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1. INTRODUCTION

The Suena language is spoken by approximately 1,600 people living along the coast near the Morobe Patrol Post in the Morobe District of New Guinea. The Suena language is the northern-most member of the Binandere language family which extends from Tufi in the Northern District northward to the Mai-ama river in the Morobe District. Data for this paper were compiled over a seven year period, since September, 1964, while the author was living in the village of Bosadi. Many informants were used in collecting the data. The Concordance Project has been helpful in checking the analysis.

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Certain sections of this paper are taken in toto from my unpublished paper, Grammar Section of Essentials for Translation, August, 1966.

2. ABBREVIATIONS

Ad. -----	Adverb
Ap. -----	Apposition
Cont. -----	Continuative
CTF -----	Contrary to Fact
DCG -----	Dependent Clause Group
dl. -----	Dual number
excl. -----	Exclusive
FD -----	Finite Dependent
FI -----	Finite Independent
Fut. -----	Future tense
Hab. -----	Habitual aspect
ICG -----	Independent Clause Group
Imp. -----	Imperative
incl. -----	Inclusive
ind. -----	Indicative Mood
inst. -----	Instrument
Interr. -----	Interrogative Mood
I.O. -----	Indirect Object
It. -----	Item
Mod. -----	Modifier
N -----	Noun Phrase
NFD -----	Non-Finite Dependent
NNu -----	Non-Nuclear
NR -----	Non-Reduplicating

Nu -----	Nuclear
Obj. -----	Direct Object
P -----	Predicate
pers. -----	person
pl. -----	plural
Pres. -----	Present tense
pro. -----	Pronoun
Pt. -----	Past Tense
Punct. -----	Punctiliar aspect
Q -----	Question Mood
R -----	Reduplicating
Rec. -----	Reciprocal
Rl. -----	Relator
Rt. -----	Remote Tense
Seq. -----	Sequence aspect
sg. -----	Singular number
Sim. -----	Simultaneous
SM -----	Sentence Marker
Subj. -----	Subject
T -----	Today Tense
Y -----	Yesterday Tense

3. PHONOLOGY

The phonemes of Suena are not at all complicated. In the practical orthography only one symbol has two allophones; i.e., *w* represents both (*w*) and (*b*). The symbol *z* represents the alveolar affricate /dz/. Other than that the practical orthography is phonemic and also phonetic.

Suena Phonemes:

Consonants

	Labial	Dental & Alveolar	Alveo-Palatal	Velar
Obstruents				
vl.	p	t	s	k
vd.	b	d	dz	g
flapped		r		
Resonants	w		y	
Nasals	m	n		

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
High	i		u
Low	e	a	o

Syllables. A Suena syllable is composed of one vowel, with optional consonant onset. There are only two syllable patterns, *V* and *CV*, though a few speakers have a prenasalized

stop in certain words.

Examples:

ma bua	mambua	'taro garden'
nebu	nembu	'neighbor'
nabai	nambai	'to lie side by side'

Stress and Tone. Stress and Tone have not been fully analyzed as yet. Tone carries a low functional load. To date 47 pairs of words identical except for tone have been discovered. See the list in Section 14.2. Intonational patterns. There are at least five types of intonation.

1. Falling intonation throughout a pause group signals finality, as in the Indicative, Question, Hortative, Quoting Hortative, and Dubitative Moods, and in the Imperative.

Indicative:	<u>ni bayamunosa awa</u>	'You will go.'
Question:	<u>ni nago susawesi?</u>	'Where are you going?'
Hortative:	<u>Ago bayanekai</u>	'Let us go there.'
Quot. Hort.:	<u>saineba, maise</u>	'Maski, let him come'
Dubitative:	<u>opi tosua</u>	'Perhaps you are lying.'
Imperative:	<u>anisemu</u>	'Turn it around!'

2. Level intonation signals non-finality or incompleteness, and is characteristic of Dependent Clauses.

<u>ni bayasa</u>	<u>na bayamunona awa.</u>	' <u>When you go</u> , then I'll go.'
<u>na bua inona</u>	<u>pu mutaya.</u>	' <u>While I was working</u> the pig came.'

3. Final rise and fall intonation converts an Indicative Mood into what might be called a Declaration of the Obvious.

It signals that a Yes response is anticipated.

bayamunosa

'So you will go, will you?'

Maki, itesa

'So you are here, are you, Mark?'

4. Level or slightly descending intonation with a final low fall occurs in Interrogative clauses, and signals that a Yes-No response is anticipated.

bayamunosita

'Will you go?'

ago wisita

'Did he do that?'

5. A mid rise and final fall signals a conditional sentence.

ni bayamunosa awa, na ni gamunona awa.

'If you go, I will see you.'

Ni na damunosa awa, na ni ina damunona awa.

'If you hit me, I will hit you back.'

4. ROOT AND STEM LEVEL

4.1 Derived nouns are formed by adding the nominalizing suffix -ai to the verb root. The resultant form functions in all ways like a noun. It may be either Active or Passive, (see Section 4.3).

<u>Verb</u> (Abrupt Imp. Sg.)	<u>Derived Noun</u>
sumu 'run!'	sumai 'speed'
kotumu 'think!'	kotumai 'thought'
nuase 'live!'	nuai 'life'
arumu 'sit!'	arumai 'chair'

Although derived nouns function as nouns, they may sometimes correspond in meaning to an English infinitive.

nu bayai te kaka wamu 'He is not able to go.'
 he go able not to do

Note: The nominalizing suffix -ai should not be confused with the homophonous 3rd person singular finite Dependent Future:

nu bayai amire bayamunona. 'When he has gone,
 he go FD then will-go-I then I will go.'

4.2 Derived adjectives are of two types:

a) those formed like derived nouns:

<u>Verb</u>	<u>Derived Adjective</u>
witi 'go up!'	witai 'many' (piled high?)
se 'say!'	saisai 'many' (to say, to say)
inagaginoya 'It gets dirty'	inagayai 'dirty, black'

Derived adjectives in -ai may also function as nouns:

kapawai 'white' or 'the white one'

b) Non-Finite Dependent verbs used in an adjectival sense.

<u>Verb</u>	<u>As Adjective</u>
dainiro 'avoiding'	dainiro 'many' (avoiding count)
sero 'saying'	sero 'all' (saying everyone)

4.3 Compound nouns.

a) Derived forms in -ai

In order to establish whether a derived noun is Active or passive, it is necessary to make it a Compound noun.

soyai 'the saved one'	soyai ema 'the saving man'
pu unai 'a fed pig'	pu unai bama 'a pig feeding woman'
wo tata puro wai 'made of animal skins'	bua wai mai 'a worker'

In certain contexts where there is no likelihood of ambiguity the Compound may be omitted.

pu gayai 'a hunter, or pig spearing man'
pig spear

pu gamai 'a person bitten by a pig'
pig bite

b) other Compound nouns.

ami mu
breast juice 'milk'

bama diri 'girl'
woman young

mata diri 'boy'
male young

mai mata 'boy'
child male

4.4 Verb Stems and Roots. See Section 5.13, Verb Morphology.

5. WORD LEVEL

There are eleven word classes in Suena: Pronouns, Nouns, Modifiers, Time Words, Question Words, Relators, Adverbs, Affirmation-Negation Words, Introducers, Conjunctions, and Verbs. Each of these is taken up in order on the following pages.

5.1 PRONOUNS

Definition: Pronouns are a class of words which substitute for a noun phrase in certain slots.

Criteria: a) fills subject, object, or indirect object slots in clauses, or possessor pronoun slot of a noun phrase; b) Inflected for person and number, grammatical function (class), and degree of emphasis (degree).

Classes: There are four classes of pronouns on the basis of: a) form: the obligatory affixes; b) function: grammatical use in the clause or phrase.

Degrees: There are four degrees of emphasis. Pronouns occur as free forms and are marked for person and number as follows:

Number: singular, dual, and plural

Persons: first, second, and third

In the dual and plural number they are marked for first person inclusive and exclusive, bringing the total of personal pronouns to eleven.

Chart #1. SUBJECT/OBJECT PRONOUNS

	Sing.	Dual	Plural
1st pers. incl.		nage	nakai
excl.	na	nato	nakare
2nd pers.	ni	nito	nikare
3rd pers.	nu	nuto	nukare

Chart #2. FIRST PERSON SINGULAR PRONOUNS, showing the FOUR CLASSES AND FOUR DEGREES.

Classes					
		Sub./Obj.	I.O.	Possessive	Reflexive
d e g r e s	non-emphatic	na	namore	naso	natope
	emphatic	nane		nanaso	
	hyper-emph.	naka nane	naka namore	naka naso	naka natope
	respectful	nama		nama	

Note: The emphatic nane is Subject only, not Object.

For respectful see Sec. 15.2 Honorifics.

All persons in each class may be considered to be formed by adding to the Subject/Object pronoun the following affixes:

- so possessive
- more Indirect Object
- tope Reflexive

	<u>Possessive</u>	<u>I.O.</u>	<u>Reflexive</u>
Sing.	naso niso nuso	namore nimore numore	natope nitope nutope
Dual	nasoto nisoto nusoto	namoreto nimoreto numoreto	natopeto nitopeto nutopeto
Plural	nasokare nisokare nusokare	namorekare nimorekare numorekare	natopekare nitopekare nutopekare
dl. Incl.	nasoge	namorege	natopege
pl. Incl.	nasokai	namorekai	natopokai

Chart #3. INTERROGATIVES OF PERSON PRONOUNS

	Subject	Object	Possessive	Ind. Object
Active	ai egai/agai/ ogai ewai/awai/ owai	eware aware oware are		ei are are ou are
Stative	awe		ei ara ara ou ara	

Examples:

ai. meni weti 'Who did it?'
who Sub. did-he

ou that	awe who	ni Q	'Who is that? (Stative)
aware whom	gamu to see	mesi came-you	'Whom have you come to see?'
suna dog	ara whose	ni Q	'Whose dog is it? (Stative)
ni you	are to whom	tosì speak-you	'To whom are you speaking?'

5.2 NOUNS

Definition: Nouns are a class of words which manifest the head slot in a noun phrase.

Criteria: a) fills head slot in a noun phrase; b) can be modified by Modifiers; c) can be affixed to show possession, endearment, definiteness, coordination, Indirect Object, and Location. Examples of affixation:

Possession: ema 'man' emara suna 'man's dog'
man's dog

Endearment: mia 'mother' miaka 'dear mother'

Definiteness: ema 'man' emawa 'definitely a man'

Coordination: ara 'wife' ema arere 'a man and his wife'
man wife-and

Ind. Object : ema 'man' emare 'to the man'

Location: so 'house' sora 'in the house'

Classes: There are three noun classes: Common nouns, Names, and Verbal nouns.

5.2.1 Common Nouns. Common nouns differ from Names in that Common nouns take the locative suffix -ra but Names do not. They differ from Verbal nouns in that they are not made up of

a verb root plus -ai. It is possible to make two sub-classes of Common nouns on the basis of optional plural affixes, as follows.

The norm is for a noun to function as both singular and plural, depending on context.

ni 'tree' or 'trees'

ema 'man' or 'men'

suna 'dog' or 'dogs'

However, in words showing social relationships, there are several types of plurals. See Section 15.3 Reduplication for a complete treatment.

imo 'uncle' imo mai 'uncles'

apie 'grandchild' apipie 'grandchildren'

nami 'brother' namisini 'brothers'

bama 'woman/wife' babumana 'women/wives'

5.2.2 Names.

Names have two sub-classes: Personal names and Place names. Personal names can never occur in the locative slot, nor can Place names take the possessive suffix -ra or the Ind. Object suffix -re.

a) Personal names.

Zaipora suna pu gamia
Zaipo's dog pig bit-it

'Zaipo's dog bit a pig.'

Na Zaipo goisena
I Zaipo saw-I

'I saw Zaipo.'

Zaipore poti
Zaipo-to give

'Give it to Zaipo.'

Only Personal names may take the vocative.

o Sagia 'Oh Sagia'

b) Place names.

na Morobe bayamunona 'I am going to Morobe.'
 I Morobe will-go-I

nu Lae itia 'He is in Lae.'
 he Lae is-he

5.2.3 Verbal Nouns.

For Verbal nouns (Derived Nouns) see Sections 4.1 and

4.2. The plurals of Verbal nouns are formed by Reduplication, (Section 15.3), but there are various sorts of Reduplication.

kimenai 'the hung up thing'
 kikimenai 'the hung up things'

ikonai 'the hung up thing'
 ikokonai 'the hung up things'

betai 'the dead one'
 bebetenai 'the dead ones'

inagayai 'the black one'
 inagagaenai 'the black ones'

kapawai 'the white one'
 kapawewenai 'the white ones'

This reduplication also applies to Derived Modifiers (Sec. 5.3).

Verbal nouns (and Modifiers) may be either Punctiliar or Continuative in their aspect.

Punct. : opi sei ema 'a liar'
 lie say man

Cont. : opi tuai ema 'a perpetual liar'
 lie say man

Punct. : bua wai mai 'a workman'
 work do man

Cont. : bua inuai mai 'a perpetual workman'
 work do man

The Continuative aspect is not as common as the Punctiliar.

5.3 MODIFIERS.

Definition: Modifiers are a class of words which fill the modifier slots in noun phrases.

Criteria: a) fill modifier slots in noun phrases;

ema bamubake tupia 'a big man is coming'
man big comes-he

b) can be made emphatic.

bamu 'big' bamubake 'very big'
seka 'young' sekasaka 'very young'
iboi 'tall' iboitatana 'very tall'

c) can be inflected for plural (see also 5.2 for Verbal nouns).

bamu 'big' babezinoma 'big' (plural)
kiake 'small' kikinaka 'small' (plural)
iboi 'tall' iboboi 'tall' (plural)
apunu 'short' apupunu 'short' (plural)

d) can be negated by the suffix -ko.

bamu 'big' bamuko 'not big'

e) not inflected for person.

Classes: Sub-classes could be established on the basis of the modifier slot of the noun phrase which they fill.

1. Quantitative modifier:

a) Numerals. Note: Not all 5 criteria above fit numerals.

ema eto tuperato 'two men are coming.'
men two come-they-2

b) Other.

ema eni tupera 'some men are coming'
men some come-they

2. Age modifier

ema zai tupia 'an old man is coming'
 man old comes-he

3. Color modifier

ati izai pumuyo 'please bring the red bilum'
 bilum red bring-polite

4. Size modifier

ema bamu tupia 'a big man is coming'
 man big comes-he

5.4 TIME WORDS

Definition: Time words are a class of words which fill the Time slot of a clause.

Criteria: a) different filler class; b) different external distribution (i.e., in Time slot).

Classes: The following classes of Time words are noted:

1. Time words which take -re/-e.

Kirisimaaire 'at Christmas'
 tuwe 'at evening'
 pire 'at night'
 waikore 'in the daytime'

2. Idiomatic Verb phrases using AWAI 'to sleep' which have become Time Words:

a) without -re

auma (NFD Future) 'the next day'
 awi (Pres-past) 'the next day'
 awinu/aunu (Remote) 'the next day'

b) with -re

awenakai agore 'Yesterday' (lit: we slept, then)

awitanakai agore 'day before yesterday'

awisenakai agore '3 days ago'

3. Without -re. Note: It is difficult to separate these from Adverbs for two reasons: a) free fluctuation of slots within a clause; b) rarely do both Time and Manner slots occur in the same clause.

emoko 'already'

ama 'later'

zeme 'now', 'today'

pina 'morning', 'dawn'

gita 'before'

mena 'at first'

Plus the seven days of the week, which fall here.

Note: There is a combination of the above with gamu 'to see' to indicate early.

pina gamu 'early morning' (to see the dawn)

auma pina gamu 'early tomorrow morning'

5.5 QUESTION WORDS

Definition: Question words are words other than interrogative pronouns (see 5.1) which fill the Question slot in Question clauses.

Criteria: a) different filler class; b) different external distribution (i.e., in Question slot)

Examples:

Actor/Subject

nemi 'who', 'what'

nami ni gaeti 'What thing speared you? Show me.'
 what you speared-it

Object:

nogo 'what' (action)

ne 'what' (thing)

nogo toi 'what is he saying?'
 what says-he

ne inosi 'what are you doing?'
 what do-you

Locative: (See also 6.1.8.2 Locative Relators)

nago 'to where'

nana ena 'from where'

nani 'where is'

ni nago susawesi 'Where are you going?'
 you where go-you

ni nana ena tupesi 'Where are you coming from?'
 you where from come-you

ota nani 'Where is the axe?'
 axe where is

Instrument:

nemi 'what thing' (tell me)

nami 'what thing' (show me) (See Actor/Subject above.)

nena nemi ni gaisi 'Tell me what thing speared you.'
 thing what you speared-it

Time:

nere 'when'

nazi 'when'

be nere bayamunosi 'When will you go?'
 time when will-go-you

be nazi musesi 'When did you come?'
 time when came-you

Adverb:

nogoro 'why' (lit.: what-ing)

nera 'why' (lit.: of what)

ne emo 'for what' (thing)

ni nogoro mai doinosi 'why are you hitting the child?'
you why child hit-you

ni nera tupesi 'why/because of what are you
you what-of come-you comina?'

ne emo di tosi 'What are you crying for?'
what for cry-you

Modifier:

nazo 'how many'

mai ni nazo ni 'How many children do you have?'
children you how-many Q

5.6 RELATORS

5.6.1 Relators: an Overview

Definition: Relators are the bound and free morphemes which serve to relate one phrase or clause to another in a meaningful way. They summarize the preceding phrase or clause and show its relationship to the rest of the clause or sentence.

Criteria: a) different filler class; b) different distribution (between phrases or clauses and the rest of the clause or sentence).

All relators are postpositionals.

Relators listed, per form.

-re Possession: Zaipora suna 'Zaipo's dog'
 Zaipo's dog

Location: sora itia 'He is in the house'
 house-in is-he

Coordination: Zaipora Borira Sagiara 'Zaipo and Bori
 Zaipo-& Bori-& Sagiara-& and Sagie'

Basis, Reason: Waiko bamu amira di toya 'He is cry-
 sun big this-of cry says-he ing because
 the sun is hot.'

-re Indirect Object: Zaipore poti 'give it to Zaipo'
 Zaipo-to give

Time: 1942 amire wo kei awenua 'In 1942 the war began'
 1942 RI-Time war began-it

Coordination: wore mara bizare 'Fish and taro and
 fish-& taro-& banana-& bananas'

Possession: nu ema waure 'He is a man with wealth.'
 he man wealth-with

Sympathetic: 'o Sagiara 'Oh, poor Sagia!'
 oh Sagi-poor

-e Locative: nata 'village' nate 'to the village'

-re dai Accompaniment:

na Zaipore dai bayamunona 'I will go with
 I Zaipo-& with will-go-I Zaipo.'

emo Benefactive:

na ni smo zo inoya 'I feel sorry for you.'
 I you for sorry-do-I

meni Subject: mai suna meni gamia 'The dog bit the child.'
 child dog Subj. bit-it

Instrument:

Zaipo pu ota meni doisia 'Zaipo hit the pig with
 Zaipo pig axe Inst. hit-he an axe.'

nana Locative: Zaipo nana itia 'It is at Zaipo's place.'
 Zaipo place is-it

5.6.2 Demonstratives.

Demonstratives are basically Relators.

emi, ami, omi	Subject, Instrument
ewa, awa, owa	Object
ena, ana, ona	Location 'at' or 'from'
ego, ago, ogo	Location 'at' or 'toward'; Object 'this'
ei, e, ou	Physically demonstrating, 'this,' 'that', 'that'

The first vowel of the Demonstratives indicates the relative distance from the speaker: a- = very near, or touchable; a- = close, or nearer the hearer; o- = distant from both the speaker and the hearer. This three vowel system for degree of nearness only pertains to physically demonstrable things, and in the realm of the strictly grammatical relationships the middle set, namely ami, awa, ana, and ago are used. In this usage they resemble the English relative pronouns who, whom, whence, and that. There is a further distinction in the locatives: ena = 'to', 'at', 'from' when used with a place name.

Lae ena nowia 'He lives in Lae.'
Lae at lives-he

ana = 'from that place previously referred to'

Ago aumite ana eriro bamuwa 'Having slept there, they
there slept whence rising went- got up from there and
they went.'

The Demonstratives (Relators) emi, ami, omi, but usually just ami, functioning like English Relative Pronouns, combine with the Relators -ra and -re to show Possession, Location,

Indirect Object, Time, and Coordination. They no longer indicate Subject when combined with these suffixes.

ema wana toumai amira sune meni mua mai naso awa gamia.
man hand broken RI-of dog RI-S. eldest child my RI-O. hit-it

'The dog of the man with the broken hand bit my eldest child.'

In this example amira is functioning like a Relative Pronoun showing possession and relating the Noun Phrase 'the man with the broken hand' to 'dog'. The free form Relator meni indicates that the dog is the Subject of the sentence, and the Relator awa is functioning like a Relative Pronoun showing the Noun Phrase 'my eldest child' to be the Object of the verb.

The Demonstratives ana and ago occur most frequently in the Introducer slot of sentences in Narrative Discourse and summarize the Location or Object slots of the previous sentence, according to typical Highland language chaining.

ema zo meni suna naso gutura ena doisia awa. Ago wero
man a RI-S dog my isle-on RI hit-he SM that doing

ana eriro nate bamusia awa.
RI-loc. rising village-to went-he SM

'A man hit my dog on the island. Having done that he got up from there and went to the village.'

In this example there are six Relators: meni, though untranslatable, indicates Subject; -ra forms the locative of 'isle'; ena further relates 'isle' as the Location of the action; ago relates the previous action to the following sentence; ana relates the scene of the previous action to the 'rising' of the following verb; and the vowel change (nata to nate) of 'village' indicates the Location of the

Finite Independent verb 'went'.

The Relators ami and awa combine to form the meaning 'those on the one hand...those on the other hand.' Thus in John 5:29:

Ago niniro nuai ewanana noisowa ami awa eriro nuai
that hearing life good lived-they these rising life

tamamunora. o nuai waya noisowa ami awa eriro koto
will-find-they and life bad lived-they these rising court

wero kotora ena duwemunora awa.
doing court-in R1 will-fall-down-they SM

'Hearing that (call), those on the one hand who lived good lives will rise and find life, but those on the other hand who lived bad lives will rise and go to court and will be found guilty in court.'

5.6.3 Relators (including Demonstratives) listed per function:

Subject: meni --- used only with nouns or short noun phrases.

ami --- used with longer noun phrases or clauses,
or as a demonstrative to point out.

Object: awa

Instrument: meni --- (same as for Subject)

ami --- (" " " ")

Indirect Object: -re

Possession: -ra --- Used in most cases where emphasis is on possession.

