatóiV skirt + nom = miwítí kwatói-ma their skirts

+ inter possessive noun + locative stem + closing suffix

naawana whose + umípaGl bush + nom = naawana umípa-'a whose bush

+ inter possessive noun + noun + closing suffix

naawana whose + kígauVl garden + nom = naawana kígau-ma whose

+ possessive animate noun + noun + closing suffix

kesivoná my father's + toón2 food + nom = kesivoná toóm-bá  
my father's food

kesivára my younger brother's + kwatóiVl skirt + nom =

kesivára kwatói-ma my younger brother's skirt

(N.B. allomorph of possessive for G class - enter thruout

+ Numeral Noun Phrase, possessive + noun + closing suffix

morá-iyampoigona one boy's + toón2 food + nom = morá-iyampoigona toóm-bá one boy's food

### Possessive Noun Phrase<sub>2</sub>

Possessive Noun Phrase<sub>2</sub> = +  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ani. dem} \\ \text{ani. n} \\ \text{Mod NP} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{kin term} \\ \text{body part} \\ \text{bodily processes} \\ \text{or state} \end{array} \right\} + \text{closing suffix}$

Possessive Noun Phrase<sub>2</sub> (Pos NP<sub>2</sub>) consists of animate demonstrative, animate noun or Modified Noun Phrase followed by either a kin term, body part or bodily processes or state followed by a closing suffix.

Following are readings of the above formula:

+animate demonstrative + bodily processes or state + closing suffix

miwíV2 those ones + túwíGl their names + nom = miwí túwí-'a their names

+ animate noun + body part + closing suffix

aaraigóV2 woman + anówaVl her mother + nom = aaraigó anówa-ma  
the woman's mother

awaikóNl s. her husband (Obj) + arósaánuNl his back + nom =  
awaikó arósaánum-ba her husband's back



+ Desc Noun Phrase + bodily processes or state + closing suffix

púwín-kwaasigoVl dead man + áwíGl his name + nom =

púwín-kwaasigo áwí-'a dead man's name

usáyaaítayan-omakoVl highest mountain + áwíGl his name + nom =

usáyaaítayan-omako áwí-'a name of highest mountain

5.2.3 Those Phrase types which consists of multi-heads are:

Co-ordinate Noun Phrase and

Appositional Noun Phrase.

Co-ordinate Noun Phrase

Co-ordinate Noun Phrase (Co-ord NP) usually consists of two heads, but may be more. Each item may occur merely in juxtaposition, with

-kwarag 'accompaniment' (when only the last item has closing suffix),

-teV 'accompaniment' (occurs with all items) or with -iyai 'conjunction'

(which occurs only with personal names). The co-ordinated items are

either all animate or all inanimate. All or some or one item may occur

with nominal suffix. The co-ordinated items may be nouns, including

kin terms, personal names, <sup>pronouns,</sup> Modified Noun Phrases or Possessive NP<sub>1</sub>.

inanimate nouns eg.

ameriyaámba tauma flat shells and small shells

a'nómba arósaánumba it's head and it's back (pork)

kin terms e.g.

awaikóma ayóvígoma her husband and her adult brother

personal name with -iyai 'conjunction

Máásakétiyai Ópirisoyai ..... and .....

animate noun with -kwaráG

aaraigwára kwaai gwára'a women and men

animate nouns, including kin terms and pronouns with -teV

awaaísáí-ye kwe-se' his brothers and he

kesaánin-te ke-se' my son and I

awainínkó-e anówa-e his wife and his mother

awainínkón-té awaikón-té' his wife and her husband (Object)

Desc NP with -teV

nompín-kwán-te maípa<sup>a</sup>-kwán-té the water and land creatures

Possessive Noun Phrase<sub>1</sub>

kwená akumba kwená kwaási his family and his people

Appositional Noun Phrase

Appositional Noun Phrase (App NP) consists of two heads, manifested by nouns including kin terms, Modified Noun Phrases, Co-ordinate Noun Phrases.

;or pronoun plus personal name;or Interrogative

Equative Clause plus mindá 'that'; or Modified Noun Phrase plus mindá 'that'..

Restrictions are that kin term may occur in only one head in a Phrase and both heads are manifested by animate or both by inanimate nouns in a Phrase.

Interrogative Equative Clause + mindá 'that'

sontáa kaerá'i mindá

week two is it that About two weeks

mora sontaawa'i mindá

one week is it that About one week

Co-ordination Noun Phrase + kin term

kaampaankóe kwiyaóema keávaráwaígórasái a bat and a python, 2 brothers

Desc NP + mindáanóm-poi mindá a big pig, that

Co-ord NP + Desc NP

a'nómbá arósáanumba mirám-poi it's head, <sup>and</sup> it's back, such a pig

prounoun + personal name

kwemá Ayapóma he, personal name

noun + noun, both animate

aarai kware'á the woman, the widow

noun + Desc NP

moránakoma áwayo-kwaasigoma a certain person, a little man

Desc NP + Desc NP

morá-ininkoma Óvaavin-ininkoma a certain woman, an Ovafina woman

### 5.3 Locative Phrases

Locative Phrases may be a Noun Phrase plus locative suffix or Co-ordinate Locative Phrase, which is a Phrase with two or more locatives.

#### Locative Phrase

$$\text{Locative Phrase} = + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Mod NP} \\ \text{Pos NP} \\ \text{App NP} \end{array} \right\} + \text{locative suffix} + \text{closing suffix}$$

(LocP)

Locative Phrase, consists of a Modified Noun Phrase, Possessive Noun Phrase or Appositional Noun Phrase following by a locative suffix followed by a closing suffix, which may be the anticipatory subject morpheme, see section 3.2.1. Following are readings of the above formula:

+ Demonstrative NP + locative suffix + closing suffix

mintááréíV2 that table + -paG + nom = min-tááréí-vá-'a on that table

maanaáíN2 that talk + -piN + -keN = maan-ááim-pín-kém-bá (say it)  
in this language

+ Descriptive NP + locative suffix + closing suffix

póí'ó kweúman-doN1 the river where they kill the pigs + -kaG + nom

póí'ó kweúman-don-ka-'a at the river where they kill the pigs

marapá'ó kwanaambó úraron-daaun1 inside the house they'd made on the ground + -paG + -ta antic sbj as closing suffix =

marapá'ó kwanaambó úmaron-daaum-pa-ta inside the house they had made on the ground

+ Pos NP<sub>2</sub> + locative suffix + closing suffix

awaikó arósaánuN1 her husband's back + -kavaN 'along' + nom =

awaikó arósaánun-kavam-ba along her husband's back

### Locative Co-ordinate Phrase

Co-ordinate Locative Phrase (Co-ord Loc P) consists of two or more heads manifested by locatives, the final one with a closing suffix.

kígauvake naaópakem-ba from the garden and the village

## 5.4 Temporal Phrases

Temporal Phrases indicate the location in time. They manifest the Time Tagmeme.

$$\text{Temporal Phrase} = + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{temp.s} \\ \text{dem.s} \\ \text{spec.num.s} \\ \text{verb} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{temp.n.s(a)} \\ \text{temp.n.s(b)} + \text{-kaG} \end{array} \right\} + \text{closing suffix}$$