-re --- Used occasionally in the sense of accompaniment. (nu ema waure
he man wealth-with)

Benefactive: emo

Accompaniment: -re dai

- Locative: -ra --- Used with certain nouns
- e --- Used with nouns not taking -ra
- nana --- Used with Names and possessive pronouns
- ago --- Used to refer to a previously mentioned place
when the meaning is 'to' or 'at'.
- ana --- Used to refer to a previously mentioned place
when the meaning is 'from'.

- Coordination: -ra --- Used in lists of people's names.
- re --- Used in lists of items.

Time: -re --- Used with nouns.

amire --- Used with long noun phrases and clauses

Vocative: -re --- Term of endearment or sympathy, used with
Names.

Reason: -ra

5.6.4 Locative words which function similarly to Relators:

A. Those which are postpositional to nouns:

- atune --- 'behind'
- tame --- 'on top of'
- amena --- 'behind'
- tura --- 'beneath the surface'
- mokara --- 'inside'
- du --- 'inside (a house)'
- duru --- 'under (a house)'

B. Those which normally stand alone

- zorage --- 'near'
- aike --- 'far apart'

damu	---	'in the open'
ike	---	'above'
zorazarako	---	'far away'
bage	---	'down'
gana	---	'upstream area'
bate	---	'downstream area'

5.7 ADVERBS

Definition: Adverbs are words which fill the Manner slot in a clause.

Criteria: a) different filler class; b) different function (fill the Manner slot).

There are few actual adverbs, but there are many verb phrases which function as adverbs (See Section 6.2.1).

Adverbs listed:

upene	---	'unseen'	
eya	---	'quickly'	
kiakara	---	'slowly'	
eroma	---	'together'	
moniko	---	'still in progress'	
eyaya	---	'frequently'	
gita	---	'first'	} Time Words 5.4.3
emoko	---	'already'	
sogo	---	'almost', 'nearly'	
kapo	---	'almost', 'nearly'	

5.8 AFFIRMATION - NEGATION

Definition: Affirmation-negation words fill slots of dependent sentences in response to an interrogative clause, or negate the verb of a clause, or negate a noun phrase.

Criteria: a) different filler class; b) different external distribution.

Classes: There are three sub-classes on the basis of external distribution:

A. Affirmation-Negation response. Found in Dependent sentences.

io 'yes'

tepo 'no'

tepo awa 'definitely not'

tepowa 'none'

B. Negation of clauses.

kaka -- occurs in Negative Past Homopersonal clauses.

See Section 7.2.1.2.

tepo --- Occurs in Stative clauses. See 7.3.2.4.

-ko --- " " " " " "

oko aewa -- " " " " " "

oko --- Occurs with the Indicative, Hortative, Quoting Hortative, and Imperative. See 7.3.1.7.

C. Negation of Noun Phrases.

-ko --- Negates a Modifier bamuko 'not big'
big-not
Negates Indecision Verb Phrase type 3, see 6.2.5.3.

kota --- Adversative Conjunction 'not.....but.....'

Used with Noun Phrase: see 6.1.12.

5.9 INTRODUCERS

Definition: Introducers are a class of words which fill the Introducer slot on the sentence level. Their main function is to attract attention to what is about to be said.

Criteria: a) different filler class; b) different external distribution (Introducer slot).

Examples:

agoro	'well then'
si	'hey, quit it'
o	'Oh yes, and ...'
e	'eh, I beg your pardon but...'
ota	'oh alright'
ye	'wow, you don't mean it'
ai	'oh no, not that' (cf. Engl. <u>whaaat?</u>)
ai	'hey, look at that' (cf. Engl. <u>heey</u>)

5.10 CONJUNCTIONS

Definition: Conjunctions are prepositional words which connect two Independent Sentences into a Compound Sentence.

(See Section 9.3.2)

Criteria: a) connect two Independent Sentences;
b) different filler class from other word classes.

Examples: (See 9.3.2.2 for a complete list)

are	'therefore', 'so'
ata	'but'
nera kota	'because'

Note: Certain NFD verbs function much like English conjunctions:

example: ago weti qiro na nu detena. 'Seeing he did that,
that did-he seeing I him hit-I I hit him.'

5.11 VERBS: A GENERAL OVERVIEW

The purpose of this section is to give a general overview of Suena verbs. Details will be found in Sections 5.12 and 5.13. The verb in Suena is the one obligatory item in a clause or sentence.

Definition: Verbs are a class of words which manifest the predicate tagmeme in an Active clause. Every verb is a clause.

Criteria: a) fill the predicate slot in an Active clause;
b) may take affixes for Tense, Aspect, Person, Mood, and Number.

Verbs may be variously categorized. The following categories are productive.

5.11.1 Normal and Impersonal.

Normal usage, as the name suggests, covers 99% of the occurrences of verbs. It indicates that the subject suffix on the verb agrees with the free subject of the clause.

na	ni	gosino-na	'I see you'
I	you	see- I	

Impersonal or Idiomatic usage is that in which the subject suffix of the verb is 3rd person singular regardless of what the free subject of the clause may be. This usage seems to be limited to ideas of emotions or ability. The younger generation sometimes conjugate these verbs to agree with the free subject of the clause.

na	ni	zo	ino-ya	'I love you'
I	you	love	does-it	

na	wo	uza	ino-ya	'I am hungry for fish'
I	fish	hunger	does-it	

na	aitawai	te	ino-ya	'I am able to walk'
I	to walk	able	does-it	

5.11.2 Simple versus Compound Verbs

All verbs are either simple or compound. Simple verbs contain only one root. Compound verbs are composed of a noun-like word plus an auxiliary verb. The noun-like words can never occur alone. A. Healey says, "An uninflectable word or adjunct ... has no meaning or usage apart from this combination " (PRELIMINARY NOTES..., p. 35).

There are five simple verbs which may also function as auxiliaries. They are:

SIMPLE		AS AUXILIARY	
wai	'do'	gitawa wai	'to sleep'
sai	'say'	asio sai	'to sneeze'
mai	'come'	sore mai	'to help'
awai	'rest'	oni awai	'to burp'
nai	'arrive'	duba nai	'to sorrow'

awai is also used as a type of auxiliary in an idiomatic verb phrase to show intensity or duration. See Section 6.2.3.

Compound verbs function the same as simple verbs, except that the speaker has the option of putting the negative word (e.g. kaka or oko) between the two parts of the verb.

Either:

nu gitawa kaka wamu	}	'He didn't sleep'
he sleep not Aux.		
or:		
nu kaka gitawa wamu	}	'He didn't sleep'
he not sleep Aux.		

The first is probably the more frequent.

5.11.3 Three classes.

All Suena verbs can be divided into one of three classes on the basis of the stem vowel in the Imperative (and other usages based on Form 4). The three vowels which mark the classes are i, u, and e.

<u>u class</u>	<u>i class</u>	<u>e class</u>
mu 'come'	zi 'hold'	se 'say'
pumu 'take'	gi 'see'	we 'do'
bamu 'go'	di 'tie'	de 'hit'

These three classes are important to the analysis of Verb Morphology, Sec. 5.13.4. A list of verbs in each class is to be found in Section 14.1.

5.11.4 Four Types of Morphology.

The distinction between Regular, Irregular, Semi-regular, and Exceptional verbs is based on verb morphology and greatly simplifies the description of verb morphology. These four TYPES are described in detail in Section 5.13.

There are very few verbs which are not regular; i.e., there are few which have more than one root or whose roots are irregular, perhaps only 15 or 20, but they are some of the most frequently used verbs in the language, such as stay/be, live, see, eat, come, go, hold, tie, fall, leave, do/make, say, hit/kill, spear, save.

5.11.5 The Four Grammatical Types of the Verb.

5.11.5.1 Finite Independent Verbs.

This might also be called Sentence Final, as it is obligatory in every sentence. In the Finite Independent (FI) there are 6 moods, 2 aspects, 6 tenses, and 11 persons, making a theoretically possible total of 792 forms, though only 572 actually occur. In addition, 12 forms of the 2nd person Imperative occur, plus 66 forms of Propriety verbs, bringing the total number of Finite Independent forms to 650. (See also Sec. 5.12.1)

5.11.5.2 Finite Dependent Verbs.

This might also be called Sentence Medial verbs with change of subject, or Sentence Medial Different Subject, as others have called this Highland language phenomena. It is finite in that it is marked for tense in agreement with the Sentence final verb. It is dependent in that it occurs only sentence medially, never sentence finally, although in certain forms it is homophonous with certain sentence final forms. For example:

na sesena 'I spoke (today)' (Sentence final form)
I spoke-I

na sesena bamusia 'When I spoke, he went.' (Sentence
I spoke-I went-he medial)

The Finite Dependent verb is the only obligatory item in a Dependent Clause Group, signaling a change of subject for the following Clause Group.

There are 55 forms which are peculiar to the Finite Dependent (FD), plus another 33 forms which are homophonous with Finite Independent forms, bringing the total to 88 forms

for the Finite Dependent. See Section 5.12.2 for further analysis of FD forms.

5.11.5.3 Non-Finite Dependent Verbs.

This has been called by others Sentence Medial Same Subject (SMSS). It is non-finite in that it is not marked for tense (except that in the continuous aspect there is a Past versus Future distinction). It is dependent in that it is not marked for subject person, and is dependent on a following finite verb for its subject.

There are 7 non-conjugated forms of the Non-Finite Dependent (NFD) plus 11 forms of the Indecision/Inability, bringing the number of forms for NFD to 18. See Section 5.12.3 for further analysis of NFD verbs.

5.11.5.4 Contrary to Fact Verbs.

Contrary to Fact (CTF) verbs differ from all other verb types in two ways:

- a) they have a different verb morphology (5.13.3, Form III)
- b) they have a different distribution, being found only in Contrary to Fact clauses (See 7.4) and in Contrary to Fact sentences (See 9.4).

5.11.6 Transitive versus Intransitive.

A transitive/intransitive distinction can be established only on the basis of semantics. The distinction is not pertinent and is therefore not included in this analysis.

5.11.7 Active/Passive/ Stative.

All verbs are Active, never Passive or Stative, although Stative clauses exist without verbs. For a passive meaning

in nominalized verb forms, see Section 4.3.

5.11.8 Intensification and Pluralization of Verbs.

Verbs may be intensified and/or pluralized in several ways,--by reduplication, by synonyms, etc. As this is a major feature of Suena and other Binandere languages it is treated at length in Section 15.3, Excursus on Reduplication.

5.12 VERBS: GRAMMATICAL FUNCTIONS

5.12.1 Finite Independent Verbs

a) Subject person. Like all finite verbs, FI verbs must be marked with a subject suffix.

bayamuno-y-a 'He will go'
will-go -he-Indic.

b) Mood. Finite Independent verbs are marked for any one of six moods. The mood indicated by the mood suffix applies not only to the Independent verb to which it is attached, but may also refer back to a previous Finite Dependent verb.

ni nago itesa na ni zawa siseni? 'Where were you
you where are-you I you call said-I-Q when I called you?'

In this case the Mood suffix i is interrogative and would, to an English speaker, seem to refer back to the previous clause, 'where were you.' The Mood suffix could be considered to function on the Sentence level, rather than on the clause level.

The six moods are distinguished as follows:

1. Indicative. Statement of fact.

na ge me tona 'I speak the truth.'
I talk true say-I-Indic.

2. Dubitative. Some doubt involved.

opi tos-ua 'Perhaps you're lying.'
lie say-you-Dubit.

Also used for an indirect request:

na medisini pamu tupe-n-ua. 'Perhaps I've come for
I medicine to get come-I-Dub. medicine', or 'Please,
I've come for medicine.'

3. Interrogative. Asks for a Yes-No response.

me to-s-ita 'Do you speak truly?'
true say-you-Interr.

4. Question. Asks for information.

nogo to-i 'What is he saying?'
what says-he-Q

5. Hortative. Requests action.

nená na-s-e 'Eat food', or 'Let you eat food'
food eat-you-Hort.

6. Quoting Hortative. Quotes a command or wish.

nená na-s-ise to-na 'I say, let you eat.'
food eat-you-Q.H. say-I

c) Tense. Finite Independent verbs are marked for tense according to the actual time setting of the story, not to show aspect, as is true with Dependent verbs. They may take any one of the six tenses.

The six tenses are distinguished as follows:

Future-- an action later than the present.

Present-- an action which is currently in progress.

Today -- an action which happened before the present moment,
but since dawn of this day.

Yesterday-- an action which happened any time between dawn
yesterday and dawn today.

Past -- an action which happened before dawn yesterday, but

within the last few years.

Remote -- an action which happened years ago. It may be used idiomatically to stress previousness of an action.

d) Distribution. Finite Independent verbs are found in two places: in the Nucleus slot of an Independent Clause Group (see 8.3), i.e., Sentence final; and in included clauses.

ema zo tupia 'a man is coming' (Indep. Clause Group)
man a comes-he

ema tupia ami suna naso detia (Included clause)
man comes-he RI dog my hit-he

'The man who is coming hit my dog.'

e) Aspect. Aspect in Finite Independent verbs has to do with the time duration or time lapse, and is called Durative Aspect. There are two kinds of Durative Aspect, Punctiliar and Continuative. The Continuative is further divided into Short Duration, Long Duration, and Very Long Duration.

Punctiliar: ma uri-wa 'they planted taro (once)'
taro planted-they

Short Durat.: ma uri-noso-wa 'they planted taro often'
taro planted-Cont.-they

Long Duration: ma uri susau-wa 'They planted taro for
taro plant went-they a long time.'

Very Long Duration: ma uri susaw-iso-wa 'They used to
taro plant went-Cont.- continually
they plant taro for
a long time.'

diga meni mai dero ninoise i tupe-we-ra
heathen RI men kill eating do come-Cont.-they

'The heathen used to cannibalize people and they continue to do so up to the present time.' (Very long duration)

f) Propriety Verbs.

There is a verb stem which may take either the Indicative, Interrogative, or Question Mood suffix, and which has to do with the rightness or propriety of a future action. It functions as a finite Independent clause (see 7.3.1.9). There are three moods, two aspects, and eleven persons, making a total of 66 forms of Propriety verbs.

The Indicative fills the nucleus of a Contrary Wish sentence.

duwano-s-a 'It is not good/right/proper that you
 proper.-fall-you- fall ' or 'Don't fall'
 Indic.

The Interrogative and Question moods function as Propriety Requests.

mau-nikareta 'Is it good/right/proper that we come?'
 proper.come-we-Interr. or, 'Shall we come?'

The following sample of a conjugation is given because the stems are irregular:

	INDICATIVE	INTERROGATIVE	QUESTION	
PUNCT	potaua	potauita	potauini	1st sg.
	potanosa	potanosita	potanosi	2nd sg.
	potanoya	potanoita	potanoi	3rd sg.
CONT	potiti nuauna	potiti nuaunita	potiti nuauni	1st sg.
	potiti nuanosa	potiti nuanosita	potiti nuanosi	2nd sg.
	potiti nuanoya	potiti nuanoita	potiti nuanoi	3rd sg.

5.12.2 Finite Dependent Verbs.

a) Subject Person. Finite Dependent verbs fill the obligatory predicate slot in Dependent Clause Groups (see 8.2) and indicate a change of subject between their Clause Group and the following Clause Group. The subject suffixes are the same as for Finite Independent verbs. They may be found charted in Chart #8, Section 5.13.

b) Mood. The Finite Dependent verb always has the vowel a of the Indicative Mood, except in the 3rd person singular, where the a drops.

ago sese-n-a bamusia 'When I said that, he went.'
that said-I-Ind. went-he

ago ses-i-# bamusia. 'When he said that, he went.'
that said-he- went-he

In this example the # indicates the absence of the mood suffix.

The mood of the sentence is marked by the Finite Independent verb, even though the mood's emphasis may seemingly be focused on the Finite Dependent (medial) verb, as described earlier in 5.12.1.b. A further example:

ni ne ino-s-a na bua wete-n-i 'What were you doing
you what do-you-Ind. I work did-I-Q while I did the work?'

c) Tense. Finite Dependent verbs appear to have three tenses which are the same as the tenses of Finite Independent verbs, but in reality the tense morphemes of FD verbs are used to indicate Aspect.

na ge ses-e-n-a bamu-s-i-a 'When I spoke, he left.'
I talk say-T-I-Ind. went-Pt-he-Ind.

In this example the verb 'I spoke' is simply the Today tense Indicative Mood of the verb 'to speak', whereas the verb 'he left'

is the Past tense Indicative Mood of the verb 'to leave.'
To analyze the first verb according to its overt tense would be to read, "I spoke today and he left three days ago," an erroneous reading. Therefore the Tense morpheme is no longer indicating Tense, but Aspect; in this case Punctiliar Sequence Aspect. Tense is involved in Finite Dependent verbs only to the extent that the Tense morphemes used to denote Aspect must agree with the tense of the following Finite Independent verb within the limits of Future, Present-Past, or Remote. These are the three major time divisions, and Present-Past encompasses the Present, Today, Yesterday, and Past tenses of the Finite Independent verbs. That is, a Punctiliar Sequence action is expressed by the Today tense morpheme of the Finite Dependent verb regardless of whether the Finite Independent verb is in the Present, Today, Yesterday, or Past tense. It is expressed by a Future tense morpheme when the FI verb is future, and by a Remote tense morpheme when the FI verb is in the Remote tense.

d) Aspect.

There are two types of Aspect found in FD verbs.

1. The Time Aspect consists of sequence aspect, simultaneous aspect, and habitual aspect as regards the relation of the FD verb to the FI verb.

In Sequence Aspect the action of the FD verb precedes the action of the FI verb and is completed before the action of the FI verb begins.

gi pum- e- na bam-ia 'When I got my spear he left.'
spear get-T- I go-T-he

In Simultaneous Aspect the action of the FD verb continues during the action of the FI verb.

gi pupi-no-na pu bam-ia 'While I was getting my spear,
spear get-Pres.-I pig go-T-it the pig went away.'

In Habitual Aspect the actions of both the FD verb and the FI verb are repeated, and hence the simultaneous/sequence distinction is not applicable.

moni pota-we-na pupi-nowi-ia 'I keep giving money
money give-Hab-I take-Hab- he and he keeps taking it.'

2. The Durative Aspect consists of a punctiliar aspect versus continuative aspect, and has to do with the duration of the action of the FD verb. There must be agreement between the Durative Aspect of the FD verb and the Durative Aspect of the following FI verb.

Thus a FD verb in Sequence aspect may be followed by either a FI Punctiliar or FI Continuative.

moni pot-e-na pum-ia 'I gave him money and he took it.'
money give-T-I take-T-he (FD Punct. + FI Punct.)

moni pot-e-na ite-w-ia 'I put the money there and it has
money put-T-I is-Cont.-itbeen there for some time.'
(FD Punct. + FI Cont.)

A FD verb in Simultaneous aspect may be followed only by a FI Punctiliar.

gi pupi-no-na pu bam-ia 'While I was getting my
spear get-Pres-I pig go-T-it spear the pig went away.'
(FD Cont. + FI Punct.)

A FD verb in Habitual Aspect may be followed only by a FI Continuative.

moni pota-we-na pupi-now-ia *I keep giving money and he
 money give-Hab.-I take-Hab.-he keeps taking it. (FD Cont.+
 FI Cont.)

The continuative aspect is further sub-divided into actions of short duration and long duration. The short duration could almost be considered punctiliar (and was so described in my Essentials, and in the Grammar Highlights paper) except that the verb morphology is definitely continuative. Logically the short duration is limited to the length of time needed for the completion of the following FI action.

gi pupi-no-na pu bam-ia 'While I was getting my spear,
 spear get-Pres-I pig go-T-it the pig went away.'

In this example the action of getting the spear lasted just long enough to allow the pig to escape. This is Short Duration.

In contrast, actions of long duration can extend over several hours or days, perhaps over years.

ago i susawi-a-sa bua tepo wamuno-ya
 that do go -fut.-you work end will-do-it

'When you continue to do that for a long time, the work will end.'

ago si susawe-na nukare ge kaka ninamu.
 that say go-Cont.-I they talk not hear

'I have been telling them that for a long time, but they don't listen.'

e) Charts.

Chart #4 shows the verb potai 'to put' in all its possible forms when used as a Finite Dependent verb. It is shown in the first person singular only.

Chart #5 summarizes the information in Chart #4 to show the relation of Aspect to Verb Morphology.

PUNCTILIAR		DURATIVE ASPECT			
		SHORT DURATION		LONG DURATION	
		Fut.	Pres-Past/Remote	Fut.	Pres-Past/Remote
SIMULTANEOUS	***	potiti nuana	potiti- noina	poti susawiana	poti susawena
		potiti noma duana	potiti- noe dotena	poti susaua duana	poti tupie dotena
SEQUENCE	Fut. Pr-pt				
	Remote	potana potena potine			
HABITUAL	***	All Fut.	Past & Present (Incomplete)	All Past (Complete)	
		potiti- nuana	potawena	potasana	

Note: *** means that no form exists. These are explained as follows:
 Habitual action is by nature Continuative, never Punctiliar. And in
 Simultaneous action the focus is not on the inception or completion
 of the FD action, but on the fact that it is in progress when another
 action takes place, hence it is always Continuative, continuing during
 the 2nd action.

CHART # 5
 A SUMMARY OF CHART # 4 SHOWING THE RELATION OF ASPECT TO MORPHOLOGY

	PUNCTILIAR	CONTINUATIVE	
		SHORT DURATION	LONG DURATION
SIMULTANEOUS	***	Verb Morphology	Verb Phrase
SEQUENCE	Verb Morphology	Verb Phrase	Verb Phrase
HABITUAL	***	Verb Morphology	

Note: For the verb phrases involved in the continuative, see 6.2.2, Durative Verb Phrases.

f). Examples of aspect.

1. Sequence Punctiliar

Fut.	pot-a-na bayamuno-ya	'When I give it he will go'
Pres.	pot-e-na susaw-ia	'I gave it and he is going.'
Today	pot-e-na bam-ia	'When I gave it he went (today).'
Yest.	pot-e-na bamu-ta-ya	'When I gave it he went (yesterday).'
Past	pot-e-na bamu-s-ia	'When I gave it he went (past).'
Remote	pot-i-na bamu-nua	'When I gave it he went (remote).'

2. Habitual

All Future: potitinuamuno-na pupinuamuno-ya
 'I will keep giving and he will keep taking.'

Past but continuing into the Present (incompleted action):
 pota-we-na pupino-w-ia 'I keep giving and he keeps taking.'

All Past (completed action):

Yesterday:	pota-sa-na pupino-ya-ya	'I kept giving and he kept taking.'
Past:	pota-sa-na pupinoi-s-ia	'I kept giving and he kept taking.'
Remote:	pota-sa-na pupino-so-nua	'I kept giving and he kept taking.'

3. Simultaneous Short Duration

Fut. gi pupinuana pu bayamunoya. 'While I will be getting my spear the pig will go away.'
 spear will-get-I pig will-go-it

Present: ***

Today: gi pupinona pu bamia. 'While I was getting my spear the pig went.'

Yest.: gi pupinona pu bamutaya (ditto)

Past: gi pupinona pu bamusia (ditto)

Remote: gi pupinoina pu bamunua (ditto)

4. Simultaneous Long Duration

Fut.: ago i susawi-a-sa wa mamunoya
that do go -F-you ship will-come-it

'When you have been doing that for a long time and are still doing it, the ship will come.'

Past: ago i susaw-e-na wa mu-s-ia
that do go-Pres.-I ship come-Pt.-it

'When I had been doing that for a long time, the ship came.'

Remote: ago i susa-u-na wa mu-nua
that do go-Rt.-I ship come-Rt.-it

'When I had been doing that for a long time, the ship came (years ago).'

5. Sequence Short Duration

Fut.: ago inoma du-a-sa na mamuno-na
that doing leave-F-you I will-come-I

'When you do that for a while and then quit, then I will come.'

Past: ago inoe dot-e-na mu-ta-ya
that doing leave-T-I come-Y-it

'When I had done that for a while and quit, it came.'

Remote: ago inoe dowa iwo kei awe-wa
that doing left-they enemy arrived-they

'When they had done that for a while and quit, the enemy came.'

6. Sequence Long Duration

Fut.: ago i susatma du-a-sa na mamuno-na
that do going leave-F-you I will-come-I

'When you have done that for a long time and have quit, then I will come.'

Past: mai doi tupie dot-e-rato betet-ia
child hit coming leave-T-they died-it

'They beat the child for a long time and then quit, and it died.'

Remote: Korosao meni uge di tupie bete-nu Mai di tupe-w-ia
 Korosao Subj. s tell come died-he Mai tell comes-he

'Korosao used to be the story-teller for years, and then he died, and now Mai (his son) continues to tell them.'

5.12.3 Non-Finite Dependent Verbs (NFD)

a) Subject person and number.

NFD verbs are not marked for subject person, but are dependent on a following FD or FI verb for the subject person. NFD verbs show change of number when the shift is from plural or dual to singular, but not the reverse, when the subject of the Finite verb is a participant in the action of the NFD verb. The change is signaled by the addition of a number suffix to the NFD verb.

nakare susau-mite-kare na duwe-na 'As we were going
 we go -ing-pl.ex. I fell-I along I fell down.'

The shift here is from 1st person plural exclusive to 1st person singular.

Note the contrast in these two utterances.

1. nato gitawa ino-mite-to nu beti-s-ia
 we-2 sleep do-ing- dual he die-Pt-he

'While we two were sleeping, he (my companion) died.'

2. nato gitawa ino-nato nu beti-s-ia
 we-2 sleep do-we-2 he die-Pt.-he

'While we two were sleeping, he (another person) died.'

In the first example there is a NFD verb marked only for change of number (from dual to singular), whereas in the second example it is a FD verb and indicates a complete change of subject person from the following FI verb.

Simultaneous, and Habitual Aspects; 2) Durative Aspect, sub-divided into Punctiliar and Continuative Aspects.

There are 5 separate morphemes involved, which are best seen in the following two displays.

e) Chart of NFD verb Aspect.

NFD verb Aspect listed per form:

<u>Form</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
-ro	Sequence punctiliar
-mite	Sequence continuative short duration past
-e	Sequence continuative long duration past
-ma	Sequence continuative future; habitual
-ise	Simultaneous

Chart #6

				Durative Aspect	
		Punctiliar	Continuative		
			Future	Present-Remote	
Simultaneous	***		-ise		
Habitual	***		-ma		
Sequence	-ro	-ma	-mite (short duration)		
			-e (long duration)		

Note: Because of semantic limitations not all verbs are found with all the endings. Nuai 'to live' and itai 'to stay/be' are always continuative, never punctiliar, hence they can never occur with the -ro ending. Also awai 'to rest, remain' takes the punctiliar ending -ro only with

a special meaning: awai + -ro = auro 'having slept the sleep that follows the insomnia of illness'

nu auro kokopai wamunoya 'He, having slept after he sleeping well will-be-he illness, will recover.'

Awai 'to rest, remain' further divides Sequence action into

Perfect and Imperfect:

awino-mite eri-ta-na 'I was awakened before I had
sleep-ing rise-Y-I finished my sleep.'

au-mite eri-ta-na 'I got my full rest and awoke.'
sleep-ing rise-Y- I

The difference here is based on a difference of stem, rather than on the suffix.

A further note: The suffix -ro, though indicating Sequence Aspect, is often used in an adverbial sense which English speakers might consider to be Simultaneous action.

(See Section 6.2.1, Verb phrases, Adverbial).

witiro mu 'ascending come' or 'come up'
osero bamu 'descending go' or 'go down'
puro bamu' 'taking go' or 'bring'

f) Examples of NFD Aspect.

nenā niro bam-ia 'he ate and then went'
food eating go-T-he

nenā nino-ise bam-ia 'he ate as he went.'
food eat-ing go-T-he

nenā nino-mite bam-ia 'he ate for a little while and then
food eat-ing go-T-he went.'

nenā nino-ma bayamuno-ya 'he will eat for a while and then
food eat-ing will-go- he go.'

Contrast between -mite and -e, short vs. long duration:

ago ino-mite doro bamu-wa 'They did that for a few
that do-ing left went-they days and left and went.'

ago ino-e doro bamu-wa 'They did that for many years
that do-ing left went-they and quit and went away.'

Use of -ma as Gnostic or Universal Truth:

bama mai pamuno-ma yaya tapino-we-ra
women child bear-ing pain find-Cont.-they

'When women are having babies they experience pain.'

Use of -ma to cover an extended period in the future:

o bono, di pupino-ma tao zo namore potiyo.
oh skink teeth get-ting big one to me give

'Oh skink, as you are getting your new teeth, give me one
of your big ones.' (a superstitious ritual used to dispose
of a child's milk teeth)

g) Appearance.

Another type of NFD verb is marked by the suffix

-go and indicates appearance or imitation.

oneki gutura baya-go wetia 'Oneki appeared to go to
Oneki isle-to go-appear did-he the island.'

na suna meni sa-go wena 'I imitated a dog barking.'
I dog Subj. say-appear did-I

Note: the verb wai 'to do' is obligatory in the following
clause, forming an Appearance Verb Phrase (see 6.2.6).

h) Purpose

Another type of NFD verb consists of the future stem
of the verb and indicates purpose. Its suffix morpheme
is -mu.

na wo gayamu bamu-se-na 'I went to shoot fish.'
I fish to shoot go-Pt.-I

na moni pumamu to-na 'I want to get money.'
I money to get say-I

i) Inability (Indecision)

There is one type of NFD verb which is marked for person subject (and hence would be a FD) but it does not in fact change subject, nor is it marked for tense. Hence it is still a NFD verb. It is found in a type of verb phrase (see 6.2.5) and in a Sentence type (see 9.6) and indicates inability, indecision, confusion, or hesitation on the part of the subject.

na	ne	se-n-i	wero	dot-e-na	'Not knowing what to
I	what	say-I-Q	doing	quit-T-I	say I gave up' or,
					'Being unable to reply,
					I gave up.'

ni	ne	se-s-i	wero	dot-e-sa	'You, not knowing what to
You	what	say-you-Q	doing	quit-T-you	say, gave up.'

nu	ne	se-i	wero	dot-ia	'He, not knowing what to
he	what	say-he	doing	quit-he	say, gave up.'

5.12.4 Contrary to Fact Verbs

For reasons of symmetry in this paper reference is made here to the other sections in which these verbs are dealt with in detail. Criteria: Sec. 5.11.5.4; Morphology: 5.13.4, Form III; Occurrence in Contrary to Fact Clauses: Sec. 7.4; Occurrence in Contrary to Fact Conditional Sentences: Sections 9.4.2 and 9.4.3.

5.15 VERB MORPHOLOGY

The following pages describe the morphology of every form of the verb. To date I have found 725 forms to every verb. The breakdown is as follows:

Finite Independent

11 persons x 4 moods x 6 tenses x 2 aspects = 528

Propriety verbs

11 persons x 3 moods x 2 aspects = 66

Imperative

3 persons x 2 degrees x 2 aspects = 12

Hortative and Quoting Hortative

11 persons x 2 moods x 2 aspects 44

Total Independent = 650

Finite Dependent 55

Non-Finite Dependent 18

Reciprocal 1

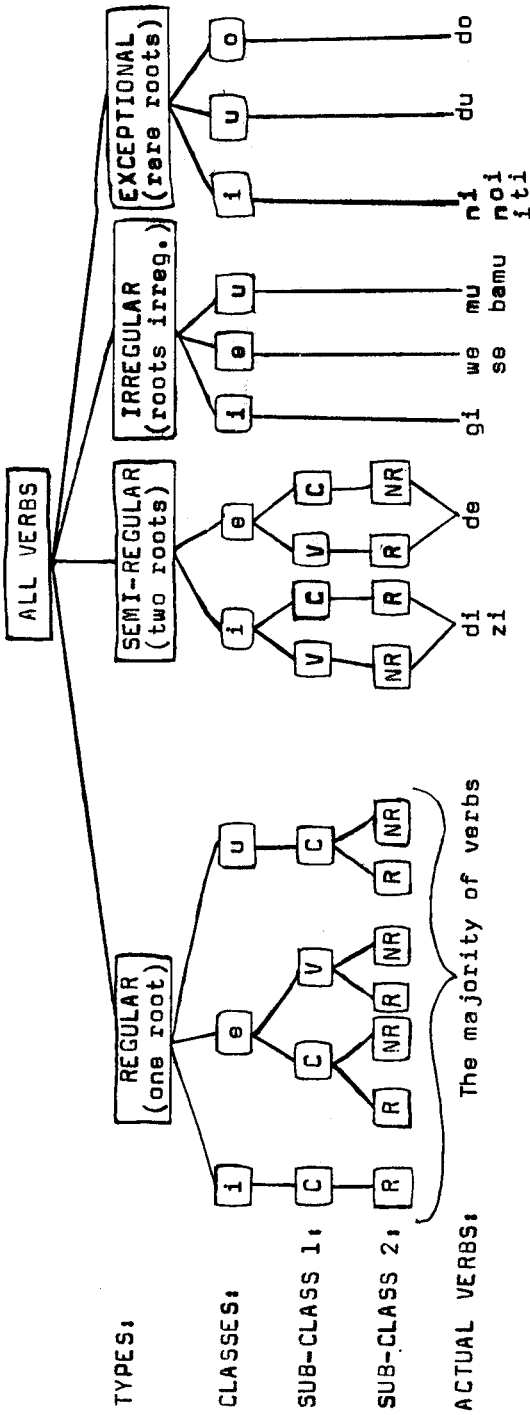
Durative root 1

Total Dependent = 75

In order to discuss the morphology of Suena verbs we must divide them into 4 TYPES, as it is impossible to combine all 4 TYPES into one chart or analysis. To do so would be to make the exceptions outnumber the rules. The scheme of the verb, then, is this:

CHART # 7

THE SCHEME OF THE SUENA VERB



Note: Symbols used above:

- R = Reduplicating
- NR = Non-Reduplicating
- C = Consonant added for reduplication
- V = Vowel added for reduplication

Although the actual number of Semi-Regular, Irregular, and Exceptional verbs is very small, they are among the highest in frequency of occurrence. (e.g., do, say, see, come, go, eat, live, be.)

In order to present the material in as short a space as possible I am using charts based on the tagmemic slots involved. Verbs are composed of up to six tagmemes. In order they are: Root, Vowel, Grammatical Function, Person, Mood, Number. Root and Vowel combine to form Stem. Stems fall into 4 Forms according to their shape and their grammatical function. VOWEL may include a reduplication as it does in FORM I, e class, and in FORM II. I am treating GRAMMATICAL FUNCTION as one tagmeme, even though there are at times several morphemes involved.

In order to simplify the following charts, I present first the PERSON, MOOD, and NUMBER tagmemes, as these are perfectly regular, the same for all 4 TYPES of verbs, and applicable to FORMS I, II, and III. They are always the last three slots on the verb.

5.13.1 PERSON, MOOD, and NUMBER Suffixes

Although it is possible to separate each of these suffixes and to describe them individually, they are more neatly handled by joining the PERSON and NUMBER suffixes into one PERSON AND NUMBER SIMULFIX, even though they are not contiguous.

a) PERSON and NUMBER simulfixes charted.

In this chart an asterisk /*/ replaces the Mood tagmeme.

Chart #8: Person and Number Simulfixes

	Sing.	Dual	Plural
1st incl.		-n*ge	-n*kai
excl.	-n*	-n*to	-n*kare
2nd	-s*	-w*to	-w*
3rd Fut-Past	-y* /-i*	-r*to	-r*
Remote	-nu*	-w*to	-w*

Note: The 3rd person singular ending in Future, Present, Today, Yesterday, and Past tenses has two morphophonemic alternates: -y* following a vowel, and -i* following a consonant. The 3rd person has a separate set of endings for the Remote tense, identical with the 2nd person in the Dual and Plural.

b) Mood suffixes.

All six mood suffixes can occur only on Independent Verbs. In Dependent verbs only the Indicative and Quoting Hortative moods are found. In FD verbs the mood vowel a is dropped in the 3rd person singular.

ses-i-a 'he said' (Finite Independent)
say-he-Indic.

ses-i giro bee-n-a 'Seeing he said that, I went.'
say-he-# seeing go- I-Ind. (Finite Dependent)

Chart #9: Mood suffixes

Primary	Secondary
-a Indicative	-ua Dubitative
-i/# Interrogative	-i/#..ta Question
-e Hortative	-ise Quoting Hortative

The above are labeled Primary and Secondary on the basis of form, not grammatical function nor frequency of occurrence. The Secondary Moods consist of a Primary Mood suffix plus an additional prefix or suffix. i.e.,

Dubitative = u + the Indicative mood suffix -a

Question = -ta + the Interrogative suffix i/#

Quot.Hort. = -is- + the Hortative suffix -e

The Mood tagmeme could be considered to consist of three slots, as seen in chart #10.

Chart #10: Mood suffixes recharted

1	2	3	4
-u- Dubitative	-a Indicative		
-is- Quot.Hortative	-e Hortative		
	-i/# Interrogative	...	-ta Question

Note: Slot #3 indicates the position of the NUMBER morpheme which is non-contiguous with the PERSON morpheme in that Simulfix.

bayamuno-n-i-kare-ta
will-go-1st-Int.-pl.ex-u

'Will we go?'

However, slots 1 and 4, which form Secondary Moods, cannot occur with just any member of slot 2. They may occur as read horizontally only. For this reason the Mood Chart #9 above seems more precise. An alternative analysis would be to treat the Question suffix *-ta* on the clause level, since it is mutually exclusive with Question Words.

Notes: 1. Morphophonemics. In the Dubitative Mood the /-u/ becomes /-w/ intervocallically.

tupe-n-u-a 'Perhaps I am coming.'
come-I-Dub-Indic.

tupe-s-u-a 'Perhaps you are coming.'
come-you-Dub-Indic.

tup- i- u- a 'Perhaps he is coming.'
come-he-Dub-Indic.

2. Remote tense. The *-i* suffix of the Interrogative and Question Moods drops out in the Remote tense of the 3rd person singular and in the 2nd and 3rd persons dual and plural.

se- nu- a 'he said' (Remote, Indicative)
say he Indic.

se- nu- ta 'did he say?' (Remote, Interrogative)
say he # Q

toi- so -w -a 'they used to say.' (Remote, Indic.)
say Cont. they Indic.

ne toi- so u 'what did they used to say?'
what say Cont. they # (Remote, Question)

5.13.2 VERB ROOTS

Although it is possible to find the root of a verb, the root is not usually helpful in constructing any given verb form. The stems are much more important in verb morphology.

Two procedures for finding a verb root:

Procedure #1: Remove the -ai suffix from the Derived Noun.

kotumai 'thought' = kotum (root of 'to think')

This root, however, will not reveal the class of the verb.

Procedure #2: Remove the -re suffix from the NFD verb form.

kotumuro 'thinking' = kotumu (stem of 'to think')

potiro 'putting' = poti (stem of 'to put')

sero 'saying' = se (stem of 'to say')

or alternatively, just take the Abrupt Imperative Singular, which is the same as the stem.

kotumu 'think!' (u Class)

poti 'put!' (i Class)

se 'say!' (e Class)

This stem form reveals the class of the verb, since verb classes are based on the final vowel of this stem.

Removing the Class vowel then produces the same root as found in procedure #1.

Roots may end in either a Consonant or a Vowel. These root endings help to determine the classes of verbs. All three Classes (u, i, e) may be consonant final, but only e Class may be vowel final.

The number of roots and their distribution in the Forms determines whether a verb is Regular, Semi-Regular, Irregular, or Exceptional.

Regular verbs: Regular verbs are so called because they have only one root which is constant or "regular" throughout all Forms of the verb. The vast majority of Suena verbs are Regular.

Semi-Regular verbs: Semi-Regular verbs have two basic types of roots. Verbs of the e Class have a basic or non-reduplicated consonant-final root to which a vowel is added to form a secondary or reduplicated root with a CV ending. Verbs of the i Class have a basic or non-reduplicated vowel-final root which reduplicates the consonant to get a VC final root.

<u>e Class</u>	<u>Basic (NR) root</u>	<u>Secondary (R) root</u>
dai 'to hit'	d	do
<u>i Class</u>		
diai 'to tie'	di	did
ziai 'to hold'	zi	ziz

The usages of the Basic (NR) and Secondary (R) roots are shown by charts in the following pages.

Irregular verbs: There are five Irregular verbs which have 2 or 3 roots each. In four of the five verbs the Form II root is from the suppletive.

wai 'to do'	has roots	<u>w</u> and <u>i</u>
sai 'to say'	has roots	<u>s</u> and <u>t</u>
mai 'to come'	has roots	<u>m</u> and <u>tup</u>
bayai 'to go'	has roots	<u>ba</u> and <u>susaw</u>

Exceptional verbs: There are five verbs which do not fit any pattern, and hence I have called them Exceptional. Three show some degree of regularity (nai, duwai, duai), but two (itai and nuai) are completely unpredictable.

5.13.3 THE FOUR FORMS

Verb Morphology divides naturally into four parts called Forms, based largely on the shape of the stem. These four Forms are then used to generate all manifestations of the verb, both Independent and Dependent. The following list shows which manifestations (i.e., actual verb forms) result from each Form.

<u>Form</u>	<u>Usages</u>	<u>Example</u>
I	All Finite Punctiliars except Fut.Punct.	<u>potitana</u>
II	All Continuatives except FD Habitual	<u>potitinona</u>
III	Fin. Indep. Future Punctiliar	<u>potamunona</u>
	Fin. Dep. Future Punctiliar	<u>potana</u>
	Contrary to Fact Past	<u>potamena</u>
	Fin. Dep. Habitual	<u>potawena</u>
	Hortative	<u>potane</u>
	Quoting Hortative	<u>potanise</u>
	Fin. Indep. Propriety	<u>potauana</u>
	NFD Purpose	<u>potamu</u>
	NFD Appearance	<u>potago</u>
	NFD Reciprocal	<u>pota</u>
IV	All Imperatives	<u>poti</u>
	NFD Punctiliar Sequence	<u>potiro</u>
	NFD Inability	<u>potini</u>

Note: Forms I and IV share the same stem in several manifestations, especially in the Remote tense, but Form I verbs take different Person, Mood, and Number suffixes from Form IV.

5.13.4 CHARTS OF VERB MORPHOLOGY

In the following pages Charts #11 through #17 present the morphology of all four Types of verbs and of all four Forms of each Type. Charts #11 through 14 contain more detail, which is then only briefly referred to in the remaining charts.

Chart #11: REGULAR VERBS: FORM I

TYPE	CLASS	SUB I'	SUB 2	ROOT	VOWEL	GRAMMATICAL FUNCTION
Regular	i	C	NR	***	***	Tense morphemes E Today ta Yesterday sE Past # Remote
				R	pot	
			NR	C	puM	
	R	aruM				
	e	C	NR	gut	et Today i Yest, Past e Remote	
				R	ap	
				NR	mo	
			R	***		
				R	***	

- Notes: 1. Capital letters in suffixes indicate morphophonemics. m → p before i, E= e → # before 3rd sg. suffix in Today and Past, but it is still felt, as it prevents further morphophonemics e.g. pumena, pumesa, pumia (not pupia) *** = no such form.
2. Although the R/NR distinction is not pertinent in Form I, it has been kept on the chart to permit cross-reference to Form II.
3. Since in the Remote tense all verbs revert to their own class vowel, Remote tense could be put under Form IV just as well.

Chart #12. REGULAR VERBS: FORM II

TYPE	CLASS	SUB 1	SUB 2	ROOT	VOWEL	REDUPLICATION	GRAMMATICAL FUNCTION
Regular	i	C	NR	***	i	(applies to R only)	(see next page)
			R	pot			
	u	C	NR	puM			
			R	aruM			
	e	C	NR	gut			
			R	ap			
			NR	mo			
		V	R	***			

Notes: 1. Ti represents ti varying with consonant harmony in certain verbs.

e.g.: arupittinoya, osistinoya

2. u class of 3 syllables or more always reduplicate in Form II. Two syllables or less never do.
- e class reduplication is unpredictable. Most are NR. Only 2 are R (ape, ose).
- i class always reduplicate in Form II.

GRAMMATICAL FUNCTION TAGMEME (Continued from page 67)

Finite Independent: Tense morpheme	
nuamuno	Future
no	Present
nowE	Today
noya	Yesterday
noisE	Past
noiso	Remote
Non-Finite Dependent: Aspect/Tense	
noise	Simultaneous
nomite	Sequence short duration past
noe	Sequence long duration past
noma	Sequence duration, future; Habitual
Finite Dependent: Tense morpheme	
nua	Future
noi	Remote
Imperative (see Chart #14 for Imperative person endings)	
noi	

Notes: The Grammatical Function Tagmeme is filled by forms of the verb nua 'to live,' 'to walk about'. Hence Form II could be analyzed as a type of verb phrase consisting of a stem plus the verb nua.