Temporal Phrase<sub>(Temp F)</sub> consists of a temporal stem, demonstrative stem, specific numeral stem or verb with inflectional affixes following either by a temporal noun stem (a) or by a temporal noun stem (b) plus -kaG locative suffix. Then follows the closing suffix. Demonstrative stems which may occur are: miN2 'that', maaN2 'this'. Following are examples of specific readings of the above formula:

- (1) + temporal stem + temporal noun stem(a) + closing suffix

~~iveG1 now + kwiyon1 moon + nom = ive-kwiyom-ba this months~~  
iveG1 now + kwiyon1 moon + nom = ive-kwiyom-ba this months  
iveG1 now + no'waan1 night + nom = ive'-no'waam-ba tonight  
aivaG2 first + tawaiV1 day + nom = aiva-tawai-ma first day  
aasiyaasiV1 always + tawaiV1 day + nom = aasiyaasi-tawai-ma each day

- (2) + demonstrative stem + temporal noun stem(a) + closing suffix

miN2 that + kwiyon1 moon + nom = min-kwiyom-ba that month  
miN2 that + no'waan1 night + nom = min-do'waam-ba that night  
miN2 that + tawaiV1 day + nom = min-tawai-ma that day

- (3) specific numeral stem + temporal noun stem(a) + closing suffix

moraV1 one + tawaiV1 day + nom = mora-tawai-ma once  
kaeG2 two + tawaiV1 day + nom = kae-tawai-ma twice  
moraV1 one + kwiyon1 moon + nom = mora-kwiyom-ba next month

(4) + verb + temporal noun stem(a) + closing suffix

púwí he dies + nosa'waáN1 night + nom = púwí-nosa'waam-ba on the  
night someone dies

(5) +temporal stem + temporal noun stem(b) + -kaG + closing suffix

ívéG1 now + kanaaV2 time + -kaG + nom = ívé-kanaa-ra-'a now-a-days  
naaóvaG2 before + kanaaV2 time + -kaG + nom = naaóva-kanaa-ra-'a  
in olden times

## 5.5 Interrogative Phrases

### 5.5.1 Interrogative Locative Phrase

Interrogative Locative Phrase may substitute for a locative and manifest the Location Tagmeme in an Interrogative Clause.

Inter Locative Phrase = + inter.loc.s + locative + closing suffix

Interrogative Locative Phrase (Inter LocP) consists of an interrogative locative stem followed by a locative word followed by a closing suffix which may be -wa interrogative.

naáN1 where + naaúmpaG1 inside house + inter = naán-daaumpa-ra  
in which house

### 5.5.2 Interrogative Temporal Phrase

Interrogative Temporal Phrase may substitute for a temporal and manifest the Time Tagmeme in an Interrogative Clause.

Inter Temporal Phrase =  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(inter. temp.s. + temp.n.s(a))} \\ \text{(inter. ina.n.s. + temp.n.s(b) + -kaG)} \end{array} \right\} \text{closing suffix}$

Interrogative Temporal Phrase (Inter TempP) consists of an interrogative temporal stem followed either by a temporal noun stem (a) or <sup>an inter. inanimate noun stem</sup> a temporal noun stem (b) plus -kaG locative suffix. Then follows a closing suffix.

nósa when + tawaiV1 day + nom = nósa-tawai-ma what day /when

nóraV1 what + kanaaV2 time + -kaG + nom = nóra-kanaa-ra-'a at what time

### 5.5.3 Interrogative Noun Phrase

Interrogative Noun Phrase may substitute for a noun and manifest the Object Tagmeme in an Interrogative Clause or may manifest an Interrogative Comment Tagmeme. It may be animate or inanimate depending on the type of noun stem occurring in the head.

Inter Noun Phrase = +  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{inter.n.s.ina} \\ \text{inter.loc} \\ \text{inter.desc} \end{array} \right\}$  + n.s. + closing suffix

Interrogative Noun Phrase (Inter NP) consists of an interrogative <sup>inanimate</sup> noun stem, interrogative locative (minus closing suffix) or an interrogative descriptive (minus closing suffix). This is followed by a noun stem, either animate or inanimate followed by a closing suffix.

Following are various readings of the above formula:

(1) <sup>inanimate</sup> +inter noun stem + noun stem + closing suffix

nóinI what + kwaásiV1 person + nom = nóin-kwaasi-ye what man

nóinI what + mayáiV2 work + inter = nóim-bayai-ya what work

(2) + inter locative + noun stem + closing suffix

náávakeN1 from where + kwaásiV1 person = náávaken-kwaasi  
a person from where

náávakeN1 from where + tantaaG thing + inter = náávaken-tantaa-ra  
a thing from where

(3) + inter descriptive + noun stem + closing suffix

nóraumai what + toón2 food + inter = nóraumai-too-na how much food

(4) +inter possessive noun + noun stem + closing suffix

naáwana whose + toón2 food + inter = naáwana too-ná whose food

naáwana whose + naan2 house+ Inter Com mker = naáwana naa-ná'iyé whose house is it?

naáwana whose + kígauV1 garden + " " " = naáwana kígau-wa'iyé whose house is i

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Pos NP  
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## 6 TAGMEME INVENTORY

Here will be described those functional slots with their manifesting classes which form Clause constructions. These tagmemes may be nuclear or peripheral. Nuclear tagmemes are those which are restricted in their occurrence and determine certain Clause types. Peripheral tagmemes do not determine Clause types, they may occur in more than one Clause type.

Nuclear Tagmemes are: Predicate i.e. Transitive, Intransitive and Motion; Comment; Subject; Topic and Object i.e. Direct and Indirect.

Peripheral Tagmemes are: Time, Location, Negative, Manner, Accompaniment, Instrument, Referent and Information.

## 6.1 Nuclear Tagmemes

Predicate Tagmemes occur final in Active Clauses. The only ~~exception~~ exception is that Information Tagmeme may follow. Predicate Tagmemes are obligatory and may be the only Tagmeme occurring in a given Clause. They are manifested by verbs or Verb Phrases which <sup>may</sup> also indicate the functions of subject person, indirect object, time and location. They may be Transitive, Intransitive or Motion Predicates, occurring in Clause constructions of the same name.

Transitive Predicate (Ptr): { tv; tVP }

Transitive Predicate is manifested by transitive verbs or Transitive Verb Phrases.



Intransitive Predicate (Pint.): { iv; iVP }

Intransitive Predicate is manifested by intransitive verbs or Intransitive Verb Phrases.

Motion Predicate (Fm): { mv; mVP }

Motion Predicate is manifested by motion verbs or Motion Verb Phrases.

Transitive, Intransitive and Motion Predicates may become Interrogative by suffixing an interrogative mood morpheme to the verb. In which case they manifest Predicates in Interrogative Clauses.

Transitive, Intransitive and Motion Predicates may become Imperative by changing the verb to an imperative verb. In which case they manifest Predicates in Imperative Clauses.

Comment Tagmeme occurs final in Equative Clauses and is obligatory to that Clause type.

Comment (Com) \* { desc; n; loc; num; dem; pro; PosNP; ModNP; Active Cl }  
+ Com mker

Comment is manifested by a descriptive, noun, locative, numeral, demonstrative, pronoun, Possessive Noun Phrase, one of the Modified Noun Phrases or an Active Clause followed by Comment Tagmeme marker, which may be an indicative mood morpheme or more commonly a nominal suffix followed by the

Comment Tagmeme marker which is derived from the verb 'do'.  
Occasionally the nominal suffix or the Comment Tagmeme marker is omitted.

Comment Tagmeme may be Possessive:

Pos Com: + { ani.n  
obj.pro } + -neiV + Com mker

Possessive Comment is manifested by an animate noun which occurs with -koN 'stative' suffix as a Nasal class morpheme or by an object pronoun followed by -neiV indicating possession, optionally followed by nominal suffix and Comment Tagmeme marker which is derived from the verb 'do'.

Interrogative Comment Tagmeme occurs final in an Interrogative Equative Clause and is obligatory to that Clause type.

Inter Com: + { same as for Comment;  
inter.n;inter.loc;  
inter.desc;TempP;  
personal name } + Inter Com mker

Interrogative Comment is manifested by the same fillers as the Comment Tagmeme or by an interrogative noun, interrogative locative, interrogative descriptive, Temporal Phrase or personal name, followed by Interrogative Comment Tagmeme marker or by an optional nominal suffix followed by Interrogative Designatory morpheme.

Interrogative Comment Tagmeme may be Possessive:

Inter Pos Com: + obj pro + -neiV + Inter Com mker

Interrogative Possessive Comment is manifested by an object

pronoun followed by -neiV indicating possession, followed by Interrogative Comment Tagmeme marker.

Subject Tagmeme occurs in Active Clauses and may be described as a complex tagmeme i.e. general subject occurring as subject person in the verb and Specific Subject occurring as a free form i.e. personal name, pronoun, animate demonstrative, noun or Noun Phrase. There is agreement between both i.e. if a free form occurs, the subject person of the verb is third person. If the free form is non-human, the subject person is third person singular, even if the non-humans occur with a number suffix. If the free form is human, the number agrees with the subject person number of the verb i.e. singular, dual or plural.

Subject (Sbj):  $\pm$  Sbj<sub>spec</sub>:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{personal name;} \\ \text{pronoun; ani.dem;} \\ \text{n; NP} \end{array} \right\} + \text{sbj}_{gen}:\text{sbj per}$

Specific Subject may be said to be optional to the Clause. It has significance on the Discourse level i.e. it occurs when a new participant is introduced in the discourse and when there is need to clarify which already introduced participant is referred to. It usually occurs following Time Tagmeme, though it may follow Object Tagmeme. It is manifested by a personal name, pronoun, animate demonstrative, noun either animate or inanimate or any of the Noun Phrases.

General subject is stated or implied in the verb. It occurs as the subject person morpheme in a final verb, as the tense/

person morpheme in a different subject verb and in a simultaneous verb and is implied by e 'same subject' morpheme in a same subject verb i.e. it is the same subject as the one stated in the following different subject verb or final verb.

The Subject may be the initiator of the action or the non-initiator. The exponents of the Subject Tagmeme when the subject is the initiator of the action, may be any Noun Phrase, animate noun, animate demonstrative, pronoun or personal name. The exponents when the subject is not the initiator of the action, may be inanimate noun, temporal noun or inanimate demonstrative.

Topic Tagmeme is optional and occurs initially in an Equative Clause.

Topic (Top): { pro; ani.dem; n; ModNP; PosNP; personal name }

Topic Tagmeme may be manifested by a pronoun, animate demonstrative, noun, Modified Noun Phrase, Possessive Noun Phrase or personal name.

Object Tagmeme indicates the goal of the action of a Transitive Clause. This may be called the Direct Object. Because Transitive Predicate implies a goal, it may be said that the Object Tagmeme is obligatory, though it may only be implied and not stated overtly. If it occurs preceding + Loc + Ptr

it is the goal of the action of the Predicate. An Object Tagmeme may occur in a Manner Clause, in which case the Object is the goal of the Manner Clause Predicate and may also be the goal of the main Clause Predicate.

Object: <sup>(O)</sup> { dem<sub>ina</sub>; n<sub>ina</sub>; NP<sub>ina</sub>; quoted speech }

Object Tagmeme is manifested by an inanimate demonstrative, a noun or Noun Phrase, which usually contain an inanimate noun stem.

The Object Tagmeme in a Quotation Clause, is manifested by the quoted speech which must occur with a mood morpheme.

and is manifested by '...'. (Quoted speech)

(IO)

Indirect Object Tagmeme may be described as a complex tagmeme. It occurs as a pronominal referent of the transitive verb stem and may optionally co-occur as a free form preceding + Loc + Ptr.

Indirect Object: <sup>(IO)</sup> IO<sub>spec</sub> { dem<sub>ani</sub>; obj per pro; n<sub>ani</sub>; NP<sub>ani</sub> } + io<sub>gen</sub>: pro ref

Specific Indirect Object is manifested by an animate demonstrative, object person pronoun, animate noun or animate Noun Phrase. General indirect

object is manifested by a pronominal referent occurring with the verb stem.

## 6.2 Peripheral Tagmemes

(T)

Time Tagmeme indicates a unit of time or the location in time of an action or event. Time Tagmeme may be described as a complex tagmeme, general time occurring as tense morphemes in the verb and Specific Time occurring as a free form, in the Clause. There must be agreement between both, in regards past, present or future.

Time: <sup>(T)</sup> + Time<sub>spec</sub>: { temp: TempP; TempCl } + time<sub>gen</sub>: ts

Specific Time may be said to be optional, occurring initially in the Clause. However it has its primary significance on the Paragraph or Discourse Level and on these levels it is not optional, but obligatorily present or absent. It is manifested by a temporal, Temporal Phrase or Temporal Clause.

General time is always stated or implied in the verb. It is stated by a tense morpheme in a final verb, by a tense/person morpheme in a different subject verb and simultaneous verb. If it is stated by a tense morpheme in a same subject verb it indicates that that action must take place before the action of the following verb. (N.B. may only be past tense form) If no tense morpheme occurs in a same subject verb it indicates a sequence of actions or events and the tense will be stated in the next different subject verb or final verb.

Location Tagmeme (Loc) indicates the location in space or direction of an action, event, person or thing. It is optional and may be described as a complex tagmeme. General location occurs as a directional or positional prefix to the verb and specific location occurs as a free form, in various positions in the Clause. If it occurs preceding the Predicate, it indicates the location of the action. If it precedes the Subject it indicates the location of the one performing the action. If it precedes Instrument or Object it indicates the location of the instrument or object, respectively. The usual position is preceding Object or Predicate. It may occur preceding Object and Predicate both, in a given Clause. It may be repeated contiguously, in which case the second manifestation will give a more specific location than the first.

General location only occurs in Transitive and Intransitive Clauses and

specific location may occur in Transitive, Intransitive, Motion Clauses or Equative Clauses. Specific Location has significance on the Discourse level and may be obligatorily absent or present at that level.

Location:  $\pm \text{Loc}_{\text{spec}} : \{ \text{locative; LocP; LocCl} \} + \text{loc}_{\text{gen}} : \{ \text{dir; posit} \}$

Location Tagmeme is manifested by a locative, Locative Phrase or Locative Clause as the Specific Location and by a directional or positional prefix to the verb as the general location.

Negative (Neg) Tagmeme is optional and occurs preceding the Manner Tagmeme in Active Clauses and preceding Comment Tagmeme in Equative Clauses.