In the Today tense there are a few speakers who use only e instead of we as the mark of the continuous aspect. e.g.
 inona Present Continuous 'I am doing it.'
 inowena Today Continuous 'I have been doing it.'
 inoena Today Continuous (dialect difference)

Chart #13. REGULAR VERBS; FORM III

TYPE	CLASS	SUB 1	SUB 2	ROOT	VOWEL	GRAMMATICAL FUNCTION		
Regular	i	C	NR	***	a	# reciprocal		
			R	pot		# hortative		
	u	C	NR	pum		# Quot. Hort.		
			R	arum		go MFD appearance		
	e	C	NR	gut		mu MFD purpose		
			R	ap		we FD Pres. Habitual		
		V	NR	mo		sa FD Past Habitual		
			R	***		muno FI Fut. Punct.		
								me FI Past CTF
								u/no FI Propriety
						--- pota		
						--- pota-n-e		
						--- pota-n-ise		
						--- pota-go		
						--- pota-mu		
						--- pota-we-n-a		
						--- pota-sa-n-a		
						--- pota-muno-n-a		
						--- pota-me-n-a		
						--- pota-u-n-a		
						--- pota-no-s-a		

Note: Roots ending in a vowel add /y/ before the Vowel.

mo-y-a-n-a 'when I have cooked'

Chart #14. REGULAR VERBS: FORM IV

TYPE	CLASS	SUB 1	SUB 2	ROOT	VOWEL	GRAMMATICAL FUNCTION	
Regular	i	C	NR	***	i	Imperatives: 1 # Sing. u non-sing.	
			R	pot			2 0 polite
	u	C	NR	puM	u	Inability: #	3 to dual # sing.
			R	aruM			4 kai pl.incl. ge dl. incl.
	e	C	NR	gut	e	Durative root (for Durative Verb Phrase): #	
			R	ap			
		V	NR	mo		Non-Finite Dependent Sequence Punctiliar: -io	
			R	***			

Notes: See next page.

Notes on Chart #14.

Read Imperatives as:

+ root + vowel + 1 = Abrupt imperative, sing. and plural

+ root + vowel + 1 + 3 = Abrupt imperative dual excl.

+ root + vowel + 1 +2 = Polite imperative sing. and plural

	pl.	
	poti	*put*
	pumu	*take*
	ape	*throw*

	potiuto	*put*
	pumuuto	*take*
	apeuto	*throw*

	poti + o = potiyo	
	pumu + o = pumuyo	
	ape + o = apeyo	(all sing.)

	potiu + o = potiuo	
	pumu + o = pumuwo	
	ape + o = apewo	(all plural)

+ root + vowel +1 +2 +3 = Polite imper. dual excl.

	poti + u + o + to = potiwoto
	pumu + u + o + to = pumuwoto
	ape + u + o + to = apewoto

+ root + vowel +1 +3 +4 = Inclusive imperatives mu + u + to + kai = muutokai 'let us come,

mu + # + # + ge = muge	+ ge = muge	+ # + # + # + ge = muge	+ # + # + # + ge = muge	+ # + # + # + ge = muge
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you two and I'
'let us two, you
and I, come.'

There is a morphophonemic rule which applies in the Polite Imperative:

1. When a vowel is added to a stem ending in a vowel, a /y/ is added. bamu + o = bamuyo
2. When a vowel is added to a stem which ends in a double y, the second y becomes w. bamuy + o = bamuwyo.

Regular verb stems: a summary.

The preceding four charts may be summarized as follows.

Regular verb stems fall into four forms which are constructed by the addition of a vowel plus or minus reduplication to the root. Only one small morphophonemic change occurs: in the u class, root-final /m/ becomes /p/ when the vowel tagmeme /i/ is added to form the stem (i.e., rule applies only to Forms I and II). But, root-final /m/ does not become /p/ before the /i/ of the 3rd person singular suffix.

Reduplication occurs in Form II and can be summarized as:

1. In u class, only when root is 3 or more syllables.
2. In i class, always.
3. In e class, almost never.

The stem formation in each form can be summarized as:

Form I -- root + #/i/et/class vowel	Examples:	
#	pot-#-e-n-a	potena
i	pot-i-ta-n-a	potitana
et	ap-et-e-n-a	apetena
cl.v.	pot-i-n-a	potina
Form II -- root + i (for Sub 2;NR)	mo + i = moi	<u>mo</u> inowena
root + i + redup. (for Sub 2;R)	pot-i-ti = potiti	<u>potiti</u> nowena
Form III -- root + a	pot + a = pota	<u>pot</u> amunona
Form IV -- root + class vowel	pot + i = poti	
	pum + u = pumu	
	ap + e = ape	

Chart #15. SEMI-REGULAR VERBS: FORMS I, II, III, AND IV.

TYPE	CLASS	SUB 1	SUB 2	ACTUAL ROOTS	USED IN FORMS	VOWEL (per Forms)	VOWEL (per vowels)	GRAMMATICAL FUNCTION
Semi-regular	e	C dai	NR	d	I T, R III all IV all	I et Today i Y, Pt e R II i III a IV e	a III et I T i Y, Pt, II I R, IV	same as for Regular verbs
		V	R	do	I Y, Pt II all			
	i	V dai	NR	di	I T, R III all IV all	I # T, R i Y, pt	III I Y, pt; II I T, R, IV	
		C	R	did	I Y, Pt II all	II i III a IV #		
	i	V zai	NR	zi	I T, R III all IV all			
C		R	ziz	I Y, Pt II all				

Notes: in i class, dai and zai could be combined by a rule of Consonant Harmony in the Sub 2 Reduplicating form, as their usages and vowels are identical. Further, classes i and e could be combined, as regards the Vowel tagmeme, with the simple rule that a root in -C must add the class vowel (plus linking consonant /t/ in Today tense), whereas a root in -V utilizes the root vowel as the Vowel tagmeme (or, the root vowel i contracts with the Vowel tagmeme i).

Chart #16. IRREGULAR VERBS: FORMS I, II, III, AND IV.

TYPE	CLASS	ACTUAL VERBS	ROOTS		VOWEL (per Forms)	VOWEL (per vowels)	GRAMMATICAL FUNCTION
			Actual root	Used in Forms			
	i	gai	gos	II	I # T i Y, Pt, R	a III i I Y, Pt, R; II; IV # I T	same as for Regular verbs
			go	I Y, Pt	II i III a		
			g	I T, R; IV; III	IV i		
Irreg- ular	e	wai	w	I; III; IV	I e T a Y i Pt e R # II e III e IV e	a I Y; III i I Pt e T I T e I R; IV # II	same as for Regular verbs
			i	II			
			sai	I; III; IV			
			t	II			
u	mai	bayai	m	I; III; IV	I # T u Y, Pt, R #/i	a III i T; II FD, II FI i V, Pt, R; IV NFD	same in I, III, IV. In II, all are different.
			tup	II			
			ba	I T; III			
			susew	II			
			bam	I T 3sg; Y, Pt, R; IV			

Notes: See next page.

Notes on Chart #16, IRREGULAR VERBS.

1. In e class, the VOWEL in I T is eT, which symbolizes et varying with consonant harmony:
 e.g. wetena = w-et-e-n-a 'I did it.'
 sesena = s-es-e-n-a 'I said it'
 2. In u class, VOWEL in II is either # or i; # occurs in the Finite Dependent and Finite Independent, but i occurs in Non-Finite Dependent; e.g. tup-i-mife 'after coming a while,'
 This is the only remnant of a lost first syllable, as can be reconstructed through Binandere.
 3. The present stem of mai 'to come' is tup-. This is the only remnant of a lost first syllable, as can be reconstructed through Binandere.
 Binandere = gumbari 'to come' gumbari → gumari → gumai → mai → m- =Root for I, II, IV
 gupari → tupari → tupai → tup- =Root for II
 4. The morphophonemic rule that when two a's come together a /y/ is inserted applies on this chart to the u class, verb bayai, in Form III; e.g. ba + a = baya
 5. A few old men use an /a/ rather than /i/ in Fin. Indep. gai 'to see', Form IV
 e.g. gisi/ gasi na nago noi-na g-a-s-i 'Where was I when you saw me?'
 I where live- I see-R-you-Q (Normal is gisi, not gasi)
- Likewise a few speakers use an /a/ rather than /e/ in the Fin. Dependent, Form IV, of sai 'to say' e.g. s-a-s-a we-w-a 'When you said that they did it.'
 that say-R-you-Ind do-they-indic. (Normal is sasa, not sasa)

Chart #17. EXCEPTIONAL VERBS: FORMS I, II, III, AND IV.

TYPE	CLASS	ACTUAL VERB	ROOT		VOWEL (per Forms)	VOWEL (Per Vowels)	REASON IT IS EXCEPTIONAL
			Actual root	Used in Forms			
Exceptional	i	nai	n	all	I # II i III a IV i	a III i I T # II; I Y, Pt, R; IV	only i class verb without reduplication in Present Continuative
				III	I i Y, Pt, R III a IV i	a III i I Y, Pt, R; IV	Consonant change in Y; No Form I T; no Form II (serves as the aux. for other verbs in Form II)
		nai	no	I; IV	I # II a III i IV i	a III; I Y i I Pt, R; IV # I T	Vowel and Consonant change in Y (ititana → itayana); Very irregular in Form II
	u	duwai	duw	I; II; III	I # II i III a IV #	a III i II; I Y, Pt # I T, R; IV	The only u class verb not conditioned by a preceding /m/.
				IV	I # II i III a IV #	a III i II; I Y, Pt # I T, R; IV	The only o class verb in Suena
		duai	du	III	II; I T, Y, Pt.		
		do	I R; IV				

6. PHRASE LEVEL

6.1 Noun Phrases

6.1.1 An Overview.

Definition: Noun Phrase (N) consists of an obligatory noun Head slot filled by a noun, plus optional noun modifier slots. The Head slot is normally filled by a Common Noun (see 5.2.1). However, Names and Derived Nouns also occur in the Head slot, but with fewer optional modifier slots because of semantic restrictions.

Formula: $N = \underline{+}$ (Possessor; Possessive Noun Phrase type 1) $+ (Head; n) \underline{\pm}$ (Possessor pronoun; possessive pronoun) $\underline{+}$ (Age Modifier; modifier) $\underline{+}$ (Color Modifier; modifier) $\underline{+}$ (Size Modifier; modifier) $\underline{+}$ (Quantitative Modifier; quantitative modifier) $\underline{+}$ (Limiter; limiter word).

Notes: 1. Not all of the slots occur in any one utterance, hence it is not possible to be certain of the slot order. 2. Possessor and Possessor pronoun slots are mutually exclusive. 3. "Size" and "Color" perhaps need broader terms. 4. Occasionally the Head is absent but understood from context, in which case a Modifier appears to stand as the Head, e.g.,

boroko	zo	poti	'give me a medium sized one (whatever
medium	one	give	the larger context indicates is the
			object under discussion).'

Types of Noun Phrases.

Noun Phrase slots are numbered for easy reference in the following sections:

N = Poss.	Head	poss.pr	Age	Color	Size	Number
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

6.1.2 Subject Noun Phrase.

Sub. N = N + word order (When only one or two slots are involved. Prefer to add meni to avoid ambiguity).

mama pu gaetia 'father speared a pig.'
father pig speared-he (word order S O P)

Sub. N = N + meni (When from one to three slots are involved.) meni is obligatory when the Subject is non-human and the Object is human, because the word order is then reversed to (O S P).

Zaipora mai eto meni bua wete-rato.
Zaipo's children two Subject work did-they-two
'Zaipo's two children did the work.'

mama naso uqama zo meni gamu-nua.
father my crocodile a Sub. ate-it

'A crocodile ate my father.' (order is O S P)

Sub. N = N/FI cl. + ami (When any number of slots are involved. ami is obligatory with included clauses.)

ema suna naso gaetia ami tup-ia
man dog my speared-he Sub. comes-he

'The man who speared my dog is coming.'

6.1.3 Direct Object Noun Phrase.

D.O.N = N + word order (When one or two slots only are involved)

mama pu gaet-i-a 'Father speared a pig.'
father pig speared-he-indic. (Order is S O P)

D.O. N = N/FI cl. + awa (Any number of slots. awa is obligatory with included clauses)

ema suna naso detia awa damunona
man dog my hit-he Obj. will-hit-I

'I will hit the man who hit my dog.'

6.1.4 Indirect Object Noun Phrase.

I.O. N = N + -re (When one or two slots involved)

suna nisore poti 'Give it to your dog.'
dog your-to give

I.O. N = (When several slots are involved)
N/FI cl + amire amire is obligatory with included clauses.

suna niso bamubake amire poti 'give it to your
dog your big I.O. give big dog.'

ema suna niso doisia amire poti 'give it to the man
man dog your hit-he I.O. give who hit your dog.'

6.1.5 Instrument Noun Phrase.

Inst. N = N + meni

mama pu qi meni gaetia 'Father speared a pig
father pig spear Inst. speared with a spear.'

Inst. N = N/FI cl. + ami

qi matu sora itewia ami gaetia
spear old house-in remains-it Inst. speared-he

'He speared it with an old spear that is always in the house.'

6.1.6 Time Noun Phrase (see also Sec. 5.4 Time Words)

Time N = N/FI cl. + amire/be amire

inua August amire 'in the month of August'
moon August Time

April 9 amire 'on April 9th'
April 9 Time

saturday July 24 be amire 'on Saturday July 24th'
 Saturday July 24 time Time

ni nakare doro bamusea be amire 'At the time when
 you us left went-you time Time
you left us and
 went...'

6.1.7 Possessive Noun Phrases.

6.1.7.1 Possessive Noun Phrase type 1.

N + -ra (when only one or two slots are involved)

bama zaira suna 'the old woman's dog'
 woman old-s dog

N/FI cl. + amira (When more than two slots are involved,
 or when there is a possessive -ra
 embedded in the Noun Phrase)

ema suna naso datia amira mai tupia
 man dog my hit-he poss. child comes-he

'The child of the man who hit my dog is coming.'

Note: two -ra's are not permitted in a series if both are
 possessive, i.e., Suena cannot, like English, say:

Zaipora's son's dog (Zaipora maira suna = non-permitted)

Either of two alternatives must be taken in this case:

1. Zaipora mai amira suna 'Zaipora's son's dog.'
 Zaipora's child poss dog
2. Zaipora mai nusora suna 'Zaipora's son's dog.'
 Zaipora child his's dog

In this latter example the name Zaipora serves as a referent,
 and might be translated: "regarding Zaipora, his son's dog."

This construction is found in the expression for Kingdom of God:

Anutu zawitimaira be nuso 'The time of God's ruling.'
 God ruling's time his

Note, however, that two -ra's may occur when the second is
 locative, not possessive. Thus:

nu Zaipora sore itia 'he is in Zaipora's house.'
 he Zaipora's house-in is-he

Anutura benaura itia 'it is before God's face.'
 God's face-at is-it

Tuara bera ge toisowa 'they spoke in the Lord's name.'
 Lord's mouth-in talk said-they

6.1.7.2 Possessive Noun Phrase type 2:

N + possessed item + -re

na gi-re 'I have a spear.'
 I spear-with

nukare ema wau-re 'they are men with wealth.'
 they men wealth-with

6.1.8 Locative Noun Phrases.

6.1.8.1 Relator-axis types (R-A)

Relator-axis locative phrases are of four types, shown below. Each formula is for the locative meaning 'to', 'at', 'toward', or 'on'. To form the meaning 'from' the Relator ena is added to the entire locative phrase, regardless of type.

sora itia 'he is in the house.'
 house-in is-he

sora ena tupia 'he is coming from the house.'
 house-in from comes-he

Locative relator-axis type 1 consists of an obligatory

Locative relator-axis Head 1 filled by a Noun Phrase or included clause, plus an obligatory locative relator 1 filled by -ra or amira. Personal Names may not occur in the Noun Phrase.

Loc. R-A Type 1 = + L R-A Head 1; FI cl/M + loc.rel.1: -ra/amira

ou-ra bamia 'he went to the river.'
 river-to went-he

so bamu zo kakame itia amira susawia.
 house big a middle is-it Loc. goes-he

'He is going toward the big house that is in the middle of the village.'

sora itia 'he is in the house.'
house-in is-he

sora ena tupia 'he is coming from the house.'
house-in from comes-he

Locative relator-axis type 2 consists of an obligatory
Locative relator-axis Head 2 filled by either a personal
name or a possessive pronoun, plus an obligatory locative
relator 2 filled by nana 'area,' 'place', 'domain', 'aura'.
Loc. R-A type 2 = + L R-A H 2: personal name/poss. pronoun
+ loc. rel. 2: nana

Binandere nana 'in the Binandere tribe's area'
Binandere area

Zaipo nana 'at Zaipo's domain, place.'
Zaipo place

nuso nana itia 'he is at his own place'
his place is-he (cf. French chez lui)

bisi Binandere nana ena tupia 'the wind is coming from
wind Binandere area from comes-it the Binandere area.'

Locative relator-axis type 3 consists of a noun whose final
vowel is replaced by the locative relator vowel e or ene,
or another consonant plus e.

a) Those in which a becomes e:

wara 'jungle' ware 'in the jungle'

nata 'village' nate 'to the village'

ebe 'road' ebe 'on the road'

wana 'hand' wane 'in the hand'

wa papa 'bed of canoe' wa pape 'on the canoe bed'

soena 'house peak' soene 'on the house peak'

ebata 'path' ebete' 'on the path' (note both a's change)

b) Those in which a becomes ene:

awa 'buttocks' awene 'on the buttocks'

mewa 'forehead' mewene 'on the forehead'

c) Those in which there is no a, but -ne is added:

giti 'head' gitine 'on the head'

d) Those in which another consonant is added, plus e:

opo 'Cheek' opowe 'on the cheek'

bua 'garden' buye 'to the garden'

Locative relator-axis type 4 consists of Place names.

nu Lae itia 'he is in/at Lae'
 he Lae is-he

nu Lae bamia 'he went to Lae'
 he Lae went-he

nu Lae ena tupia 'he is coming from Lae'
 he Lae from comes-be

na Amerika bayamunona 'I am going to America'
 I America will-go-I

Note: ibu 'men's house' functions as a Place name.

nu ibu itia 'he is in the men's house'
 he m.house is-he

6.1.8.2 Locative Relators

The locative relators are of two types: those having the meaning 'to,at,on,toward'; and those having the meaning 'from'. They are charted as follows:

Chart #18. Locative Relators

	ACTIVE to, at, on toward	STATIC at	ACTIVE ONLY from
Question Words	nago	nani	nana ena
All other moods	ego/ago/ogo	ewa/awa/ owa	ena/ana/ona

Examples of Question mood:

Stative: ni nani 'where are you?'
you where

Active--'to' ni nago susawesi? 'Where are you going?'
you where go-you

Active--'from' ni nana ena tupesi 'Where are you coming from?'
you where from come-you

Examples of other moods:

Stative Indic. ewa 'here it is'
here

Active Imper. ego poti 'put it here'
here put

Active Indic. ago itia 'it is there'
there is-it

Active Interrog. ogo bayamunosita? 'Will you go there?'
there will-go-you-?

Active Indic. ana eriro musenakare 'Getting up from
from there rising came-we there we came.'

6.1.9 Benefactive Noun Phrase

Bene.N = + N + emo (When few slots are involved)

+ FI cl./N + ami emo (when several slots involved,
or when there is an included
clause)

na mai naso emo nuai naso duamunona.
I child my for life my will-lose-I

'I will give up my life for my child!

Bama eto na ou gutewato ami emo mama naso
women two me washed-they-2 Benefact. father my

pu gayamu osenua.
pig to spear went-down-he

'My father went down to shoot a pig for the benefit of the
women who bathed me (when I was born).'

6.1.10 Coordinate Noun Phrases.

Definition: Coordinate Noun Phrase consists of two or more obligatory coordinate noun Heads filled by a noun plus connector (C). The connectors are sometimes Relators (-re, -ra), sometimes conjunctions (ata), sometimes the dual exclusive suffix (~to), and sometimes a noun (mai). Below are examples of 12 types of coordinate phrases, but they need further analysis before a formula can be given.

1. + N + ~to + N + -re

ema zaito bama sekare 'an old man and a young woman'
man old C woman young C

2. + N + -re + N + -re

ema-re bame-re 'men and women'
men-C women-C

3. + N + N + -re

ema are-re 'a man and his wife'
man wife-C

Zaipo are-re 'Zaipo and his wife'
Zaipo wife-C

4. + N + ata + N + -re

ema zai ata mai seka-re
man old C boy young-C 'an old man and a boy'

5. + pronoun + ata + Name + ata + Name + ata

ne ata Dero ata Saka ata 'I and Darryl and Saka'
I C Darryl C Saka C

6. + N + ata + N + N + -re

biza izai ata ma wo bamu-re
banana ripe C taro fish big-C 'a ripe banana, taro, and
a big fish'

7. + Name + -ra + Name + -ra + Name + -ra

Zaipora Durira Derora bayamunora 'Zaipo, Duri, and Darryl
 Zaipo-C Duri-C Darryl-C will-go will go.'

8. +noun + -re + noun + -re + noun + -re

wo-re ma-re biza-re zou-re 'Fish, taro, bananas, and
 fish-C taro-C banana-C sugar-C sugarcane.'

or, omitting the -re's: + n + n + n + n

ma we biza we zou we dai pumuwa
 taro shoots banana shoots sugar shoots too took-they
 'They took taro shoots, banana suckers, and sugar cane
 shoots.'

9. + Name + mai + Name + mai + Name + mai

Dero mai Leo mai Saka mai 'Darryl, Lael, and Saka.'
 Darryl C Lael C Saka C

10. Idiomatic usage

ema bama pu suna-re 'Everybody'
 men women pigs dogs-C

11. + Name + ata + Name + Name + ata (possibly incorrect)

Dero ata Leo mai Maki ata
 Darryl C Lael child Mark C

'Darryl and Lael and baby Mark'

12. Adversative Conjunction

Zaipo daba kota Dero dai baerato
 Zaipo only not-but Darryl too went-they-two

'Not only Zaipo, but Darryl too went.'

6.1.11 Appositional Noun Phrase.

An Appositional Noun Phrase consists of an obligatory Item slot filled by a Noun Phrase, plus an optional Appositional relator phrase filled by zazo 'name' plus possessive pronoun, plus an obligatory Apposition slot filled by a Name.

App. N = + It; N + Ap.Rl: (zazo + Poss. Pronoun) + Ap: Name

nami nuso zewai Atose 'his older brother Atose'
brother his older Atose (+ Item + Apposition)

ema eto zazo nusoto Yanai o Yawiri 'two men named Yanai and
men two name their Yanai & Yawiri Yawiri.'
+ Item + Ap. Rl + Names

6.1.12 Limiter of Noun Phrase.

Noun Phrases of all types, 6.1.2 through 6.1.8, except Possessive Noun Phrase type 1, may be limited by the addition of geqe 'only' or daba 'only'.