Negative : ima

Negative Tagmeme has only one manifestation i.e. ima .

Manner (Man) Tagmeme indicates the way in which an action is performed.

It is optional and occurs following T, S, Neg and preceding Inst, O, IO, Loc and Predicate in Active Clauses and preceding Comment in Equative Clauses.

Manner :  $\{ \text{descriptive; Manner Cl} \}$

Manner Tagmeme is manifested by a descriptive or a Manner Clause.

Accompaniment (Acc) Tagmeme occurs in Active Clauses and indicates

participation in an action by someone or something other than the subject or object. It is optional and occurs preceding Subject and Predicate.

Accompaniment :  $\{ \text{pronoun ; n} \}$

Accompaniment is manifested by a personal pronoun, animate or inanimate noun which must include either -kwarag or -teV the accompaniment suffixes.

Instrument (Inst) Tagmeme is optional and has two allotagmas, Instrument and Source. They both occur in Transitive Clauses, preceeding Object and Predicate. Instrument indicates the instrument by which an action is performed and Source indicates the source of the material from which an object is made.

Instrument : Instrument : { numeral; n<sub>ina</sub>; ModNP<sub>ina</sub> } + -neiV instrument marker

Source: { n<sub>ina</sub>; ModNP<sub>ina</sub> } + -nakakeN source marker

Instrument Tagmeme consists of two allotagmas, Instrument manifested by a numeral, inanimate noun, inanimate Modified Noun Phrase plus -neiV instrument marker, and, Source manifested by an inanimate noun or inanimate Modified Noun Phrase plus -nakakeN source marker.

Referent (Ref) Tagmeme is optional and has two allotagmas, Referent and Acquisition. Referent may occur in any Active Clause and Acquisition in Motion Clauses.

Referent Tagma may indicate indirect object or the reason for an action and occurs preceeding Manner, Object and Predicate.

Acquisition Tagma indicates the object one is making a trip to acquire.

It occurs preceeding Location and Predicate i.e. Motion Predicate.

Referent : Referent : { n; locative; simult.verb } + -tavaiV referent marker

Acquisiton : n<sub>ina</sub> + -taaG acquisition marker

Referent Tagmeme consists of a Referent allotagma manifested by a noun, locative or simultaneous verb plus -tavaiV referent marker and an Acquisition allotagma manifested by an inanimate noun plus -taaG acquisition marker.



Information (Inf) Tagmeme is optional and is the only Tagmeme which may follow Predicates. It focuses attention on added information to that given in the Clause already. It may also occur Clause initially in which case it announces the topic of the Clause. It is set apart from the Clause by a pause. It occurs in Active Clauses.

Any non-Predicate Tagmeme may occur as manifesting the Information Tagmeme e.g. Clause final:

Manner : anayunkwara umai 'doing the seeds too'

Instrument: kwenayaándeí 'with his own hands'

Location : poi'o kweuman-donka'a 'at the river where they killed  
the pigs'

aampa'a 'on the path'

Clause initial:

Object : toomba 'food'

Indirect Object : karapúsimo uraan-kwaasimo 'the men who were gaoled'

## 7 CLAUSE TYPES AND CONSTRUCTIONS

Clauses may be classified on the basis of three different criterion;

- (a) Distribution in higher level constructions,
- (b) Potential for certain Nuclear Tagmemes to occur and
- (c) Different hearer response.

(a) Clauses may be Final or non-Final. The latter being, Different Subject, Same Subject or Simultaneous Clauses.

Distribution of the Clause in higher level constructions will determine the structure of the verb in the Predicate Tagmeme. Structurally a verb may be final, different subject, same subject or simultaneous. Final verbs occur in Clauses which are final in Paragraphs. Different Subject verbs occur in Clauses which are final in Sentences. Same subject verbs occur in Clauses which are non-final in Sentences. Simultaneous verbs occur in Clauses which are non-final in Sentences and which overlap in time with the next Clause.

This classification is dealt with in more detail in Kosena Sentences, Paragraphs and Discourses. As it is not so relevant on the Clause level, it will only be listed as (final v), (ds v), (ss v) or (simult v) beside the Clause types in the section giving examples i.e. Section 8.

(b) These Clause types may be sub-classified according to their potential for certain Nuclear Tagmemes and the type of verb stem occurring in the Predicate.

Final Clauses may be Equative or Active, i.e. Transitive, Intransitive or Motion. Non-final Clauses are Active Clauses only.

Equative Clauses contain an optional Topic Tagmeme and an obligatory Comment Tagmeme. A Transitive Clause has the potential for Object Tagmemes, direct and indirect and must contain a transitive verb stem in the Predicate. An Intransitive Clause does not have the potential for Object Tagmemes and must contain an intransitive verb stem in the Predicate. A Motion Clause has the potential for the Acquisition allotagma of the Referent Tagmeme and must contain a motion verb stem in the Predicate.

(c) Clause types may be sub-classified according to the hearer response, which is determined by the occurrence of certain mood morphemes in the verbs manifesting Predicate Tagmemes and in the non-verb manifesting Comment Tagmeme. Final Equative Clauses may be Indicative or Interrogative. Final Active Clauses may be Indicative, Interrogative or Imperative. Different Subject and Same Subject Active Clauses may be Indicative or Interrogative and Simultaneous Active Clauses are Indicative.

The following matrix shows these classifications of Clauses:

distribution	hearer response	tagmeme potential and verb stem			Equative
		Active			
		Tr	Intr	Motion	
Final	Indicative	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Interrogative	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Imperative	✓	✓	✓	
Non-final DS	Indicative	✓	✓	✓	
	Interrogative	✓	✓	✓	
SS	Indicative	✓	✓	✓	
	Interrogative	✓	✓	✓	
Simult	Indicative	✓	✓	✓	

### 7.1 Equative Clauses

Only the Comment Tagmeme is obligatory to the Clause. Equative Clauses may be Indicative or Interrogative. The order of Tagmemes is as follows:

Equative Clause <sup>(Eq Cl)</sup> =  $\pm$  T  $\pm$  Topic  $\pm$  Neg  $\pm$  Man  $\pm$  Loc + Comment

Apart from Topic and Comment, only one other Tagmeme will occur in any given utterance.

The distinguishing features are:

Indicative Equative Clause - the manifestation of the Comment Tagmeme occurs with a nominal suffix followed by an optional Comment Tagmeme marker.

Interrogative Equative Clause - the manifestation of the Comment Tagmeme occurs with the Interrogative Comment Tagmeme marker.

Restriction: Both Topic and Comment may not be manifested by a pronoun in any given utterance.

### 7.2 Active Clauses

It may be said that only the Predicate Tagmeme is obligatory to the Clause, noting that the verb in the Predicate indicates subject and time as well, in a general not specific sense. Many Clauses occur with only the Predicate Tagmeme, though one or two other Tagmemes are common. If more information is required, an Amplification Sentence is used i.e. the Clause is repeated, adding another Tagmeme. In the introduction to a Discourse up to four non-Predicate Tagmemes are not uncommon, to give the participants and setting of the Discourse.

7.2.1 Transitive Clauses may be Indicative, Interrogative or Imperative.

The relative order of Tagmemes is as follows:

Transitive Clause = <sup>(Tr Cl)</sup>  $\pm T \pm \text{Acc} \pm S \pm \text{Neg} \pm \text{Ref} \pm \text{Man} \pm \text{Inst} \pm O \pm \text{IO} \pm \text{Loc} \pm \text{Info}$

The distinguishing features are:

Indicative Transitive Clause - The Predicate contains a transitive verb or transitive Verb Phrase with an optional indicative mood morpheme.

Interrogative Transitive Clause - The Predicate contains a transitive verb or transitive Verb Phrase with an obligatory interrogative mood morpheme and one other Tagmeme may be in question. The manifestation of that Tagmeme occurs with an interrogative mood morpheme also.

Imperative Transitive Clause - The Predicate contains an imperative transitive verb. Usually only the Predicate tagmeme occurs though one other may occur.

7.2.2 Quotation Clause is a specific type of Transitive Clause. The Tagmemes which may occur are as follows: T, S, Neg, Ref, Man, O, IO and Loc, apart from the Predicate, which is manifested by a limited number of verbs i.e. se 'say' and simame 'tell'. The Object Tagmeme is manifested by the quoted speech which may be any word, Phrase, Clause, Sentence, Paragraph or Discourse. One example with 73 Clauses has been noted in text. Each final verb must occur with a mood morpheme. If the quoted speech is a single word or phrase, that word or the head word of the phrase must occur with a mood morpheme.

7.2.3 Intransitive Clause<sup>S</sup> may be Indicative, Interrogative or Imperative.

The relative order of Tagmemes is as follows:

(Int Cl)  
 Intra<sub>active</sub> Clause =  $\pm$  T  $\pm$  Acc  $\pm$  S  $\pm$  Neg  $\pm$  Ref  $\pm$  Man  $\pm$  Loc + Pint  $\pm$  Info

The distinguishing features are:

Ind Int. Clause - The Predicate contains an intransitive verb or intransitive Verb Phrase with an optional indicative mood morpheme.

Inter Int. Clause - The Predicate contains an intransitive verb or Verb Phrase with an obligatory interrogative mood morpheme and one other Tagmeme may be in question. The manifestation of that Tagmeme occurs with an interrogative mood morpheme too.

Imperative Int. Cl - The Predicate contains an imperative intransitive verb. Usually only the Predicate Tagmeme occurs, but one other Tagmeme may occur.

7.2.4 Motion Clauses may be Indicative, Interrogative or Imperative.

The relative order of Tagmemes is as follows:

(MCI)  
 Motion Clause =  $\pm$  T  $\pm$  Acc  $\pm$  S  $\pm$  Neg  $\pm$  Ref  $\pm$  Man  $\pm$  Loc + Pmotion  $\pm$  Info

The distinguishing features for Indicative, Interrogative and Imperative Clauses are as for Intransitive Clauses, except that the Predicate must contain a motion verb.

### 7.3 Embedded Clauses

Location and Time Tagmemes may be manifested by embedded Clauses which are Active Clauses and may be Transitive, Intransitive or Motion Clauses. The verbs manifesting the Predicate may be simultaneous or final verbs, with no mood morphemes.

Manner Tagmemes may be manifested by embedded Clauses which may only be Transitive Clauses.

One more Tagmeme may be manifested by a particular embedded Clause which is described as a Purpose Clause. More investigation is needed in this area.

### 7.3.1 Locative Clause

A Locative Clause manifests a Location Tagmeme in a Clause.

Locative Clause (LocCl) = + Active Cl + loc <sup>+</sup>-keN + closing suffix

A Locative Clause consists of an Active Clause, that is, either Transitive, Intransitive or Motion Clause, minus the Location Tagmeme. It is common for the Predicate only to occur, manifested by a verb with its inflectional affixes. The verb is either a simultaneous or final verb. Then follows a locative suffix, either -paG, -kaG or -piN 'in', optionally followed by -keN 'from', followed by the nominal closing suffix. (N.B. it may be possible to use the interrogative closing suffix too.)

Examples:

(N.B. more investigation is needed as to when simultaneous verbs and when final verbs are used in the Predicate Tagmeme of the Locative Clause. For the present the type of verb is listed with the examples given.)

(simultaneous verb - present tense)

agaimaráúnda-ra-'a 'where I've written it'

ímo isáúnda-va-'a 'to where I don't know (that's where he's going)'

kaatopé-kigau ónda-va-'a 'to where I'm making a potato garden'

(final verb - present tense)

máyáin-ka-'a 'at where he was living'

iyampóígoma tin-ka-'a 'at where the boy has come'

tanómba kauvó-pa-'a 'to where they cook the feast'

íma kwaási máe-pa-'a 'where no people live'

agayaám-pim-ba 'in where they cook'

(final verb - past tense)

kwakáa-pa-'a 'where they had hunted'

### 7.3.2 Temporal Clause

A Temporal Clause manifests a Time Tagmeme in a Clause.

Temporal Clause (TempCl) = + Active Cl + loc <sup>†</sup> -keN + closing suffix

A Temporal Clause consists of an Active Clause, that is, either Transitive, Intransitive or Motion Clause, minus Time Tagmeme. It is common for the Predicate only to occur, manifested by a verb with its inflectional affixes. The verb is either a simultaneous or final verb. Then follows -paG locative suffix (infrequently -kaG may occur), followed optionally by -keN 'from', which gives the sense of 'after', followed by the nominal closing suffix. There must be agreement in tense between the Temporal Clause and the main Clause.

Examples:

(simultaneous verb - future tense)

násuwaanda-ra-'a 'when I'll have eaten'

kaeká'á sínda-ra-'a 'when he will have spoken twice'

enaínda-ra-'a 'when it will end' i.e. in the evening

(simultaneous verb - present tense)

násuwaanda-ra-'a 'when I will have eaten'

toómbá náunda-ra-'a 'as I have eaten'

máyaúnda-ra-kem-ba 'after I was living (there)'



(simultaneous verb - past tense)

máyaáwanda-ra-'a 'when I was living (there)'

(final verb - present tense)

enáin-ka-'a 'when it ended' i.e. in the evening

aa'a tin-ka-'a 'while it was raining'

atámaraan-ka-'a 'when you were thatching'

ivi'a kwéto-pa-kem-ba 'after he had cried'

### 7.3.3 Manner Clause

A Manner Clause manifests a Manner Tagmeme in a Clause.

Manner Clause (ManCl) = + Transitive Clause + -mai Manner slot marker

A Manner Clause consists of a Transitive Clause minus Manner Tagmeme. It is common for the Predicate only to occur, manifested by a transitive verb or Verb Phrase, minus aspect, tense and person morphemes. The verb stem is followed by -mai Manner slot marker. If an Object Tagmeme occurs it may indicate not only the goal of the Manner Clause Predicate, but the Predicate of the main Clause too. It may become Inter by suffixing an interrogative morpheme.

Examples: (non-interrogative)

Examples are given in the setting of the main Clause in which they occur, which Clauses are all Transitive.

Man:ManCl	Ptr:tv
tavisi-mái	séna
pulling	he said and
He begged him and	

Man:ManCl	Ptr:tv
koagamba'-mai	awánaniyo.
go measuring	you will see
Go and measuring it, you'll know.	



## 7.3.4 Purpose Clause

This Clause type is limited in distribution and in form and is always interrogative in meaning. It occurs immediately preceding an Active Interrogative Clause in a Sentence or it may be considered to manifest a particular Tagmeme in an Active Interrogative Clause. If the latter, then the Tagmeme does not have a non-interrogative 'label' as yet in this analysis.