Sub. N Zaipo geqe mutaya 'Only Zaipo came.'
Zaipo only came-he

Obj. N na pu daimata geqe gastena 'I speared
I pig one only speared only one pig.'

Ind.O.N na nimore geqe potamunona 'I will give it to you
I to you only will-give-I only.'

Inst.N na wana meri daba wetena 'I did it only with my
I hand Inst. only did-I hands.'

Time N na be eto geqe itamunona 'I will stay only 2 days.'
I day two only will-stay-I

Poss.N 2 na otare geqe 'I have only an axe.'
I axe-with only

Loc. N na so omira geqe awamunona 'I will sleep only
I house that-in only will-rest-I in that house.'

Note: daba and gege may also function on the clause level.

nu kiakara gege nowia 'He only walks slowly.'
he slowly only walks-he

na qametena gege 'I only pulled it up (but I
I pulled-up-I only didn't bring/eat/steal, etc. it).'
(rare usage)

6.1.13 Adversative Conjunction plus Noun Phrase.

The adversative conjunction kota meaning 'not... but...' may occur with the following types of Noun Phrases.

Sub.N Zaipo kota Oneki meni wetia 'Not Zaipo but rather
Zaipo not-but Oneki Sub. did-he Oneki did it.'

D.O.N Yapua kota pusuwu gaetesa 'You speared not a shark,
shark not-but porpose speared- but a porpose.'
you

I.O.N Na nimore kota numore potitinona. 'I am giving it
I to you not-but to him give-I not to you but
to him.'

Inst.N na utu meni kota wana meni detena
I stick Inst. not-but hand Inst. hit-I
'I hit it not with a stick but with my hand.'

Time N Na zeme kota awenakai agore mutana.
I today not-but yesterday came-I
'I came not today but yesterday.'

Poss.N 2 na gire kota otare 'I don't have a spear, but
I spear-with not-but axe- an axe.'
with

Loc. N Nu Lae kota Moresby bamusia 'He went not to Lae but
he Lae not-but Moresby went-he to Moresby.'

Bene. N Na Zia emo kota Suena emo musena.
I Zias for not-but Suenas for came-I

'I did not come for the benefit of the Zia tribe,
but for the benefit of the Suena tribe.'

6.2 VERB PHRASES

Definition: A verb phrase consists of two or more verbs that share a common subject and allow no intervening modifiers. There are eight types of verb phrases:

1. Adverbial; 2. Durative; 3. Intensive; 4. Reciprocal;
5. Indecision/Inability; 6. Appearance; 7. Missed Opportunity;
8. Eternal.

6.2.1 Adverbial Verb Phrase.

Adverbial verb phrases are composed of a NFD Punctiliar Sequence verb plus a Finite Indep. verb. As described in Section 5.12.3.e these NFD verbs seem to fill the function of adverbs.

witiro mu 'coming up come' or 'come up'

osero bania 'descending he went' 'he went down'

doro auyo 'leaving remain' or 'stop it completely'

6.2.2 Durative Verb Phrase

There are two verb phrases which are used to stress the length of duration of an action or actions in a Finite Dependent clause (see 5.12.2.d & e).

Sequence Short Duration = Stem + -noma/-noe + duai/betai

Sequence Long Duration = Root + i + tupi-/susaw- + -ma/-e
+ duai/betai

Examples of Sequence Short Duration:

Future: ago inoma dwasa 'When you have done that for a while
that doing leave- and then quit, ...'
you

Past: ago inoe dotera 'When they had done that for a
that doing quit-they while and quit, ...'

Remote: ago inoe dowa 'When they had done that for a
 that doing quit- while and quit, ...'
 they

Examples of Sequence Long Duration:

Future: ago i susauma duasa 'When you have done that for
 that do going quit-you a very long time and then
 quit, ...'

Past: ago i tupie dotera 'When they had done that for
 that do coming quit-they a very long time and then
 quit, ...'

Remote: ago i tupie dowa 'When they had done that for
 that do coming quit-they a very long time and then
 quit, ...'

Korosao meni uge di tupie betenu Mai meni
 Korosao Sub. story tell coming died-he Mai Sub

di tupewia.
 tell comes-he-always

'Korosao was the story-teller for many years, and then
 he died, and now Mai (his son) continues to tell them.'

The above formulas and examples concern Sequence actions.

Simultaneous actions may also be of short or long duration, but
 only the long duration involves a verb phrase.

Simultaneous Short Duration = verb morphology (see 5.12.2.d & e)

Simultaneous Long Duration = root + i + bayai/mai

Examples of Sim. Long Duration:

Future: ago i susawiasa na mamunona.
 that do will-go-you I will-come-I
'When you have been doing that for a long time and
 are still doing it, I will come.'

Past: ago i susawesa na musena
 that do go-you I came-I
'When you had been doing that for a long time
 and were still doing it, I came.'

Remote: ago i susauwa woa kei awenua.
 that do go-they war came-up-it

'When they had been doing that for a long time, the
 war began.'

6.2.3 Intensive Verb Phrase

An Intensive verb phrase is one in which two verbs having similar meaning are combined to form an intensive action. See also Sec. 15.3 Excursus on Reduplication.

There are two types of Intensive verb phrase.

Intensive Verb Phrase, Type 1. = + (v.1 + -ise) + (v. 2 + -ise) + awai. There are two sub-types, depending on the tense of awai. Sub-type 1 has awai 'to rest, remain' in the Present Continuous. Sub-type 2 has awai in the Today Continuous which has a Habitual sense.

Examples of Type 1, sub-type 1:

ma	urise	gowise	awinora	'they are really working
taro	planting	burying	remain-they	at taro.'

ma	sawise	ziwise	awinora	'they are really cooking
taro	cooking	boiling	remain-they	up the taro.'

Examples of Type 1, sub-type 2:

ma	urise	nise	awinowera	'they are living on taro.'
taro	planting	eating	remain-they-always	

mai	doise	gaise	awinosowa	'they used to continually
men	hitting	spearing	remained-they-always	kill people.'

Intensive Verb Phrase, Type 2 = +(v.1 + -amu) + (v.2 + -amu)

+ Finite verb.

Example:

ma	uramu	gowamu	baera	'they went for the purpose
taro	to plant	to bury	went-they	of working hard at taro
				planting.'

6.2.4 Reciprocal Verb Phrase.

Actions which are performed by two or more actors to each other at the same time are expressed by:

+ ina + NFD Recip. verb + wai 'to do' with appropriate pl. suffix
 ge ina sa wewato 'they exchanged words'
 talk recip. say did-they-2

ina da wewato 'they hit/killed each other'
 recip. hit did-they-2

benau ina ga wanekai 'Let us see each other's face'
 face recip. see let-us-do

ina pota inora 'they are exchanging'
 recip. give do-they

Compare this simultaneous exchange with a later repayment such as revenge:

ina damunora 'they will kill them in return'
 recip. will-kill-they

ina potiwato 'they two repayed'
 recip. gave-they-2

ina damu wawa 'they tried to hit back'
 recip. to hit did-they

6.2.5 Indecision/Inability Verb Phrases.

There are three types of Indecision/Inability verb phrases:

Type 1: + Indecision verb + Indecision verb + awai 'to remain'

na ge senita duweni awinoni 'I don't know whether to
 I talk say-I-or leave-I-or remain-I speak or give up.'

ni ge sesita duwesi awinosi 'You don't know whether
 you talk say-you-or leave-you remain-you to speak or give up.'

nikare baewita duwewi awinowi 'You don't know whether
 you pl. go-you-or leave-you remain-you to go or not.'

Type 2: + Indecision verb + wero 'doing' + duai 'to leave'

na	ne	seni	wero	dotena	'I, not knowing what to
I	what	say-I	doing	left-I	say, left it.'
ni	ne	sesi	wero	dotesa	'You, not knowing what to
you	what	say-you	doing	left-you	say, left it.'
nu	ne	sei	wero	dotia	'He, not knowing what to
he	what	say-he	doing	left-he	say, left it.'

Type 3: + Indecision verb + -ko (Found in Inability sentences, see 9.6).

na	ne	seni-ko	are	dotena	'I didn't know what to
I	what	say-I-not	so	left-I	say, therefore I quit.'
nu	ou	gutei-ko	are	itewia	'He doesn't have the
he	bathe-he-not		so	is-he-always	ability to bathe, so
					he's always there.'

nakare	nogo	wero	ou	gutenikare-ko	are	itewenakare.
we pl.ex.	what	doing	bathe-we-not	so	are-we-always	

'Being unable to bathe, we are always here.' or,

'Being without the means to bathe, we are always here.'

6.2.6 Appearance Verb Phrase.

Type 1: + N/ Neg. Past Homopersonal Cl. + meni + NFD +
-go + wai 'to do'

na	suna	meni	sa-go	wena	'I appeared to bark like a dog',
I	dog	Inst.	say-App.	did-I	or 'I imitated the bark of
					a dog.'

nu	dota	meni	wa-go	inoya	'He appears to work like a
he	doctor	Inst.	do-App.	does-	doctor', or 'He is imitating a
				he	doctor's work.'

<u>kaka qamamu</u>	<u>meni itago</u>	<u>wenua</u>	awa	'He appeared to have
Neg Past Homo Cl.	NFD+go	wai		never been bitten.'

Type 2: + NFD + -go + wai 'to do'

nakare	bomotu	duma-go	wenakare	'We did it like we were
we	whitebait	dip-App.	did-we	dipping up whitebait.'

Bonara	potiwa	awa	wa	boruza	osa-go	wenua.
arrows	sent-they	that	rain	heavy	fell-App.	did-it

'The arrows fell like a torrential rain.'

6.2.7 Missed Opportunity Verb Phrase.

This verb phrase is rare and needs further analysis.

Type 1: + M.Op. verb + -ko + wai 'to do'

potani-ko weteni 'I should have given it, (but I didn't).'
give-I-not did-I

potani-kai-ko wetenikai 'We should have given it, (but now
give-we-not did-we it's too late).'

Type 2: + Derived noun + awa + wai

potai awa weteni 'I should have given it, (but I
to give SM did-I didn't)'

potai-kai awa 'We should have given it, (but we
to give-we SM didn't)'

In John 12:5 Judas said:

ou zamare ami \$300 puro ema bogamasare potai-kai awa?
water smell-with this \$300 taking men poor-to to give-we SM

'We missed our chance to get \$300 by means of the perfume and
give it to the poor.'

Since the FI verbs in the above examples are in the Question
Mood, perhaps the examples should be translated as Rhetorical
Questions.

ie. 'I should have given it, shouldn't I, (but now it is
too late.)'

Thus Judas' statement could be translated:

'Shouldn't we have gotten \$300 by means of the perfume
and given it to the poor people?' (and now it is too late).

6.2.8 Eternal Verb Phrase.

There is a verb phrase which is composed of two or three
FI verbs having the same subject and without intervening
modifiers. It is used to cover an action whose beginning

is lost to memory and which continues over two or more of the basic time divisions of Remote; Present-Past, Future. Hence the term 'eternal'. It fills the predicate slot of an Active Finite Independent Indicative Clause (see 7.3.1).

Examples:

nakare ego noisonakare nowenakare.
 we ex.pl. here lived-we-Remote live-we-always (now)

'We have always lived here.'

Anutu iti-so-nua ite-w-ia ita-muno-ya
 God was-always-he is-always-he will-be-he

'God is eternal.'

7. CLAUSE LEVEL

7.1 Clauses: An Overview.

7.1.1 Types of Clauses.

There are two basic clause types: Active and Stative.

Definition of Active Clause: An Active Clause consists of or includes one and only one predicate tagmeme, and fills slots on the Clause Group Level. Every verb is a separate clause.

Definition of Stative Clause: A Stative Clause contains no predicate tagmeme. It consists of the parataxis of two items to indicate an equation. It is always Independent.

Active clauses further divide into Independent and Dependent clauses. Dependent Clauses are of two types: Homopersonal (Non-Finite Dependent) and Heteropersonal (Finite Dependent). The Homopersonal (NFD) have no Subject person marked, but have the same subject as the following Finite verb. Heteropersonal (FD) are marked for Subject person. This subject suffix is a portmanteau morpheme signaling both the subject of the verb to which it is attached (plus all preceding Homopersonal verbs) and that the following verb will have a different subject from this verb.

nu	ota	puro	baro	suna	deti	betisia
he	axe	took	went	dog	hit-he	died-it

'He took an axe and went and hit a dog and it died.'

In this example he is the Subject, axe is the object of the verb took, went is an intransitive verb, dog is the object of he hit, he hit is a heteropersonal verb signaling a change of subject in the following verb, it died is a Finite Independent verb completing the sentence.

7.1.2 Non-Verbal Tagmemes.

An Active clause may be expanded to include several but not all of these tagmemes; (i.e., any of them may occur, but seldom if ever do all occur in one clause): Subject, Time, Location, Direct Object, Indirect Object, Instrument, Manner, Limiter.

Optional clause slots and their fillers:

Subject: sub. pronoun (5.1)/ Sub. Noun Phrase (6.1.2)

Time: time word (5.4)/ Time Noun Phrase (6.1.6)

Location: Loc. Rel.-Axis phrase (6.1.8.1)/ Loc. Relator (6.1.8.2)

Ind. Object: i.o.pronoun (5.1)/ Ind.Obj.Noun Phrase (6.1.4)

Object: obj.pronoun (5.1.1)/ D.O. Noun Phrase (6.1.3)

Instrument: Instrument Noun Phrase (6.1.5)

Manner: adverb (5.7)/ Adverbial verb phrase (6.2.1)

Limiter: limiter word (6.1.11)

Maximum tagmemes in one clause:

All tagmemes may occur, though usually only in a hypothetical statement. Normal amount of tagmemes per clause: Usually only three or four slots are used, including Subject.

Word order within the clause:

The word order within the clause is not fixed beyond S....P.

That is, Subject is almost always first (see Note below),

Predicate is always last, with optional items in between.

The typical order is Subject, Time, Location, Direct Object,

Indirect Object, Instrument, Manner, Limiter, Predicate.

Because sentences normally consist of several short

medial clauses, long clauses involving many slots are

not frequent. Note re Word Order: The Object precedes the

Subject when the Object is human and the Subject is non-human.

mama	naso	zo	ugama	meni	gamunua	'A crocodile ate
father	my	one	crocodile	Sub.	ate-it	one of my fathers'

mai	waya	meni	gaetia	'A wire speared the child.'
child	wire	Sub.	speared-it	

7.2 DEPENDENT CLAUSES.

7.2.1 Homopersonal Clauses. (NFD; Medial Verb Same Subject)

7.2.1.0. Chaining and Non-verbal tagmemes.

Chaining: Like Telefol (P. Healey, Levels and Chaining in Telefol Sentences) and other Highlands languages, Suena

has a chaining phenomenon which operates on several levels.

Unlike Telefol, the Suena Non-Finite Dependent Clauses when chained do not form a separate clause Group.

My reason for treating these Non-Finite Dependent clauses as a sequence of clauses and not as a single compound clause is the same as that given by P. Healey (*ibid.*, p.24), i.e., Suena "does not have the repetition of any clause-level" tagmeme. Rather, each verb may take its own clause-level tagmemes. Quoting further from P. Healey, pp. 4-6:

"While most of the Clauses...are minimal, that is, composed of a Predicate only, non-predicate clause-level Units may also occur within them. Of these clause-level Units (or Tagmemes), Object of a Transitive Clause and (Location) of a Motion Clause are the most common. The Subject (tagmeme), if present, occurs only in the first Clause of the Chain."

(Brackets are mine.)

7.2.1.1 Normal Homopersonal Clause.

There are seven separate morphemes involved here, but only one clause type.

Formula: Nor. Homop.Cl. = $\underline{+ S} \underline{+ T} \underline{+ L} \underline{+ O} \underline{+ I.O.} \underline{+ I} \underline{+ M}$
 + P; NFD verb

The morphemes involved are: -ro Sequence Punctiliar;
 -ise Simultaneous Continuative; -mite Sequence Short Duration;
 -e Sequence long duration; -ma Future Sequence Continuative/
 Habitual; -go Appearance; -mu Purpose. See Sec. 5.12.3.

7.2.1.2 Negative Past Homopersonal Clause.

There is one Homopersonal clause type which may also function as a Finite Independent Clause (see 7.3.1.1). It is treated here as a Homopersonal clause because it may take a Finite Independent verb after it to form a complete sentence, and it must be followed by a Finite Dependent clause when it is used sentence medially.

Formula: + S;N/pron. + Neg.; kaka + P; NFD Purpose

Examples:

NFD functioning as a Fin. Independent:

na kaka gamu 'I don't know'
I not to see

nu kaka mamu 'he didn't come'
he not to come

NFD plus Finite Dependent:

nu kaka mamu wet-i giro kau inonakare
he not to come did-he seeing hunt-we

'Seeing he didn't come, we are hunting for him.'

NFD plus Finite Independent:

na kaka gamu ino-na 'I don't know'
I not to see do-I

7.2.1.3 Use of Number suffixes in Homopersonal Clauses.

The four number suffixes are:

- kare plural exclusive
- kai plural inclusive
- ge dual inclusive
- to dual exclusive

These may be added to NFD verbs under the following conditions:

(Note: The two inclusive morphemes, -ge and -kai, can also occur with Finite Independent Imperatives. See 5.13.3, Chart #14, Regular Verbs: Form IV, Inclusive Imperatives.)

A. When there is a shift from plural to singular within a clause group.

nakare susau-mite-kare na duw-e-na 'As we were going
we ex. go -ing- we I fell-T-I along I fell down.'

nakai wamu-kai to-na 'I want us to do it.'
we incl. to do-we say-I

Note: The Quoting Hortative is not possible here when the speaker is to be included in the action of the verb .

nuto witi-ro-to kiaka meni se-nua awa
they-2 ascend-ing-2 little Sub. said-he :

'When they two had gone up, the little one said...'

B. When followed by a Noun Phrase or Relator (especially in Runaway Narrative Sentences).

Before a Time Relator:

nakai isa se-ro-kai amire mai kau wamunonakai awa.
we incl. pray say-ing-we then child hunt-for-will-we SM

'When we have prayed, then we will hunt for the child.'

Before a Locative Relator:

Nakare ose garawi-ra ni-ro-kare ago awisenakare.
we excl. descend plain-to arrive-ing-we there slept-we

'We went down to the plain and slept there.'

Before an Object Noun Phrase:

nakare ba-ro kei awe-ro-kare ara mairi ge-nakare.
we excl. go-ing came-ing-we wife child-& saw-we

'We went and arrived and saw the wife and children.'

Before an Instrument Noun Phrase:

nakare osero bamuro ewa bera ba-ro-kare dynamite
we excl. descending going sea edge-at go-ing-we dynamite

meni wo dero ninoise iti-se-nakare
Inst. fish kill eating were-Pt-we

'We went down to the edge of the sea and killed fish with dynamite and stayed there eating them.'

Before a Subject Noun Phrase (of a following included clause):

nakare ena we-ro-kare ama eto ena-ra witi-wato puro
we exc. raft mak-ing-we men two raft-on went-they-2 took
on
mu-nakare. (data shortened from original)
came-we

'We made a raft and two men (from among us) got on the raft and we brought it.'

(Note the subtle distinctions: the two men who got on the raft were part of the first action of making the raft, but after they got on they were not part of the action of bringing the raft, hence "getting on" is expressed as a FD verb, not NFD plus number suffix).

Before a Possessive Noun Phrase (or Object N):

nakai Anutu-ra moka amira toi-ro-kai Yesu Mesia-ra dubu
we incl. God's inside this-in enter-ing-we Jesus Christ's clan

gege wero nowenakai awa
only becoming live-we-always SM

'We have all entered into God's inside/camp and we all
have become only Jesus Christ's clan/group and we live.'

C. When followed immediately by another verb: (primarily in
Runaway Narrative Sentences):

Before a NFD verb:

naena eni ana pumu-ro-kare au-mite-kare ana
food some there take-ing-we sleep-ing-we from there

muro ou semuro mu-nakare awa.
coming river crossing came-we- SM

'We took some food from there and we slept and came
from there and crossed a river and we came.'

nato mena mu-ro-to awamu sero inonato amire
we-2 first cam-ing-2 to sleep wanting do-we-2 then

ema zo so be doisia.
man a house door hit-he

'When we first came we were about to sleep when
a man came and hit the door of the house.'

Before a FI verb:

arumuro iti-nakare miamai nena puro muwa
sitting were-we mothers food taking came-they

ni-ro-kare au-nakare awa.
eat-ing-we slept-we SM

Before a FD verb:

nakare bamu war-e ni-ro-kare iti-nakare balusi
we exc. went bush-to com-ing-we were-we airplane

baro so bomb apero doro bamunua.
went place bomb threw left went-it

'We went to the jungle and while we were there a (war)plane
went and dropped a bomb on the place and went away.'

D. When used with a Missed Opportunity Clause (5.12.3.1)

potai-kai to give-we	awa SM	'We should have given/sent it (but we missed our chance)'
potai-ge to give-2	awa SM	'We two should have sent it.'
potai-kare to give-we	awa SM dotia left-he	'We should have given it, but we missed our chance and he left it.'

7.2.2 Heteropersonal clauses. (FD; Sent. Medial, Diff. Subject)

There is only one type of Finite Dependent or Heteropersonal clause. It fills slots on the Dependent Clause Group level.

Formula: $_+S _+T _+L _+O _+I.O. _+ I _+ M _+ P$; FD verb

For a discussion of the FD verb, see Section 5.12.2.

Examples:

<u>na qi pupinuana</u>	pu bayamunoya	'While I am getting my spear the pig will run away.'
I spear will-get-I	pig will-go-it	

<u>na nena potena</u>	pupisia	'When I gave food he took it.'
I food gave-I	took-he	

<u>na nena potawena</u>	pupinowia	'I keep giving food and he keeps taking it.'
I food give-I-always	takes-he always	

7.3 INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

7.3.1 Finite Independent Active Clauses.

Active clauses differ from Stative clauses in that an Active clause always has a verb in it, and a Stative never does.

Active clauses might be divided into Transitive and Intransitive on the basis of 1) different filler classes of predicate slot, and 2) occurrence of optional slots such as Object, Indirect Object, Instrument . However, since the filler classes would be established on the basis of the occurrence of optional slots, this is felt to be circular reasoning and not sufficient evidence for establishing Transitive and Intransitive as sub-classes. The optional slots of Object, Indirect Object, and Instrument may occur only with verbs whose semantic limitations permit it. The Suena semantic range closely parallels the English. e.g. toumai 'to break' can be either Transitive or Intransitive, as in English.

na utu toupitinona 'I break the stick'
I stick break-I

nu nutope toupitinoya 'It breaks by itself'
it itself breaks-it

The following paragraph describes the Active Finite Independent Indicative clause in detail. The subsequent paragraphs point out how the other Independent clause types differ from the Indicative.