Purpose Clause (PurpCl) = + Obj:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{inter n} \\ \text{inter ns} \end{array} \right\} + \text{Ptr:} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{o 'do'} \\ \text{se 'say'} \end{array} \right\}$

A Purpose Clause consists of an Object Tagmeme manifested by the interrogative noun nóra-wa 'what' or by the interrogative noun stem nóra 'what', followed by a Transitive Predicate Tagmeme manifested by a transitive verb, either o 'do' or se 'say'. The verb may occur with an interrogative morpheme. More investigation is needed, but those examples, found to date, are listed below:

nóra sésa what for / why  
nóra éna how

:PurpCl	Neg: <u>íma</u>	O: <u>mira</u>	Ptr: tv
nóra sé-ra	íma	mira	kwéoo.
<u>what</u> <u>say-inter</u>	no	thus	they are doing?

Why are they doing that?

:PurpCl	Ptr: tv
nóra séna	siyó.
<u>what</u> <u>he say</u>	he says?

Why did he say (that)?

:PurpCl	Pm: mv
nóra-wa isa-wa	kono.
<u>what-inter</u> <u>it do and you-inter</u>	you go? <u>Why</u> are you going?

The following matrix gives examples of different Clause types. A blank indicates lack of data and ≠ indicates such a Clause type is not possible.

		Indicative	Interrogative	Imperative
Final	Tr	min-ayaantamba kewara'a kwawanaum. I too know that skeleton.	iya awanaaraa-o. Have you(pl) not seen it?	isaino. He must listen!
	Int	ese meni-ye. He will be with you.	kawera umaiya meni-yo. Will he live well?	uwoi mekaiyo. You(2) must stay!
	Mot	kuntaa'a kurai. He went for the gaze.	naaopa'a koyau-yo. Will we(2) go home?	kwaaó. Go!
	Eq	aaraiman-i. It is a woman.	paroi-ya'i. Is it an arrow?	≠
DS	Tr	tuvu'mai amentayuwowana Killing her they pushed her and she	inkamonana-ya Will I kill him and he	≠
	Int	kitor-iyampoi puwuwasa The little boy died and they		≠
	Mot	marapa kumisasa It came down on the ground and they		≠
SS	Tr	namuroyavai awanasuwesa They looked for enemies and	noin-tantaa-ra mayaniyena-o What does he intend to get?	≠
	Int	kano'a kogwaena He went and slept without eating and		≠
Simult	Mot	teme'a I came on and on and	nosa-tawai-ya tiniye-o At what time do you intend to come	≠
	Tr	amu'a kaumai iyampoi ankomba Becoming pregnant she gave birth to a child	≠	≠
	Int	minarauma mayamba While they(3) are there	≠	≠
	Mot	kwaasimo mayonka'a kumba While he went where there were people living	≠	≠

## 8.1 Examples of Equative Clauses

## 8.1.1 Indicative Equative Clauses

T:temp      Top:PosNPl              Com:ina n  
 ááemo      kwaaití uvaemba      nóruwemban-i.  
 before      men's rites              sacred flutes-are  
 A long time ago men's rites included sacred flutes.

Top:dem      Com:PosNPl.  
 mindá      kesí naambán-iye.  
 that      my house-it is  
 That is my house.

Top:DemNP      Com:n  
 min-inímbá      kesinóman-i.  
 that-woman      my mother-she is  
 That woman is my mother.

Top:n              Com:DesNP  
 kesinó              anón-inimba.  
 my mother      big-woman  
 My mother is a big woman.

Top:subj pro      Com:DesNP  
 kemá              anón-inaamaruman-une.  
 I                  big-girl-I am.  
 I am a big girl.

Top:dem      Neg:íma      Com:desc  
 mindá      íma              kawé'an-i.  
 that      no              good-it is.  
 That is not good.

Top:DesNP              Com:ina n  
 mirá émaén-tantaa'a      aaimatáma.  
 thus they did-thing      fighting between two clans.  
 That kind of thing is (called) fighting between two clans.



The following examples occur with the indicative mood morpheme.

Com:ani n

iyampoigogwara-re.

boy with-indicative mood

She has children.

Com:dem

kinda-we.

that only-indicative mood

That's all (I have to say).

Com:subj pro

ke-we.

I-indicative mood.

It is I.

keyaa-we.

I only-indicative mood.

It is only I.

### 8.1.2 Indicative Equative Clauses with Possessive Comment Tagmeme.

Pos Com:ani n

iyampoigon-dei.

boy-possessive..

It is the boy's.

numagon-dei.

bird-possessive.

It is the bird's.

kesaaninkon-deiman-i.

my son-possessive-it is.

It is my son's.

Pos Com:obj pro

ken-deiman-i.

me-possessive-it is.

It is mine.

keinara'wa'-nei.

you (pl)-possessive.

It is yours (pl).

## 8.1.3 Interrogative Equative Clauses

Top:loc Inter Com:Inter ManCl

kaeká'a nóra umai-ya'iyo.

at two what doing-is it

How much is it for two?

Top:DemNP Inter Com:PosNP1

min-dámá náawana naa-na'iyo.

(isn't n part of stem)

that-house whose house-is it

Whose house is that house?

Top:ina n Inter Com:inter loc

kígauma nááva-ra'i.

garden where-is it

Where is the garden?

Top:ina n Inter Com:num (NB occurs in AppositionalNP)

sontaa kae-ra'i.

week two-is it.

About two weeks

Examples without Topic Tagmeme follow;

Man:Inter ManCl Inter Com:simult tv

nóra umai-ya tuvuwónaunda-ya'iyo.

what doing-inter we will kill him-is it.

How will we do the killing?

Inter Com:NumP (NB occurs in Appositional NP)

mora-sontaa-wa'i

one-week-is it

About one week

Inter Com:num

mora-wa'i.

one-is it.

Is it one?



Inter Com:TrCl (with simultaneous verb)

agaimaraúnda-wa'i.

I have written it-is it.

Is it where I have written it?

tíndau simeíraanda-wa'i.

yesterday you gave me-is it.

Is it (note) you gave me yesterday?

tiraa'a sínkamiyena-wa'i. (with ss verb)

sorcery he intends to hit me-is it.

Is it that he intends to work sorcery on me?

Inter Com:ina n

paroi-ya'i.

arrow-is it

Is it an arrow?

Inter Com:Inter TempP

nósa táwai-ya'i.

what time-is it

When?

Inter Com:Inter NP

nóra aái-na'i.

what talk-is it.

What talk is it?

Inter Com:Num NP

éiyain-kwiyo-na'i.

four-moon-is it.

Is it four months?

Inter Com:Inter NP

nóin-tantaa-ra'iyo.

what-thing-is it.

What is that thing?

noramo í-yántaa-ra'iyo.

what do-thing-is it.

What does it do? / How is it used?

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Inter Com:Inter PosNP1  
 náawana umípa-ra'iyo.  
 whose bush-is it  
 Whose bush is it?

Inter Com:ani n  
 kwaaiḡwára-ra'i.  
 man with-is it.  
 Is she married?