1. ACTIVE FINITE INDEPENDENT INDICATIVE CLAUSE consists of optional Subject, Time, Location, Object, Indirect Object, Instrument, and Manner slots (for fillers see Section 7.1.2), plus an obligatory Predicate slot filled by a Finite Independent Indicative verb, an Eternal verb phrase (see 6.2.8), a Finite Independent Dubitative verb, or a Negative Past Homopersonal Clause (see 7.2.1.2). The word order is not fixed, except that the Predicate is always last. The above listing reflects the usual word order, but rarely do all the slots occur. An Indicative clause calls for no hearer response.

Predicate filled by FI Indicative:

na ni qosino-n-a 'I see you'
I you see - I-Indic.

Predicate filled by Eternal Verb Phrase:

Nakare ego noi-so-nakare no-we-nakare.
we here live-Con.-we live-Cont.-we
Remote Present
'We have always lived here.'

Predicate filled by a Finite Indep. Dubitative

opi to-s-ua 'Perhaps you are lying'
lie say-you-Dubit.

Predicate filled by Negative Past Homopersonal Clause:

wet-s-n-a te kaka wamu 'I did it but it wasn't
do-T- I-indic not to do sufficient.'
sufficient

2. ACTIVE FINITE INDEPENDENT INTERROGATIVE CLAUSE.

Same as #1 (Indicative, see above) except that the Predicate slot is filled by an interrogative verb. An Interrogative clause calls for a Yes-No answer.

ni Morobe bayamuno-s-ita 'Will you go to Morobe?'
you Morobe will-go-you-Interr.

nu mai niso doi-s-ita 'Did he hit your child?'
he child your hit-Pt-he-Interr.

3. ACTIVE FINITE INDEPENDENT QUESTION CLAUSE.

Same as #1 above, except that an obligatory Question slot filled by a Question word (see 5.5) or Interrogative pronoun (see 5.1) replaces one of the optional slots, and the Predicate slot is filled by a Question verb. A Question clause calls for an oral response other than Yes-No.

ni nago bayamuno-s-i 'Where will you go?'
you where will-go-you-Q

nu are poti-s-i 'To whom did he give it?'
he to whom gave-Pt-he-Q

4. ACTIVE FINITE INDEPENDENT HORTATIVE CLAUSE.

Same as #1 above, except that the Predicate is filled by a Hortative verb. A Hortative clause calls for an action response.

na Morobe baya-n-e 'let me go to Morobe'
I Morobe go-I-Hort.

ego sa-s-e 'Say this', or 'let you say this'
this say-you-Hort.

5. ACTIVE FINITE INDEPENDENT QUOTING HORTATIVE CLAUSE.

The Quoting Hortative is probably not a true Independent clause, since there is the implied information that someone said this, and this information is at times supplied by a following FI verb, which then makes the Quoting Hortative clause a FD clause. However, the Quoting Hortative frequently stands Sentence final, especially in 3rd person, with the speaker left implied. In this case it is like #1 above, except that the Predicate is filled by a Quoting Hortative verb.

sa-n-a ga-s-ise 'Let me tell you (implied: I say)'
say-I-ind. see-you-Q.H.

ota ma-ise 'Let the axe come (implied: I say)'
axe come-it-Q.H. or freely translated:
'Give me the axe'

baya-n-ise-ge 'Let the two of us go (implied:
go-1st-Q.H.-dl.incl. are you saying?)'

6. ACTIVE FINITE INDEPENDENT IMPERATIVE CLAUSE.

The same as #1 except that the Predicate slot is filled by an Imperative verb. The Imperative clause calls for an action response.

mu 'come!'
come-Imp.

nena ogo it-ia awa puro bamu 'take the food which
food there is-it that taking go-Imp is over there and go.'

7. ACTIVE FINITE INDEPENDENT NEGATIVE PREDICATE CLAUSE.

This clause type encompasses several clause types previously described, but with the addition of the negative. It is the same as #1 except that there is the obligatory Negative slot filled by oko, plus the Predicate slot filled by either a Finite Independent Future Indicative, a Hortative, a Quoting

Hortative, or an Imperative verb.

Predicate filled by FI Future Indicative:

na oko bayamunona 'I will not go'
I not will-go-I

Predicate filled by Hortative:

ago oko sa-s-e 'Don't say that' or, 'let you not say
that not say-you-Hort. that'

Predicate filled by Quoting Hortative:

ou-ra oko baya-s-ise 'Don't go in the water' (Rare)
water-in not go-you-Q.H.

Predicate filled by an Imperative:

oko mu 'Don't come' (a very rare form. Prefer
not come-Imp. Negative Hortative)

8. ACTIVE FINITE INDEPENDENT NEGATIVE ITEM CLAUSE.

This clause type differs from #1 in that there are three obligatory slots and few or no optional slots. The obligatory slots are: Item slot filled by one of the fillers of optional slots listed in #1; Negative slot filled by oko; and Predicate filled by any Finite Independent Indicative, Hortative, or Quoting Hortative verb, but usually by the Indicative. Examples:

- Negative Time: na zeme oko mena 'I did not come today
I today not came-I (implied: I came
earlier)'
- Negative Obj.: nu bua eto oko wataya 'he didn't do two
he work two not did-he works (Litotes: =
he did much work)'
- Negative I.O.: na nimore oko potena 'I didn't give it to
I to you not gave-I you' (implied: I gave
it to someone else)
- Negative Inst.: na ota meni oko detena 'I didn't hit him
I axe Inst. not hit-I with an axe' (I hit
him with something
else)

Negative Location: na Madang oko bamusena 'I didn't go to
I Madang not went-I Madang (I went
elsewhere)'

Negative NFD Cl: na ni damu oko mena 'I have not come to
I you to hit not came-I hit you.'

Negative Subj.: nane oko wetena 'I didn't do it.'
I-emph. not did-I

Negative Manner: nu kiakara oko susawia 'He doesn't go
he slowly not goes-he slowly'

The above usages are normal, but not frequent. Of somewhat higher frequency is the negative adversative construction which spells out the implied information. Examples:

Neg. Subj.: nane kota nine wisesa 'Not I but you
I-emp not-but you-emp did-you did it.'

Neg. Loc.: na Madang kota Lae bamusena
I Madang not-but Lae went-I

'I didn't go to Madang but to Lae.'

9. ACTIVE FINITE INDEPENDENT PROPRIETY CLAUSES.

Propriety clauses are the same as #1 above, except that the predicate is filled by a Propriety verb. The Indicative expects an action response, and the Interrogative expects an oral response containing instructions. They fill slots on the sentence level in Propriety sentences (see 9.3.1.1.6).

Pred. filled by Propriety Indicative:

duwa-u-nage awa 'It is not proper/right that we two
fall-Pro.-we-2 SM fall down.' (Implied: so let's act
in such a way as not to fall)
ni na dua-no-s-a awa 'Don't leave me' (implied: stay
you me leave-Pr.-you- with me)
Ind.-SM

Pred. filled by Propriety Interrogative:

ma-u-nikare-ta 'Is it right/proper that we come?'
come-Pr.-we-Interr. (implied: give us instructions as to
what we should do)

7.3.2 FINITE INDEPENDENT STATIVE CLAUSES.

There are nine types of Stative clauses: Indicative, Interrogative, Question, Negative, Resemblance, Introducer, with Embedded Active clause, Alternative, & Conditional. The Stative is marked by the absence of any verb.

1. STATIVE INDEPENDENT INDICATIVE CLAUSE.

This consists of an obligatory Subject slot, optional Time and Locative slots, and an obligatory Equational (or Stative) slot filled by a Noun Phrase or a modifier. It expects no hearer response. It fills slots on the Stative Sentence level (see 9.3.1.2) and may function as an included clause filling the time slot of another clause.

nu ema bamu 'he is a big man'
he man big

bama owa mia naso zo 'that woman over there is one
woman there mother my one of my aunts.'

nu awa 'that is he'
he that

suna naso awa 'that is my dog'
dog my that

suna nuso awa suna waya 'His dog is a bad one'
dog his that dog bad

na mai morua amire ewa be ego itisia
I child small then sea edge here was-it
'When I was a child the sea edge was here.'

pina gamu are tarau aweti duwena pu meni na
morning early so foot-slipped fell-I pig Sub. me

gapisia 'It was early morning, so I slipped and fell
bit-it and the pig bit me.'

Note: The subject in this last example seems to be

elliptical. If it were supplied, it would probably be

be awa 'that time', and would read, 'the time was early morning ...'

2. STATIVE INDEPENDENT INTERROGATIVE CLAUSE.

Same as #1 except for an additional Interrogative slot filled by ni. It expects a Yes-No response.

suná owa suná niso ni 'Is that dog over there yours?'
dog there dog your Q

nu mia niso ni 'Is she your mother?'
she mother your Q

3. STATIVE INDEPENDENT QUESTION CLAUSE.

This consists of an obligatory Subject slot plus an obligatory Question slot filled by a Question word, plus an obligatory Interrogative slot filled by ni. It expects an oral response other than Yes-No.

nu awe ni 'Who is he?'
he who Q

nena awa nena ne ni 'What is that thing?'
thing that thing what Q

Note: The Question word nani 'where is' incorporates the ni Interrogative morpheme in it.

ota nani 'Where is the axe?'
axe where-is

4. STATIVE INDEPENDENT NEGATIVE CLAUSE.

Same as Stative Independent Indicative except for an additional Negative slot filled by tepo, -ko, or oko aewa. It contradicts a previous statement, and is usually followed by a correcting statement.

awa suna tepo 'that is not a dog'
that dog not

awa suna-ko 'that is not a dog'
that dog-not

awa suna oko aewa 'that is not a dog'
that dog not

suna awa suna niso oko aewa 'that dog is not your dog.'
dog that dog your not

nu ema bamu oko aewa 'he is not a big man'
he man big not

nu ema bamu-ko 'he is not a big man'
he man big-not

so awa so kiaka tepo 'that is not a little house'
house that house little not (Litotes:= that is a big house)

5. STATIVE INDEPENDENT RESEMBLANCE CLAUSE.

Same as #1 except for the addition of the word ine 'like' in the Indicative, and ine ni in the Interrogative and Question moods.

wa niso awa wa naso ine 'your canoe is like my
canoe your that canoe my like canoe'

wa niso awa wa naso ine ni 'is your canoe like
canoe your that canoe my like Q my canoe?'

wa niso awa nogo ine ni 'what is your canoe like?'
canoe your that what like Q

nukare awa gaya ine 'they resembled frogs'
they that frogs like

6. Stative Clauses which fill Introducer slot.

The following Stative clauses typically occur at the beginning of a personal letter, or at the beginning of a conversation in which the speaker wishes to ask for a favor. (It would be interesting to know if they are a universal trait in New Guinea.)

ge tepo / na ge tepo / na ge tepo ata / ge ne kota
talk none I talk none I talk none but talk what
not-but

'There's nothing important to say, but....'

7. Stative Clause with Embedded Active Clause.

This construction occurs in both Past and Future tenses, with a variation of meaning.

a) In Past tense = affirmation of a truth.

me-s-a awa ni 'Is it that you've come?' or,
came-you- SM Q 'So you've really come, have you?'
 indic.

me-n-a eia 'It is that I've come', or,
came-I-ind. certainly 'It's true, I've really come.'

b) In Future tense = Permission request (see 9.3.1.1.3)

na bayamunona eia? 'Is it that I will go?' or,
I will-go-I certain 'Is it certain that I will go?'

(Note: never occurs in 2nd person, since it is a permission request)

nu bayamuno-ita? nu bayamuno-ya eia
he will-go-he-Q he will-go- he certainly

'Will he go? He will certainly go!'

8. Alternative: Ni emə awata zo ni 'Are you that man
you men that-or another Q or someone else?'

9. Conditional Stative Clause: Suna niso sia awa tune bayæ.
 dog your if SM chase let it go
'If that is your dog, chase it away!'

7.4 CONTRARY TO FACT CLAUSES.

Contrary to Fact (CTF) clauses are in one sense Dependent in that they are usually followed by another clause or clause group (though the result may be left implied), but they are not the same as Finite Dependent clauses because they may be either Homopersonal or Heteropersonal. In the following examples the CTF clauses are underlined. The conditional aspect of these sentences results from the parataxis of two Finite clauses (or Clause Groups), not from the verb morphology. See Section 9.4 for Conditional sentences.

Examples of Contrary to Fact Clauses:

1. In Past CTF Conditional Sentences:

a) Active Homopersonal:

na bayamena awa, na ego oko itamena.
 I go-I-CTF if I here not be-I

'If I had gone, I would not be here.'

b) Active Heteropersonal:

na bayamena awa, ni na oko gamesa.
 I go-I-CTF if you me not see-you-CTF

'If I had gone, you would not have seen me.'

c) Stative Homopersonal:

na yaya tepo sia awa, na dota nana oko bayamena
 I sick none CTF if I doctor place not go-I-CTF

'If I were not sick, I would not go to the doctor.'

d) Stative Heteropersonal:

tepo sia awa, na be amira mamena
 not CTF if I time then come-I-CTF

'If things had not been such, I would have come then.'

2. In Future CTF Conditional Sentences:

The Stative does not seem to occur in the Future.

a) Active Homopersonal:

duwamesa mu 'Lest you fall, come'
 fall-you-CTF come

b) Active Heteropersonal:

duwamesa pumane 'Lest you fall let me take you.'
 fall-you-CTF take-I-Hort.

8. CLAUSE GROUP LEVEL

8.1 Overview.

Why is there a need for yet another level? For two reasons:

1. When optional Homopersonal (NFD) clauses occur, they are always followed by a Finite Clause.
2. The resultant Clause Group functions as a single unit on the Sentence level.

Clause Groups are formed only by Active clauses, not Stative.

How many types of Clause Groups? I have experimented with various numbers of Clause Groups, but only two of the many tried seem to work well in describing the Sentence Level. Although I have chosen to use #1 below, I present both for reader consideration.

Analysis #1:

clause = any verb

Dependent Cl.Group = \pm Homop Cl.ⁿ + Fin. Dep. Cl.

Independent Cl.Gr. = \pm Homop Cl.ⁿ + Fin. Indep. Cl.

Simple Sentence = \pm Introducer \pm DCGⁿ + ICG \pm SM

Analysis #2: (embedding a DCG in an ICG to simplify the Sentence Level)

clause = any verb (same as #1)

DCG = \pm Homop Cl.ⁿ + FD Cl. (same as #1)

ICG = \pm DCGⁿ \pm Homop Cl.ⁿ + Fin. Indep. Cl. (embed-
ded DCG)

Simple Sent. = \pm Introd. + Ind. Cl. Gr. \pm SM
(one less slot than #1)

In #1 the DCG and the ICG are potentially equal in size, but in #2 each of the four levels is of potentially increased size.

8.2 DEPENDENT CLAUSE GROUP

Definition: A Dependent Clause Group (DCG) consists of an optional non-nuclear tagmeme filled by one or more (symbol n) Homopersonal (NFD) clauses, plus one nuclear tagmeme filled by one Heteropersonal (FD) clause. All clauses in a Dependent Clause Group have the same subject. The DCG fills a non-nuclear slot on the Sentence level.

Formula: $DCG = _ + NNu; NFD^n + Nu; Fin. Dep. Clause$

Examples:

<u>na</u>	<u>eri-ro</u>	<u>qi</u>	<u>pu-ro</u>	<u>pu</u>	<u>qaet-s-n-a</u>	<u>beti-s-i-a</u>
I	ris-ing	spear	tak-ing	pig	spear-T-I-ind.	die-Pt-it-indic.
Sub.	NFD	D.O.--NFD	D.O.---FD			FI

In this sentence, 'I got up and took a spear and speared the pig and it died,' the underlined portion constitutes a Dependent Clause Group. It consists of two NFD clauses 'rising' and 'taking a spear', plus a FD verb 'I speared'. This DCG fills the non-nuclear slot in this sentence, the grammatical nucleus being the Finite Independent Clause, 'it died.' (Note: The lexical nucleus is probably the clause 'I speared a pig.' The fact that 'it died' is somewhat anti-climactic, lexically speaking.)

8.3 INDEPENDENT CLAUSE GROUP

Definition: An Independent Clause Group (ICG) consists of an optional non-nuclear tagmeme filled by one or more Homopersonal (NFD) clauses, plus a nuclear tagmeme filled by any one Finite Independent Clause. All clauses in an ICG have the same subject. The ICG fills the nuclear slot on the Sentence level.

Formula: $ICG = \underline{+} NNu; NFD^n + Nu; \text{any one Fin. Indep. Cl.}$

Examples:

na wana	pu-ro	wa	ise-ro	dawe-ro	Morobe	bamuse-n-a.
I	paddle	tak-ing	canoe	launch-ing	row-ing	Morobe
Sub.	D.O.---	NFD	D.O.---	NFD	NFD	Loc. ---Fin. Indep.

In this example the entire sentence consists of a single ICG, 'I took a paddle and launched the canoe and rowed and went to Morobe.'

na gi	pu-ro	pu	gaet-e-n-a	<u>du-ro</u>	<u>beti-s-i-a</u>
I	spear	tak-ing	pig	speared-I-indic.	<u>fall-ing</u> <u>died-Pt-it-indic.</u>
Sub.	D.O.---	NFD	D.O.---	FD	NFD
					Fin. Indep.

'I took a spear and speared a pig and it fell and died.'

In this example the underlined portion, 'it fell and died', constitutes an ICG. All preceding items are part of the Dependent Clause Group, the Sentence being composed in this case of one DCG plus one ICG.

8.4 COMMAND CLAUSE GROUPS

Command clause groups are necessary because two Imperatives may never occur together. When a command is given which includes two or more actions in sequence, no two of the verbs involved may be in the same Mood.

These close-knit verb sequences are not verb phrases because 1) they usually involve more than one subject, and 2) the actions are in a definite sequence, rather than any adverbial (simultaneous) aspect.

8.4.1 Two commands in a clause group: Imperative plus Hortative.

Same Subject:

ose	pa-s-e	'go down and get it.'
descend-Imp.	take-you-Hort.	

9. SENTENCE LEVEL

9.1 Overview of Sentence Level.

Definition: Sentence is a level in the grammatical hierarchy above the Clause Group level and below the Discourse level. Sentences are meaningful utterances which can be spoken in isolation. Sentences are distinguished by certain morphemes and junctural features.

The analysis of the Sentence level is not complete. For much of the following I am indebted to Phyllis Healey's Levels and Chaining in Telefol Sentences, pp. 40-52.

Chaining. Like Telefol, Suena sentences chain together by an Introducer, which in narrative discourse is almost always a repetition of the final verb of the preceding sentence. Suena sentences, like Telefol, are usually terminated by one or more of these features: 1) a deeply falling intonation, 2) a pause, 3) a Sentence Marker (SM) tagmeme.

Introducer Tagmeme. The following is a quotation from P. Healey, p.42. "The Sentence Types which begin a Discourse do not usually contain a Discourse Linkage (i.e. Introducer tagmeme). Similarly, many of the Sentence Types that begin utterances (little Discourses) in Conversation do not contain an (Introducer tagmeme). These sentences are complete in themselves, and are termed Independent Sentences. One such sentence, if it also has the discourse-closing features described above, manifests the minimal Discourse; it may even be a single word."

The Introducer tagmeme in Suena can almost serve to distinguish the Discourse type. e.g.

1. Narrative Discourse: Introducer slot filled by chaining, the Finite Independent verb of the previous sentence being repeated in a Dependent form.
2. Conversation Discourse: Introducer slot filled by Introducer word (see 5.9), Vocative Name (see 5.2.2) or by zero.

Sentence Closure. In addition to the two phonological features of closure (falling intonation and pause) there may also occur a Sentence Marker tagmeme. The filler of the Sentence Marker (SM) tagmeme serves to separate the Active Simple Independent Sentences into five types, see 9.3.1.1.

9.2 Dependent sentences.

Dependent sentences are non-clausal sentences which are dependent on a larger context. The analysis of Dependent sentences is incomplete. Two types noted are the Vocative and the Response.

1. Vocative Dependent Sentence:

Used to call someone's attention, or to initiate a conversation.

- o Zaipo 'Hey Zaipo'
- o mama 'Oh daddy'
- o nabori 'hey brother-in-law'

2. Response Dependent Sentence:

Used to answer a direct question, a summons, or to correct a previous statement by someone else.

- io 'yes'
- tepo 'no'
- eto gege 'only two'

9.3 INDEPENDENT SENTENCES

9.3.1 Simple Independent Sentences.

Simple Independent sentences are of two types, Active and Stative.

9.3.1.1 Active Simple Independent Sentences.

There are five types of Active Simple Sentences, distinguished by the morphemes filling the Sentence Marker slot.

1. INDICATIVE

An Active Simple Independent Indicative sentence consists of an optional Introducer slot filled by either an Introducer word (usually in Conversation Discourse) or chaining of a previous clause (usually in Narrative Discourse); a non-nuclear slot filled by one or more Dependent Clause Groups; plus an obligatory nuclear slot filled by an Independent Clause Group; plus an optional Sentence Marker slot filled by awa. The Sentence Marker slot is usually found in Narrative Discourse and in long sentences.

Formula: + Introducer: Intro. word/chaining + NNu: DCGⁿ
 + Nucleus: ICG + SM: awa

Bam-i gi-ro na eri-ro ma uri-se-n-a awa.
 went-he see-ing I ris-ing taro plant-Pt-I-indic. SM

'Seeing he had gone, I got up and planted the taro.'

In this example the breakdown is as follows: Introducer slot is filled by chaining (he went); the nucleus is filled by the ICG (seeing, I got up and planted taro); and the Sentence Marker slot is filled by awa.

2. NON-INDICATIVE/NORMAL CONVERSATIONAL

This second type is difficult to label, seeing it encompasses a variety of clause types. They are: Interrogative, Question, Hortative, Quoting Hortative, Imperative, Negative Past, Negative Future, Negative Item, and Dubitative. They are mostly found in Conversational Discourse. Their characteristic is that there is no Sentence Marker tagmeme. Thus the formula is:

+ Intro: Intro. word + NNU: DCGⁿ + Nu: ICG

The absence of a Sentence Marker tagmeme may be an indication that the Mood morphemes, though bound to the verb, are functioning on the Sentence level, rather than the clause level.

Examples:

Interrogative: agoro ni Morobe bayamunosita
well you Morobe will-you-go-interr.

'Well then, will you go to Morobe?'

Question: ai ne inosi 'Hey, what are you doing?'
hey what do -you-Q

Hortative: saineba, nane baya-n-e 'Maski, let me go'
maski I-emph. go-I-Hort.

Quot.Hort: ota baya-s-ise tona 'Oh alright, you go, I say'
alright go-you-Q.H. say-I

Imperative: si pasi wamu do 'hey, stop making noise!'
hey noise to-do stop-Imp.

Neg. Past: na kaka bayamu 'I didn't go'
I not to go

Neg. Future: agoro na oko bayamunona 'Well then, I won't
well I not will-go-I go'

Neg. Item: e, nu ego oko itia 'Oh, to the contrary, he is
to-the- he here not is-he not here.'
contrary

Dubitative: ye, opi to-s-ua 'wow, perhaps you're lying!'
wow lie say-you-Dub.

3. PERMISSION REQUEST SENTENCE TYPE

The permission request type is marked by the Future

Indicative in the ICG, plus the Sentence Marker slot filled
by sia (see 7.3.2.7).

Formula: + Intro: Intro.word + Nu: ICG Fut. + SM: sia

No examples containing a non-nuclear slot are available.

ota na bayamunona sia 'well, is it okay if I go?' or,
well I will-go-I certain 'well, is it definite that I
will go?'

4. HEARSAY SENTENCE TYPE

This is similar to the Dubitative, except that the reason
for the uncertainty is that the speaker has only heard of
what he is reporting, rather than having witnessed it first
hand.

Formula: + Intro: Intro word + NNU: DCG + Nu: ICG + SM: sia

Examples: Speaker #1: Dero ego iti-ta 'Is Darryl here?'
Darryl here is-he-interr.

Speaker #2: e, nu bam-i sia
contrary he went-he hearsay

'Oh, to the contrary, he went away, it seems'

ego sise-s-a sia 'You reportedly said this.'
this said-you-indic hearsay

Note: sia is not used with the 1st person, except in a quotation:

na bayamunona sia agai ses-i 'Who told you I will go?'
I will-go-I hearsay who said-he

5. ADVERSATIVE SENTENCE TYPE

This is very similar to a Negative Stative Clause, except that the negation applies to a Finite Independent Clause. The Sentence Marker slot is filled by a negative adversative.

Formula: + Intro: Intro.word + Nu: ICG + SM: oko aewa / tepo

Speaker #1: Zaipo awenakai agore mu-ta-y-a
Zaipo yesterday came-Y-he-indic.
'Zaipo came yesterday'

Speaker #2: e, mu-ta-y-a oko aewa. Zeme m-i-a
contrary came-Y-he not today came-he-T-indic.
'Oh, to the contrary, he didn't come yesterday. He came today.' (Here the verb morphology includes the tenses of yesterday and today.)

6. PROPRIETY SENTENCE TYPE

There are three types of Propriety sentences:

Indicative. Declares the impropriety of a future action.

Formula: + Nu: Indic. Propriety cl. + SM: awa

o Anutu, ni na dua-no-sa awa
Oh God you me leave-Prop.-you SM
'Oh God, it is not good/right/proper that you leave me'
or, 'Oh God, don't leave me!'

ge gunasa mai era-no-ya awa
talk shout-you child rise-Prop.-he SM
'It is not good/right/proper that you shout and the baby should wake up.', or 'Don't shout and wake up the baby.'

Interrogative. Inquires as to the properness of a future action.

Formula: + Nu: Interrogative Propriety Cl.

ma-u-n-i-kare-ta 'Is it proper that we come?'
come-Pro-1st-pl.-Interr.

Question. Inquires as to the conditions under which a future action will be proper.

pota-na ma-no-i 'Is my sending it the right thing to
send-I-FD come-Prop.-it do?'

9.3.1.2 Stative Independent Sentences.

It seems that there is only one type of Stative sentence, which is the same as Stative Clause. Whether or not every Stative Clause type manifests a separate Stative Sentence type is not clear, but it seems that all Stative Clause types can be combined into one Stative Sentence type.

It should be noted that a Stative Sentence may be fully expressed, or the first slot, the Subject, may be elliptical and be dependent on the larger context.

FULL FORM

CONTEXTUALLY DEPENDENT

Indicative: 'That is your dog'

suná awa suná niso awa
dog that dog your SM

suná niso awa
dog your that

Interrogative: 'Is that your dog?'

suná awa suná niso ni
dog that dog your Q

suná niso ni
dog your Q

Question: 'What is that thing?'

nena awa nena ne ni
thing that thing what Q

nena ne ni
thing what Q

Negative: 'That is not your dog.'

suná awa suná niso oko aewa
dog that dog your not

suná niso oko aewa
dog your not

Resemblance: 'It's like my dog.'

suná awa suná naso ine
dog that dog my like

suná naso ine
dog my like

Further examples of Stative Sentences, all taken from

a text re the Second World War:

noko na diga awa 'And yet I was a stranger to it.'
again I stranger SM

wa awa gi-na awa wa ine tepo 'The ship which I saw
ship that saw-I that ship like not was not like a ship.'

Amerikara submarine gi-na awa Amerikara submarine ine tepo
America's submarines saw-I that America's submarines like not

'It was not like the American submarines I had seen.'

awa ena ou siwamu sero inowenakai ago ine awa
that raft river to swim saying make-we that like SM

'It was like a raft that we make to cross a river.'

tama aiso nuso ago ine awa 'It's skin was like that.'
skin skin its that like SM

awa nena zo ine 'It was like something else.'
that thing another like

kateres awa maki nuso awa wo zamuara ine
cartridge that measure its that fish seacow like

'As to the length of the torpedo, it was like a sea cow.'

From the above examples it may be concluded that Stative Sentences occur frequently in descriptive passages.

9.3.2 Compound Sentences

9.3.2.1 Conjunctions used. (see also 5.10)

The following conjunctions serve to unite two Independent Sentences (Active or Stative) into a Compound Sentence.

o 'and'; ata 'but'; noko 'yet'; are 'therefore';
nera kota 'because' (Lit.: 'not of what but'); -ya
'nevertheless'

Although o serves as a weak 'and', there is no one word which can be said to be truly 'and'. Coordination is frequently by

parataxis only.

ni bua zo wamunosa, na bua zo wamunona
 you work one will-do-you I work one will-do-I

'You will do one job and I'll do another.'

It is possible that the conjunctions are actually filling the Introducer slot of the second simple sentence, and that there is really no Compound sentences, but merely Simple sentences linked by these Introducers.

Punctuated as conjunctions:

ni itamunosa, ata na baymunona 'You will stay, but I
 you will-stay but I will-go will go.'

Punctuated as Introducer:

ni itamunosa. Ata na baymunona 'You will stay. But I
 you will-stay But I will-go will go.'

9.3.2.2 Examples of Compound sentences.

noko 'and yet'

Active: nakare mai ewa mai, ata noko osero ewa giro
 we people sea people but yet descending sea seeing

azu wenakare 'We were people of the sea, and yet,
 fear did-we descending and seeing the sea we were
 afraid.'

Stative: nu ema neine noko nu ema waya 'He is a good man, and
 he man good and yet he man bad yet he's bad, too.'

ata 'but'

Active: nu baymunoya ata na itamunona 'He will go but I
 he will-go-he but I will-stay-I will stay.'

Stative: awa suna awa ata ei pu ewa 'That is a dog
 that dog SM there but this pig SM/ there, but this
 here is a pig here.'

are 'therefore,' 'so'

Active: na baymunona are ni bua naso we 'I am going, so you
 I will-go-I so you work my do do my work.'

Stative: mama mia nuso betai are nu mai ppiwo
 father mother his dead so he child orphan

'His father and mother are dead, so he's an orphan'

nera kota 'because'

Active: na bayamunona nera kota kiapi meni na zawa sesia.
 I will-go-I because kiap Sub. me called-he
 'I will go because the kiap has called me.'

Stative: nu mai poiwo nera kota mama mia nuso betai
 he child orphan because father mother his dead

'He is an orphan because his mother and father are
 dead.'

o 'and' (weak; indicates more 'oh, I forgot to mention')

Active: Dubu zo Morobe garawi-ra kauwero sawawa, o dubu
 group one Morobe plain-on hunting went-they, and group

zo meni zaumuro kora bamuwa.
 one Sub. split-off beach went-they

'One group wenting hunting on the Morobe river plain,
 and another group split off from them and went along
 the beach.'

Stative: no examples

-ya 'nevertheless'

Active only, as it is a verb affix.

to-n-a-ya mu ga-s-e 'That's what I say, but neverthe-
 say-I-indic.- come see- less come and see for yourself.'
 but you-Hort.

to-s-a-ya mu ga-s-e 'That's what you say, but
 say-you- come see-you- nevertheless come and see.'
 indic.-but Hort.

wi-se-n-a-ya mu ga-s-e 'I have done it, but neverthe-
 do-Pt-I-ind.-but come see- less come and see it.'
 you-Hort

na bayamuno-n-a-ya mai swa 'I am going to go, but
 I will-go-I-ind.-but child here the children are staying
 here.'

9.4 CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

Conditional sentences are concerned with what might be or what might have been. All three Conditional sentence types are the parataxis of two Independent Clause groups.

1. FUTURE SIMPLE CONDITIONAL SENTENCE.

A Future Simple Conditional sentence consists of a Nucleus 1 filled by an Independent Clause Group in the Future tense, plus a Sentence Marker slot filled by awa, plus a non-falling intonation, plus a Nucleus 2 filled by an Independent Clause Group in the Future tense or Imperative Mood, followed by an optional Sentence Marker slot filled by awa. They may be either Homopersonal or Heteropersonal.

Formula: + Nu.1: ICG Fut. + SM: awa + Intonation:non-falling
 + Nu.2: ICG Fut./Imp. + SM: awa

Examples:

Homopersonal:

na ni gamunona awa, na ni moni potamunona (awa).
 I you will-see-I SM I you money will-give-I

'If I see you, I will give you money.'

Heteropersonal:

ni ego mamunosa awa, na ni damunona (awa)
 you here will-come-you I you will-hit-I
 SM

'If you come here, I'll hit you.'

pu kiaka gege mamunoya awa, saineba de
 pig little only will come-it SM nevertheless shoot
 'If even a small pig comes, shoot it.'

There is also another way of expressing the Future Simple

Condition. That is by means of a FD Fut. clause in the Nucleus 1.

zia-s-a waya wamunoya 'If you take hold of it, it
 hold-you-ind. bad will-do-it will break.' (lit.: when
 FD Fut. FI Fut. you take hold of it, it will
 break)

2. PAST CONTRARY TO FACT CONDITIONAL SENTENCE

A Past CTF Conditional sentence consists of Nucleus 1 filled by a CTF clause, plus a Sentence Marker slot filled by awa, plus Intonation slot filled by non-falling Intonation, plus a Nucleus 2 filled by a CTF clause. They can be either Homopersonal or Heteropersonal.

Formula: + Nu.1: CTF cl. + SM:awa + Intonation: non-falling
+ Nu.2: CTF cl.

Example of Homopersonal:

na bayamena awa, na ego oko itamena
I go-I-CTF SM I here not be-I-CTF
'If I had gone, I would not be here'

Example of Heteropersonal:

na bayamena awa, nu na damia
I go-I-CTF SM he me hit-he-CTF
'If I had gone, he would have hit me'

3. FUTURE CONTRARY TO FACT CONDITIONAL SENTENCE

A Future CTF Conditional sentence consists of a nucleus 1 filled by a CTF clause, plus a Nucleus 2 filled by an imperative or hortative clause.

Formula: + Nu.1: CTF cl + Nu.2: Imperative/Hortative cl.

Example of Homopersonal:

duwame-sa mu 'Lest you fall, come!
fall-CTF-you come-Imp.

Example of Heteropersonal:

duwame-sa na ni puma-n-e 'Lest you fall let me take you.'
fall-CTF-you I you take-I-Hort

nu waya wam-ia pumu 'Lest he get hurt, take him!
he bad do-CTF-he take-Imp

9.5 QUOTATIVE SENTENCES

9.5.1 Indirect Quotations.

Indirect Quotations are possible using the Quoting Hortative, though they are limited to quotations of commands and wishes.

Quoting a command:

baya-n-ise sese-ra gi-ro susawe-na 'Seeing they said,
go-I-Q.H. said-they see-ing go-I 'let you go', I am
going.' or,
'Seeing they told me to go I am going.'

ma-n-ise sese-sa sia 'You reportedly said, "let
him come" ' or,
'I hear that you wanted me to come.'

Quoting a wish:

nu bama zo atai etorobara wa-ise ago inoiso-nua.
he woman another to marry three be-it-Q.H. that did-he
-Cont.
'Wishing to have 3 wives, he always kept trying to
marry another woman.'

uge awa ga-w-ise didino-na awa 'I, wanting you to
story that see-you-Q.H. tell-I SM know that story, am
telling it.'

Anutu nikare dia wa-ise.
God you look-after-he-Q.H. 'I want God to watch over
you'
'May God watch over you.'

Indirect quotations are always concerned with someone other than the speaker. If the speaker wishes to quote himself he may either use the direct quotation, or a purpose construction.

Purpose construction:

ma-mu sese-na 'I said to come', or 'I wanted to
come-Purp. said-I come'

wa-mu-kai sise-na 'I said for us to do it,' or,
do-Purp.-we said-I 'I wanted us to do it'

9.5.2 Direct Quotations with SAI 'to say'

Direct quotations using SAI involve a series of three sentences, as in this example:

#1. Kiapi nasokare meni ago senua awa.
kiap our Sub. this said-he SM

'Our kiap said this.'

#2. "Dowo. Nane da-n-e."
Stop I-emp. hit-I-Hort.

'Stop shooting. Let me shoot them'

#3. Ago se-nu gi-ro do-nakare.
that said-he see-ing quit-we

'Seeing he said that, we quit shooting.'

In this example the three parts are: 1. A Quote Introducer sentence (Our kiap said this:). 2. The Quotation, (Stop shooting. Let me shoot them). 3. A Quote Closer sentence or a Quote Closing clause filling the Introducer slot of the following sentence (Seeing he said that, we quit shooting).

A Quote Introducer Sentence consists of:

+ ago + SAI + awa

A Quotation Sentence consists of:

the exact words being quoted

A Quote Closing Sentence or Clause consists of:

+ ago + SAI

Examples of Quote Closing Sentences and Clauses which might follow the Quotation given above:

Quote Closing Sentence:

ago se-nua awa. 'He said that'
that said-he SM

Quote Closing Heteropersonal Clause:

Ago se-nu gi-ro do-nakare. 'Seeing he said that,
that said-he see-ing quit-we we quit.'

Quote Closing Homopersonal Clause:

ago se-ro ema awa de-nua awa.
that say-ing men those hit-he SM

'Having said that, he shot those men.'

Ellipsis. In rapid speech certain items are frequently omitted from the above formulae. In the Quote Introducer Sentence the demonstrative Relator ago 'this' may be omitted. Also the Sentence Marker awa is sometimes omitted, especially in the present tense.

Omission of ago:

gipai ema nasokare meni se-nua awa. 'Our teacher said
show man our Sub. said-he SM this:'

Omission of awa:

ego to-y-a 'he is saying this.'
this says-he-indic.

Further, the Quote Closing Clause/Sentence may be omitted utterance final.

Ego to-y-a. "Ni na da-s-a na ni ina damuno-n-a".
this says-he-ind. you me hit-you- I you Recip. will-hit
indic. -I-indic.

'He says this: "If you hit me, I'll hit you."'

9.5.3 Direct Quotations with ASAI 'to say.'

The predicate of the Quote Closing Sentence/Clause described above may alternately be filled by ASAI 'to say', 'to call'. This word almost looks like a contraction of AGO + SAI, and historically it may have been such, but it is conjugated differently today. It occurs in rapid speech and in narrative discourse where there is a rapid change of speakers, as in

the reporting of an argument or discussion. The distribution of ago SAI and ASAI are similar but different.

Distribution of ASAI:

1. Although ago + SAI may take an expressed Subject, Asai never does.

Example with SAI:

Zaipo ago se-nu gi-ro nukare azu we-wa.
Zaipo that said-he see-ing they fear did-they

'When Zaipo said that, they became afraid.'

Example with ASAI:

Asenu gi-ro nukare azu we-wa.
said-he see-ing they fear- did-they

'When he said that, they became afraid.'

2. ASAI is used with place names:

nakare izimite mu-ro so zazo Samusamu asino-so-wa
we descending com-ing place name Samusamu called-Cont.
-they
ago au-mite-kare masa nakare do-nua.
there sleep-ing-we master us left-he

'We came down stream to a place they called Samusamu and when we had slept there our master left us.'

3. ASAI is used with one and two word quotes without a Quote Introducer Sentence:

Suena ama zo meni eri-ro ga-mu we-nu zo meni
Suena man a Sub. ris-ing see-to did-he one Sub.

si ase-nua. Si, si ase-nu Tabe zo meni ego to-ya.
hey said-he hey, hey said-he Tabe one Sub. this says-he

"Ana 'si' asa-go ino-r-uai" Ase-ro poti-ro
there hey say-App. do-they-Dub. say-ing threw-ing

Suena-ra beri ami-ra gais-i-a.
Suena's shield this-in speared-he-indic.

'A Suena man rose up and tried to see, and another man said, "Hey, cut it out!" When he said, "Hey, Hey," a Tabe man says this: "It appears that from over there they are saying 'hey' ". Saying that he threw his spear and it struck the Suena's shield.'

4. ASAI is used to indicate a thought, whether uttered or unexpressed.

ema Kipu-ra ami ge opi ses-i awa me-ta ase-ro
 man Kipu-of this talk lie said-he that true-or say-ing

kiapi-re sese-na.
 kiap-to spoke-I

'The Kipu man told a lie and I, thinking, "is it true?"
 spoke to the kiap.'

ema zo ba-ro nito tamu-ro dai itewi-ta ase-ro
 man a go-ing you-2 find-ing with is-he-or say-ing

atata ino-na.
 ask do-I

'Wondering if another man went and found you two and
is with you, I am asking you.'

9.6 INABILITY SENTENCE TYPE

In Section 5.12.3.1 can be found the description of the morphology of a Non-Finite Dependent verb which has a meaning of Inability or Indecision. In Section 6.2.5 this verb is described in three types of Inability Verb Phrases. The examples in 6.2.5, part 3 are repeated here to illustrate the Inability Sentence type.

Formula: Inability Sentence consists of:

+ Indecision verb phrase 3 + are + ICG

In Section 9.3.2 are was treated as a conjunction serving to link two sentences into a Compound Sentence. In that case the Inability Sentence is a Compound Sentence.

na ne se-n-i-ko are dot-e-n-a 'I didn't know what to
 I what say-I-Q-not so quit-T-I- say, so I quit.'
 indic.

nu ou gute-i-ko are ite-w-i-a 'He doesn't have the
 he bathe -he-not so is-Cont.-he- ability to bathe, so
 indic. he always stays here.'

nakare nogo we-ro ou gute-n-i-kare-ko are
 we-excl. what do-ing bathe-we-Q- pl-not so

ite-we-nakare.
 are-Cont.-we

'We do not have the where-with-all to bathe, so we remain here always.'

If, as stated above, the Inability Sentence is a Compound Sentence, then the first part, the Inability Verb Phrase, constitutes a Simple Sentence. This need not mean, however, that the Inability verb is a Finite Independent, since there is another case in which a Non-Finite Dependent verb may fill the Predicate of a Simple Sentence -- that of the Negative Past Homopersonal Clause, see 7.2.1.2.

10. PARAGRAPH LEVEL

In the present analysis Suena has no overtly marked paragraph level. However, Longacre has challenged the analysis of finite independent verbs as a mark of the sentence. (See "Paragraph and Sentence Structure in New Guinea Highlands Languages," KIVUNG, Vol. 3, No. 3, December 1970.) Since Suena is one of the "chaining variety" of Highland languages dealt with by Longacre, it would be possible to follow his suggestions and analyze Suena as follows, creating a Paragraph level by omitting what is now called Clause Group Level.

Alternative analysis:

Clause level: Every verb whether finite or non-finite manifests a clause. (Same analysis as at present)

Clause Group Level: (omit)

Sentence Level: Every finite verb whether dependent or independent manifests a sentence (instead of a Clause Group). Further, a homopersonal clause may manifest a sentence when suffixed by the Number suffixes described in 7.2.1.3. It then marks "two consecutive sentences with the same subject." (Longacre, p. 155). "This means that we consider sentence to be normally the domain of the same subject." (Ibid, p. 155).

Paragraph Level: Every finite independent verb manifests a paragraph (instead of a sentence, as at present).

Advantages of this alternative analysis:

1. Sentences are much shorter.
2. Paragraphs are short, except in Runaway Narrative sentences.
3. The Number suffixes play a greater role in Syntax, serving to mark sentences.

Disadvantages of this analysis:

1. Same number of levels, but just renamed.
2. Compound sentences and Conditional Sentences become compound paragraphs, unless exceptions be made.
3. Sentences lack aperture and closure tagmemes.
4. The occurrence of the Number suffixes seems to be a matter of Discourse type or even of idiolect, and their use in marking sentence boundaries would be limited to Runaway Narrative Discourse, and would result in sentence lengths which vary according to the whim or idiolect of a speaker.

11. TEXT

The following text, though quite brief, contains illustrations of much material discussed in this paper. The entire text consists of 2 Simple Sentences, which contain 2 Independent Clause Groups, 3 Dependent Clause Groups (2 of which are included clauses functioning as Objects of verbs), and 27 clauses (i.e., verbs). The entire text is in the Remote tense. Had the speaker wished, the entire text could easily have been one sentence simply by omitting the Final Independent verb saniwato and the Sentence Marker awa from the first sentence. The text closes with the typical Discourse Closing Stative Clause: ge kaka awa 'That is a part of the story.'

ema eto zazo nusoto Yanai o Yawiri ami Binandere nana
 men two name their-2 Yanai & Yawiri these Binandere area

Yawiri-ra mai puma-mu susau-mite ugama ewa soe
 Yawiri's child get-to go-ing crocodile ocean mid

pisi-ro susau-nu gi-ro ete ena dagimu-ro
 drift-ing goes-it see-ing land from div-ing

wena dumu meni daba pisi-ro susau-mite zorago zorago
 nose point Inst. only drift-ing go-ing close close

we-ro gi-ro ana me ipu-re dago dagimu-ro
 do-ing see-ing from there body trunk-with all div-ing

ewa tura susau-mite iri ike ni-ro ugama
 sea under go-ing glance up do-ing crocodile

zazana koakoa inoi-nu gi-ro witi-ro mu-ro
 chest shining does-it see-ing ascend-ing com-ing

zo giti zo ara sani-w-a- to awa. Sani-ro pu-ro
 one head one tail held-they-ind.-2 SM hold-ing tak-ing

bamu-ro ete ena beni-ro pu-ro bamu Binandere nana
 go-ing land on ty-ing tak-ing went Binandere area

ni-w--a- to aze-ro ni-w- a awa. Ge kaka awa.
 came-they-ind.-2 butcher-ing ate-they-ind. SM talk piece that

Free translation:

Two men named Yanai and Yawiri were going to the Binandere area to get Yawiri's child when they saw a crocodile drifting in mid ocean. They dived in from the bank and drifted with only the point of their noses sticking out. Seeing they were getting closer, they "jackknifed" under the water and went along. went along. Glancing up they saw the crocodile's chest shining, so they went up and one held the head and one held the tail. They held it and took it and went to shore and tied it up and took it to the Binandere area and they all butchered it and ate it. That is a part of the story.