The following examples illustrate 1st and 2nd persons as well as 3rd persons;

Inter Com:inter ns; inter n		
náa-wa'iyo.	náa-wa'ono.	náawi-ya'o.
who-is it.	who-are you.	who-are they.
Who is he?	Who are you?	Who are they?

Inter Com:Inter NP	
náavakewai-ya'o.	náán-iyampoirai-ya'oyo.
where person-are you(pl).	who-two boys-are they.
Where are you(pl) from?	Who are these two boys?

Inter Com:ani n  
 anónḡda-ra'ono.  
 big person-are you.  
 Are you the leader?

Inter Com:inter loc	
náánka-ra'i.	náánka-wa'o.
where(position)-is it.	where(position)-are they.
Where is it? (line in a book)	Where are they from?

náava-ra'i.	náava-ra'o.
where(position)-is it.	where(location)-are you
Where is it? (location)	Where have you been?

Inter Com:obj pro  
 ke-ná'i.  
 me-is it.  
 Is it me?

Inter Com:subj pro  
 ke-wá'i.  
 I-is it.  
 Is it I?

ke-wá'iyó.  
 I-is it.  
 Is it I?

Inter Com:subj pro  
 keyáa-wa'um.  
 I only-am I  
 Is it only I?

keirái-ya'u.  
 we two-are we two  
 Is it we two?

keinárawa-ra'o.  
 you(pl)-are you(pl).  
 Is it you(pl)?

keinárauyaa-wa'o.  
 you(3) only-are you  
 Is it you three only?

#### 8.1.4 Inter Equative Clauses with Possessive Inter Comment Tagmemes

Pos Inter Com:obj pro

ken-deí-ya'i.  
 me-poss-is it.  
 Is it mine?

kenkái-neí-ya'i.  
 us two-poss-is it.  
 Is it ours(dual)?

keinárawa'-nei-ya'i.  
 you(pl)-poss-is it.  
 Is it yours(pl)?

#### 8.1.5 Inter

with Inter Designatory

:dem

maandán-do  
 this-how about  
 How about this?

mindán-do  
 that-how about  
 How about that?

:subj pro

kemán-do  
 I-how about  
 How about me?

emán-do  
 you-how about  
 How about you?

:personal name

Puwaa'nán-do  
 " -how about  
 How about Puwaa'na?

## 8.2 Examples of Transitive Clauses

## 8.2.1 Indicative Transitive Clauses

Ptr:tVP (ds verb)

kwáwana-wana kwéuwana

look-look they were doing

They kept on going to look (at the body)

aísaa-uwana

ask her-he did and she

He asked her and she

O:DesNP Ptr:tVP (ss verb)

sáwí-inti náma'nama kwéesa

bad-thing eat eat they do and

They go on and on eating bad things

Neg:íma Ref:loc -tavaiV Ptr:tVP (final verb)

íma kánagaapatavai siráí tai.

no native place ref. I like

I don't like it in the native village.

Ref:TrCl(simult v) -tavaiV Man:desc Ptr:tv (final verb)

súwa'naa uráandayavai u'oi amu.

you helped me ref. merely I give you

Because you helped me I am giving you one for nothing.

Ref:Co-ordNP -tavaiV Ptr:tv (final verb)

kesinóntavaigwara kesivontávaigwara'a kwésinkai.

my mother ref. my father ref. I am wanting

I am wanting my mother and father.

Ref:ani n -tavaiV Ptr:tv (ss verb)

namuroyavái awanasuwesa

enemy ref. they look and

They looked for enemies and

Man:ManCl                      O:ani n              Ptr:tv (simult verb)  
 ámu'a              kaumái              iyámpoi              ankómba  
 her stomach cooking boy while she gave birth to  
 Becoming pregnant she gave birth to a child

S:DemNP              Ptr:tv (final verb)  
 min-kwasái              ánasai.  
 that talk              it is finished.  
 That's all.

S:ani n              Neg:íma              Ptr:tv (final verb)  
 awaikó              íma              kwénai.  
 her husband no he eats.  
 Her husband doesn't eat.

IO:ina n              Ptr:tv (ss verb)  
 marimba'              koawánesa  
 magots              they go and look and  
 They go and look at the magots and

O:DemNP              S:pro              Ptr:tv (final verb)  
 min-áyaántamba'              kegwará'a              kwáwanaum.  
 that bones              I goo              I see it  
 I too know that k skeleton.

O:ina n              IO:ani dem              Ptr:tv (ds verb)  
 óntamba              miwí              tímakaisataa  
 stones              those people              he gave them and we  
 He gave them money and we

Info:IO:DesNP              IO:per name              O:NumNP              Ptr:tv (ss verb)  
 karápúsimo uraan-kwaasima              Saramba              kae-kwiyómba'              aména  
 the men who were gaoled              Sara to              two-moons              he gave him  
 The men who were gaoled, he gave two months to Sara and

Man:ManCl    Ptr:tv (final verb)    Info:Inst:ina n -neiV

maimái            kwéutai                    kwenayaándeí.  
 taking            he buries                    his hands with  
 Taking (the body) he buries it with his own hands.

T:temp    IO:<sup>cbj</sup>pro    Loc:loc    Ptr:tv (ss verb)  
 aiva'á    kamba'    moi        simásimena  
 first     me            up        he told me and  
 First he came and told me and

T:TempCl                            Loc:loc    Ptr:tv (ss verb)  
 Uyaasimpa' máyaundara    moi        simásimena  
 when I was at Uyaasimpa up        he told me and  
 While I was at Uyaasimpa he came up and told me and

T:temp            O:ina n    Ptr:tv (ss verb)  
 mivákemba        toomba    kwakaresa  
 after there    food        they gathered and  
 Then they gathered food and

Inst:ina n -neiV    Ptr:tv (ss verb)  
 kwiyondéí            asaaésa  
 vine with            they bind and  
 They bind (the axe) with vine and

Man:ManCl                            Ptr:tv (ss verb)  
 kwenaáí    taagwiya'mái    tavíkésa  
 his talk    carrying            they pull and  
 Believing what he says they pull (their bow strings)

S:ina n    Man:desc    Ptr:tv (ds verb)  
 kígaugo    kawe'á    isasa'  
 garden    good        it did and they  
 The garden did well and they



## 8.2.2 Interrogative Transitive Clauses

Ptr:tv inter (final verb)

kweawanaa-no.

Can you see?

Ptr:tv inter (ds verb)

inkamónana-ya

I will hit him-inter

Will I kill him and he

O:ani n Ptr:tVP inter (ds verb)

kwaási awa'naa onana-ya

person help him I will and he-inter

Will I help the person and he

Info:O:ina n O:inter n Ptr:tv inter (final verb)

toómba nóina nánaum-no.

food what I will eat-inter

Food, what will I eat?

Neg.: iya Ptr:tv inter (final verb)

iya awánaaraa-o.

no inter you(pl) saw it-inter

Have you (pl) not seen it?

T:temp Ptr:tv inter (final verb)

ára mákwame-o.

already inter you(pl) give her-inter

Have you (pl) already given her (food)?

T:Inter TempP Ptr:tv inter (final verb)

nósa-tawai : ánkaraí-yo.

what-time did it for him-inter

When did it do it for him?



O:ina n       Ptr:tv inter   (final verb)  
 kampará      si-yo.  
 false inter he say-inter  
 Did he lie?

O:Inter PosNP1               Ptr:tv inter   (final verb)  
 naáwana      toóná           kwagayaa-no.  
 who inter food inter you cooking-inter  
 Whose food are you cooking?

Loc:inter loc    O:DemNP       Ptr:tv inter   (final verb)  
 naávakena      maan-aaímba      mairai-yo.  
 from where inter this-talk he took-inter  
 From where did he get this talk?

Loc:Inter LocP               Ptr:tv inter   (final verb)  
 naán-daaumpara           nanaum-no.  
 whose-house inter we will eat-inter  
 Whose house will we eat in?

Inst:inter n -neiV inter   Ptr:tv inter   (final verb)  
 nóindeiya                maitiménaum-no.  
 with what inter will we get and give them  
 With what will we buy food for them?

S:inter n inter               Ptr:tv inter   (final verb)  
 naáwana                    tuvuwu-no.  
 who                         I hit you  
 Who hit you?

Ref:Inter NP -tavaiV inter       Ptr:tv inter   (final verb)  
 nóin-tantaatavaiya       kwankai-yo.  
 what-thing ref. inter you want-inter  
 What do you want?

8.2.3 Imperative Transitive Clauses

Ptr:imp tv

isaáo            isaíno.

Listen!        He must listen!

simatiméno.

I must tell them!

naaró.

You (pl) eat!

taviyéno.

You (pl) take care!

Neg:íma      Ptr:imp tVP

íma            taá'a        kaíno.

no            their ears   it mustn't burn.

You mustn't be afraid!

Ptr:imp tv

Info:O:DesNP

isaáno        naapaken-kwasai.

I must hear        from home-news

I must hear the news from home!



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8.4 <sup>Examples of</sup> Intransitive Clauses

## 8.4.1 Indicative Intransitive Clauses

Pint:iv (simult verb)

kogwaeraunda

While I had gone and was asleep

S:subj pro Pint:iv (simult verb)

mindarauma mayamba

they three while they are

While they are (there)

S:ani n Pint:iv (final verb)

aaraigoma mayai.

woman she is

The woman is (there) i.e. not gone away).

S:DesNP Pint:iv (ds verb)

kitor-iyampoi puwunasa

little-boy he died and they

The little boy died and they

Acc:pro acc Pint:iv (final verb)

ese meniye.

you acc he will be

He will be with you.

Man:desc Pint:iv (ss verb)

kano'a kogwaena

empty he went and slept and

He went and slept without eating and

Man:ManCl Pint:iv (final verb)

kawe'a umai merai.

good doing he was

He lives well

Loc:LocP            Pint:iv    (ss verb)  
 min-óntámpá'a      kunkwéna  
 that-stone at      it went down and was  
 Her body went over that cliff and

Loc:loc            Pint:iv    (ds verb)  
 mivá              kwégwaewana  
 there              they are sleeping and he  
 They were sleeping there and he

Neg:íma            Loc:loc            Pint:iv    (final verb)  
 íma              mararákembá      sáńkarai.  
 no              from on ground      it was light  
 It wan't light on the ground.

S:subj pro        Loc:loc            Pint:iv    (simult verb)  
 ke              naaúmpa'a          umáyáunda  
 I              inside house      while I went up and was  
 While I was up in the house

Ref:dem            -tavaiV            Pint:iv    (ss verb)  
 mindáyavai        mé'a  
 that ref.            I was and  
 Because of that I'll stay and

T:temp            Pint:iv    (ds verb)  
 áaema            tamáyówasa  
 before            they came and were and they  
 They came and stayed before and they

## 8.4.2 Interrogative Intransitive Clauses

Pint:iv inter (final verb)

puwini-yo.

~~he will die-inter~~

Will he die?

Man:Inter ManCl

Pint:iv inter (final verb)

kawe-ra umai-ya

meni-yo.

good-inter doing-inter

he will be-inter

Will he live well?

S:InterNP

Pint:iv inter (final verb)

noraumai-too-na

kwayai-yo.

how much-food-inter

it is-inter

How much food is there?

S:ina n

Loc:inter loc

Pint:iv (final verb)

te'a

naava-ra

kwayai-yo.

banana

where-inter

it is-inter

Where is the banana?

S:ani n

Loc:inter loc

Pint:iv (final verb)

enavo

naava-ra

mayai-yo.

your father

where-inter

he is-inter

Where is your father?

## 8.4.3 Imperative Intransitive Clauses

Pint:imp iv

agaandaano.

We must rest!

Man:desc

Pint:imp iv

uwoi

mekaiyo.

merely

you two stay

You two just stay!

Examples of  
8.5 Motion Clauses (N.B. seldom ss verbs)

Pm:mv (ss verb) 8.5.1 Indicative Motion Clauses

témé'a

I came on and on and

Pm:mv (ds verb)

iyówasa

They went up and they

check tone

Pm:mv (final verb) Info:Loc;loc

kurái

aampa'a

she went

on the path

She went, on the path.

Loc:LocP

Pm:mv (simult verb)

kwaásimo máyónka'o

kumba

man

they live at while he went

While he went where there were people living

Loc:loc

Pm:mv (ds verb)

marapá

kúmísasa

on ground

it came down and they

It came down on the ground and they

T:temp

Pm:mv (ss verb verb with indicative mood)

aaváyaama

tíníyena-we

tomorrow

he intends to come

He intends to come tomorrow.

Ref:acq n

Pm:mv (final verb)

kuntáá'a

kurái.

for axe

he went

He went for the axe.

Ref:acq n

Pm:mv (final verb)

kwaasáiyaa'a

kóurái.

for talk

she went

She went to talk.

## 8.5.2 Interrogative Motion Clauses

Loc:loc Pm:mv inter (final verb)

naaópa'a kóyau-yo.  
 at village we two will go-inter  
 Will we two go home?

T:Inter TempP Pm:mv inter (final verb)

nósa-tawai-ya tiniyo-no.  
 what-time-inter you will come-inter  
 At what time will you come?

S:subj pro Loc:loc Pm:mv (ss verb with inter mood)

ema naampísiva'a kówiníye-wa  
 you to coast you intend to go-inter  
 Do you intend going to the coast?

Loc:inter loc Pm:mv inter (final verb)

naávake-na té-no.  
 from where-inter you come-inter  
 From where did you come?

S:ani dem Loc:inter loc Pm:mv inter (final verb)

miwa náava-ra kwi-yo.  
 that person where-inter he goes-inter  
 Where did he go?

Ref:inter ref n -tawaiV Pm:mv inter (final verb)

nóintavai-ya té-no.  
 for what-inter you come-inter  
 What have you come for?

Ref:inter ref n -tawaiV Loc:loc Pm:mv inter (final verb)

nóintavai-ya kígauva'a kó-nó.  
 for what-inter to ~~at~~ garden you go-inter  
 What are you going to the garden for?



S:inter pro	Pm:mv inter (final verb)
kesérai-ya	kóyau-yo.
I too dual-inter	we two will go-inter
I too, will we both go?	

## 8.5.3 Imperative Motion Clauses

Pm:imp mv

kóaaó.

Go! (said in anger)

Pm:imp mv

kwaao.

Go! (said gently)

Pm:imp mv

kóuwo.

Go! (implies, "and don't return")

Pm:imp mv

tekaiyo.

You two come!

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