12. SAMPLE CONJUGATION: POTAI

Conjugation of the Finite Independent forms of the Regular verb potai 'to put', 'to give', in the first person singular for all six moods, both aspects, and all six tenses.

	PUNCTILIAR	CONTINUATIVE
INDICATIVE MOOD		
Future	potamunona	potitinuamunona
Present	***	potitinona
Today	potena	potitinowena
Yesterday	potitana	potitinojana
Past	potisena	potitinoisena
Remote	potina	potitinoisona
DUBITATIVE MOOD		
Future	potamunonua	potitinuamunonua
Present	***	potitinonua
Today	potenua	potitinowenua
Yesterday	potitanua	potitinojanua
Past	potisenua	potitinoisenua
Remote	potinua	potitinoisonua

PUNCTILIAR

CONTINUATIVE

INTERROGATIVE MOOD

Future	potamunonita	potitinuamunonita
Present	***	potitinonita
Today	potenita	potitinowenita
Yesterday	potitanita	potitinoyanita
Past	potisenita	potitinoisenita
Remote	potinita	potitinoisonita

QUESTION MOOD

Future	potamunoni	potitinuamunoni
Present	***	potitinoni
Today	poteni	potitinoweni
Yesterday	potitani	potitinoyani
Past	potiseni	potitinoiseni
Remote	potini	potitinoisoni

HORTATIVE MOOD

(tenseless)	potane	potitinuane
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QUOTING HORTATIVE MOOD

(tenseless)	potanise	potitivanise
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PUNCTILIAR

CONTINUATIVE

INTERROGATIVE MOOD

Future	potamunonita	potitinuamunonita
Present	***	potitinonita
Today	potenita	potitinowenita
Yesterday	potitanita	potitinoyanita
Past	potisenita	potitinoisenita
Remote	potinita	potitinoisonita

QUESTION MOOD

Future	potamunoni	potitinuamunoni
Present	***	potitinoni
Today	poteni	potitinoweni
Yesterday	potitani	potitinoyani
Past	potiseni	potitinoiseni
Remote	potini	potitinoisoni

HORTATIVE MOOD

(tenseless)	potane	potitinuane
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QUOTING HORTATIVE MOOD

(tenseless)	potanise	potitivanise
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IMPERATIVES

12 forms of the 2nd person Imperative:

	Singular	Dual	Plural
Punctiliar Abrupt	poti	potiuto	potiu
Punctiliar Polite	potiyo	potiwoto	potiwo
Continuative Abrupt	potitinoi	potitinoiuto	potitinoiu
Continuative Polite	potitinoiyo	potitinoiwoto	potitinoiwo

The 12 forms of the Imperative for verbs of e and u class:

e Class:

	Singular	Dual	Plural
Punctiliar Abrupt	ose	oseuto	oseu
Punctiliar Polite	oseyo	osewoto	osewo
Continuative Abrupt	osisinoi	osisinoiuto	osisinoiu
Continuative Polite	osisinoiyo	osisinoiwoto	osisinoiwo

u Class:

Punctiliar Abrupt	kotumu	kotumuuto	kotumuu
Punctiliar Polite	kotumuyo	kotumuwoto	kotumuwo
Continuative Abrupt	kotupitinoi	kotupitinoiuto	kotupitinoiu
Continuative Polite	kotupitinoiyo	kotupitinoiwoto	kotupitinoiwo

Note that there is a double /u/ in the u class dual and plural abrupt.

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14. NOTES

14. 1 Verb Classes

The following lists are not exhaustive but only a sample of verbs found in each of the three classes.

u Class

Sub-class I: Reduplicate for Present Continuative (3 or more syllables):

count	azimu	azipitinona
shame	isimu	isipitinona
return	ewesemu	ewesepitinona
think	kotumu	kotupitinona
pinch	wekimu	wekipitinona
coax	uzumu	uzupitinona
sit	arumu	arupitinona

Sub-class II: No reduplication for Present Continuative: (2 syllables):

turn	ani semu	ani sepinona
smell	imu	ipinona
fly	umu	upinona
crossover	semu	sepinona
find	tamu	tapinona
dig	wamu	wapinona
run	sumu	supinona
fill	dumu	dupinona
take	pumu	pupinona

Sub-class III: Irregular verbs

come	mu	tupena
go	bamu	susawena

i Class

Sub-class I: Reduplicate for Present Continuative:

tie	di	didinona
arrive	ni	nitinona
hold	zi	zizinona
marry	ati	atitinona
rise	eri	eritinona
tie	beni	benitinona
fill	peni	penitinona
welcome	arugi	arugitinona
complete	baiti	baititinona
avoid	daiti	daititinona
avoid	daini	dainitinona
enter	toi	toitinona
hear	nini	ninitinona
ascend	witi	wititinona
put	poti	potitinona

Sub-class II: Irregular verbs

see	gi	gosinona
stay	iti	itena
live	noi	nona
eat	ni	ninona

e Class

Sub-class I: Reduplication for Present Continuative:

throw	ape	apitinona
descend	ose	osisinona

Sub-class II: No reduplication in Present Continuative:

rest	awe	awinona
file	wie	wiinona
butcher	aze	azinona
lower	ise	isinona
cock(ear)	epe	epinona
plant	ure	urinona
feed	une	uninona
start	zaawe	zaawinona
hide	beze	bezinona
fold	boze	bozinona
cut	buse	businona
row	dawe	dawinona
erase	dise	diseinona

cook	moe	moinona
plow	due	duinona
bathe	gute	gutinona
open	pie	piinona
shake	zipe	zipinona
rebuke	sene	seninona
pull out	soke	sokinona
cough	ute	utinona
prod	uze	uzinona
sweep	waze	wazinona
chew	wase	wasinona

Sub-class III: Irregular Verbs

say	se	tona
hit	de	doinona
do	we	inona
spear	gae	gainona/gaginona

14.2 Tone pairs

To date I have found 43 pairs of words which differ only in tone. The breakdown according to number of syllables is:

1 syllable words	-----	4
2 syllable words	-----	28
3 syllable words	-----	8
4 or more syllab.	-----	3

One syllable words:

bé	'time'
bè	'mouth'
té	'sufficient'
tè	'leg, foot'
zá	'betelnut'
zà	'mushroom'
má	'taro'
mà	'var. of tree'

Two syllable tone words:

ami	'breast'	ami	'club'
ara	'whose'	ara	'wife'
ata	'bottom'	ata	'but'
atu	'backside'	atu	'shovel'
awa	'buttocks'	awa	'there'
bana	'red tree and'	bana	'torch'
boa	'shelter'	boa	'Job's tears'
bona	'feast'	bona	'tree limb'
bono	'var. of tree'	bono	'skink, lizard'
boto	'dibble stick'	boto	'nakedness'
bou	'reef'	bou	'endearing term for child'
bua	'work, garden'	bua	'var. of tree'
bura	'shrimp'	bura	'timid'
dai	'to hit'	dai	'too, also, with'
egi	'wooden needle'	egi	'sheath'
ewa	'ocean, sea'	ewa	'here'
iwi	'bamboo knife'	iwi	'sago processing tank'
iti	'stick for hulling coconut'	iti	'wait!'
kape	'shoulder blades'	kape	'cut it!'
kayo	'sorcery'	kayo	'flying squirrel'
meta	'nephew'	meta	'armband'
nami	'brother'	nami	'who?'
ogu	'charcoal'	ogu	'squid'
opa	'fishing pole'	opa	'platform near house'
ota	'axe'	ota	'alright'
puta	'pig net'	puta	'fish trap'

túa	{ 'var. of tree,' 'afternoon	túa	{ 'ray fish', 'leader, Lord'
yéwá	'mango'	yéwá	'bird of paradise'

Three syllable tone words:

ámēnā	'backside'	ámēnā	'parrot'
átimā	'thigh'	átimā	'var. of taro'
átarā	'stony ground'	átarā	'waves, ripples'
ázai	'to cut'	ázai	'plugged up'
bé gītì	'every day'	bégítì	'lips'
gámia	'he bit'	gámia	'he pulled up, gathered'
sā wai	'to cover'	sāwai	'to cook'
símāi	'elder, deacon'	símāi	'to decorate'

Four or more syllable tone words:

gápínoyā	'he bites'	gápínoyā	'he pulls up, gathers'
tápínoyā	'he finds'	tápínoyā	'it pinches off like a tournequet'
ziamunoyā	'he will take hold of'	ziamunoyā	'he will curse'

15. EXCURSUS

15.1 EXPRESSIONS OF UNCERTAINTY.

The Suena language has several devices to protect the speaker from the charge of lying. The speaker can indicate his uncertainty in several ways, and may even use two devices in the same sentence.

1. Non-Finite Dependent Appearance Clause:

Oneki gutu-ra baya-go wat-i-a
Oneki isle-to go-appear did-he-indic.

Oneki appeared to go to the island, (but did he?)

2. Finite Independent Dubitative Mood:

Oneki gutu-ra bam-i-wa
Oneki isle-to went-he-Dubit.

Perhaps Oneki went to the island.

3. Hearsay:

Oneki gutu-ra bam-i sia.
Oneki isle-to went-he hearsay

Oneki reportedly went to the island, (but I can't be sure).

4. Personal opinion:

Oneki gutu-ra bam-i tanita.
Oneki isle-to went-he think-I

I think Oneki went to the island.

Note: The word tanita functions as a verb but it is not conjugated, occurring only in 1st person singular. It has the Interrogative Mood suffix.

5. Expression of Contrary Possibility:

It is possible to end a sentence with the word ata 'but', and this seems to imply doubt about the previous statement.

Oneki gutu-ra bam-i-a ata
 Oneki isle-to went-he-indic. but

'Oneki went to the island, but.'

This expression is found most frequently with the
 Future tense:

mamuno-n-a ata
 will come-I-ind. but

'I will come, but (maybe not right away).'

Use of two expressions of uncertainty in one sentence:

Saka so-ra tanita iti-w-a
 Saka house-in think-I is-she-Dubit.

'I think maybe Saka is in the house.'

15.2 HONORIFICS

The Honorifics are not extensive in Suena, but the
 following have been noted.

1. Honorific Pronouns:

	Sing.	Dual	Plural
1st	nama	namato	namakare
2nd	nima	nimato	nimakare
3rd	numa	numato	numakare
Incl.		namage	namakai

2. Honorific Vocatives:

The word ma (meaning either 'taro' or 'black palm tree',
 depending on the tone, which is not yet clear), is used as a
 type of honorific vocative as follows:

4. Honorific Verbs:

The "baby talk" suffix -ka, mentioned under # 2 above, may also occur with commands, to soften them.

a) With Imperatives:

Polite	{	mu-yo-ka	'Please come, please' (singular)
		come-Polite-please	
		mu-wo-ka	'Please come, please' (plural)
		come-Pol.-please	
		mu-yo-ge-ka	'Please come with me, please'
		come-Pol-Dl-please	(Dual Incl.)
Abrupt	{	gi-u-to-ka	'You two understand, please'
		see-pl.-dl-please	(Dual excl.)
		do-ka	'Quit, please' (Singular)
		stop-please	

b) With Quoting Hortative:

ma-ise-ka	'Let him come, please (I say)'
come-Q.H.-please	

15.3 REDUPLICATION

In writing on Reduplication in Suena it is tempting to take entire sections from the Weimers' paper, Reduplication in Yareba, as the two languages have so much in common in this regard. Although Dutton (Languages of South-East Papua, 1971) has assigned the Yareba to another family, I feel that it is quite likely that Yareba is a member of the Binandere family, along with Suena. I find many cognates in the examples given in the Weimers' paper, as well as a high degree of correlation between the Yareba grammar and other Binanderean languages known to me, especially Zia and Orokaiva.

It would be quite possible to outline this discussion as the Weimers have done, using as a basis the two main types of reduplication (Complete and Partial). However, for Suena I feel that a discussion based on the grammatical categories of Noun, Modifier, and Verb is more helpful.

Reference has been made earlier in this paper to reduplication of nouns (5.2.1), derived nouns (5.2.3), and modifiers (5.3.c).

Function of Reduplication:

Reduplication has two functions: pluralization, and intensification. The latter is a broad term which covers all non-pluralization occurrences in Suena. Suena does not seem to have sub-types of intensification as described for Yareba.

Types of Reduplication:

As with Yareba, there are two main types of reduplication in Suena: complete word reduplication, and partial reduplication which adds just one CV syllable to a word. Partial reduplication indicates plurality. Complete reduplication indicates intensification.

Poetic Rhyme:

One type of complete reduplication which is common to both Yareba and Suena is the replacement of one or more vowels of the reduplicated form by /a/. So strong is this pattern that certain "adjustments" are used to achieve it.

Normal Poetic Rhyme:

borere 'long time' borere barere 'very long time'

Adjusted Forms:

1. Condition where Modifier vowel is already /a/--add ka:

waya 'bad' waya ka waya 'very bad'

da-imata 'one' da-imata ka-mata 'one alone'

2. Condition where Verb vowel is already /a/--Reverse

words: kapai 'to cut' kipuna kapuna wai 'to
cut and cut'

NOUNS

1. Pluralization by partial reduplication.

A. Reduplication of first CV.

There are only two syllable patterns in Suena: V and CV.

Words with initial CV reduplicate this CV. Words with initial V reduplicate the following CV.

1). Normal

CV initial:

poiwo 'orphan' popoiwo 'orphans'

zebu 'ground' zezebu 'grounds'

V initial:

opi 'lie' opipi 'lies, fairy tales'

ita 'crumb' itata 'crumbs'

2). Derived Nouns.

Derived nouns reduplicate the first CV (except colors, see below) and also adjust the ending according to the following rules:

-ai becomes -enai (Yareba and Zia -ari → -egari)

-wai becomes -wewenai

-nai remains -nai

Examples of these rules for derived noun pluralization:

-ai becomes -enai

betai 'dead one' bebetenai 'dead ones'bezai 'hidden one' bebezenai 'hidden ones'Exception: keyai 'torn one' kekeyenai 'torn ones'

-wai becomes -wewenai

keziwai 'crippled one' kekeziwewenai 'crippled ones'

-nai remains -nai

kimennai 'the hanging one' kikimennai 'the hanging ones'ikonnai 'the hanging one' ikokonnai 'the hanging ones'

Exceptions to these rules:

Colors do not reduplicate the first CV, but do adjust the ending. kapawwai 'white' kapawwewenai 'white ones'

one

nozawai 'yellow'
one nozawewenai 'yellow ones'

uwuwai 'blue one' uwiwewenai 'blue ones'

The word 'black' or 'dirty' is irregular, being a compound derivation from ina 'reciprocal' and gayai 'to
^{dear}

inagayai 'black, dirty' inagagaenai 'black ones'

3). Kinship terms

Very few kinship terms have CV reduplication.

apie 'grandparent' apie 'grandparents'

dikai 'relative' didikai 'relatives'

B. Affixation

1) Non-kinship terms

tani 'fun' tani bu tani 'various fun'

yaya 'sick' yaya bu yaya 'various illnesses'

2) Kinship terms

Most kinship terms are pluralized by enclitics, of which there are several.

+mai imo 'mother's brother' imo mai 'mother's brothers'

meta 'nephew' meta mai 'nephews'

mia 'mother' mia mai 'mothers'

+ mamai
otao 'friend' otao mamai 'friends'

mai 'child' mai mamai 'children'

+ misini
nami 'man's brother' namisini 'man's brothers'

numata 'woman's brother' numisini 'woman's brothers'

+ mana
zawa 'woman's sister' zaumana 'woman's sisters'

mama 'father' mamana 'fathers'

bama 'woman' babumana 'women'

3. Exact Reduplication.

Exact reduplication indicates a distributive plural.

da 'one' da da 'one by one'

eto 'two' eto eto 'two by two'

taka taka 'many items grouped together with each one close to its neighbor'

aike aike 'many items separated, each one far from its neighbor.'

(Cf. aike kaike 'two items very far apart')

MODIFIERS

1. Pluralization by Partial Reduplication

A. Derived Modifiers.

The rules for derived modifiers are the same as for derived nouns, see 1.A.2 above.

<u>betai</u>	'dead'	<u>bebetenai</u>	'dead' (plural)
<u>zewai</u>	'strong'	<u>zezewenai</u>	'strong' (plural)
<u>ikonai</u>	'hanging'	<u>ikokonai</u>	'hanging' (plural)

B. Other Modifiers.

1). Those which reduplicate the first CV only.

CV initial:

boroko	'middle sized'	boboroko	'middle sized'
morua	'small'	momorua	'small' (pl.)

V initial:

iboi	'long'	iboboꞑ	'long' (pl)
apunu	'short'	apupunu	'short' (pl)

3). Irregular.

In one case the shift is from the normal vowel to o, not to a. This form does not occur in the singular.

kitio kotio 'uneven (surfaces)'

Others which only occur in the reduplicated form:

mena mana 'hot'

pena pana 'excessive'

nina nina 'hot' (No poetic rhyme, --suspect)

biza baza 'blurry'

B. By additions.

There seems to be no distinct pattern to the following:

bamu 'big' bamubake 'very big'

apunu 'short' apunu kakana 'very short', 'too short'

iboi 'long' iboi tatana 'very long', 'too long'

me 'true' me memeka 'truly true'

C. By using me 'true, truly'

aso 'old' aso me aso 'really old'

bamu 'big' bamu me bamu 'really big'

kiaka 'little' kiaka me kiaka 'really little'

pima 'skinny' pima me pima 'really skinny'

bibiri 'slick' bibiri me bibiri 'really slick'

Note that several in this usage may also occur with other types of reduplication.

e.g. bamu 'big'

bamubake 'very big'

bamu me bamu 'really big'

VERBS

1. Pluralization by Partial Reduplication.

Verbs are pluralized by reduplication of the first CV to show either a plural object or a plural subject. Lexical considerations of transitive/intransitive determine whether it is the object or the subject which is pluralized. Thus a reduplicated transitive verb indicates plural objects, and a reduplicated intransitive verb indicates plural subjects. Some verbs such as *ikonai* 'to hang up' may be both transitive and intransitive. Thus:

na nena zo ikone-na 'I hung up one thing.'
I thing one hung-I

na nena eni ikokone-na ikokone-ra 'I hung up some
I things some pl-hung-I pl-hung-they things and they
hung there.'

Examples of plural objects of transitive verbs:

Type 1: -nai remains -nai

kimenai 'to tie up'

kimenitino-nakare 'we are tying up one thing'
tie - we

kikimenitinonakare 'we are tying up many things'
pl-tie - we

ikonai 'to hang up'

ikone-na 'I hung up one thing'
hung-I

ikokone-na 'I hung up many things'
pl-hung-I

Type 2: -ai becomes -enai

gatai 'to split'

gate-nua 'he split one log'
split-he

gate-wa 'they split one log'
split-they

ga-gateni-nua 'he split many logs'
pl-split - he

ga-gateni-wa 'they split many logs'
pl-split-they

Type 3: -wai becomes -wewenai

ewai 'to break in two'

ma e-we-nua 'he broke the taro in two'
taro broke- he

ma e- weweni-nua 'he broke the taro into many pieces,
taro broke- pl- he by dividing and sub-dividing it.'

Note: From this last example it would seem that in forms with CV reduplication the root is the first syllable and the reduplication is the second one. In which case the above examples are wrongly divided, though the meaning is the same in either case. e.g.

ga-gateni-wa 'they split many logs'
pl-split-they

or

ga-ga-teni-wa 'they split many logs'
split-pl- they

Examples of plural subjects of intransitive verbs:

zaumai 'to split into two'

zaupitinoya 'it is splitting in two'

zazaupitinora 'they are splitting into groups'

ikonai 'to hang'

ikonitinoya 'it is hanging'

ikokonitinora 'they are hanging individually'

Note: Since these intransitive verbs are in a sense reflexive, it might well be argued that they are examples of plural objects, not plural subjects, and that in fact there is no reduplication for plural subjects.

2. Intensification by Complete Reduplication.

A. Intensification by Poetic Rhyme.

The Poetic Rhyme phenomena in the verbs is beautiful but highly irregular. It seemingly consists of the first CVC of a verb root, plus the class vowel (though not always), plus a CV ending the most common of which is -na. Those less common forms are listed at the end of this section.

There are two types of Poetic Rhyme: Normal, and Adjusted.

1) Normal Poetic Rhyme:

nukunai 'to swallow'

nukena nakena wai 'to swallow much' or 'to gulp food'

e.g. nena nukena nakena inosa duba gininoya
 food swallow swallow do-you neck blocks-up-it

'You keep gulping your food and your neck gets blocked up!'

siwai 'to swim'

siwena sawena wai 'to really swim'

disai 'to rub out'

disena dasena wai 'to really rub out'

2) Adjusted Poetic Rhyme: (reversed order)

kapai 'to cut'

kipuna kapuna wai 'to cut profusely'

kapetenai 'to turn around'

kipeta kapeta wai 'to turn this way and that'

3) Compound verbs.

Reduplication in Compound Verbs takes place in the adjunct, not in the auxiliary verb.

opi sai 'to lie'
 lie to say

opi api sai 'to tell a big lie'
lie lie to say

tepo wai 'to finish'
nothing to make

tepo tepo wai 'to make an utter end of'
nothing nothing to do

B. Intensification by Synonyms.

- 1) Using two verbs which are synonyms in an
Intensive Verb Phrase. (See 6.2.3, p. 95)

Type 1 a:

ma urise gowise awinoya 'he is really
taro plant bury remains-he planting taro'

Type 1 b:

mai doise gaise awinosdwa
people hit spear remained-they-always

'They used to continually kill people.'

Type 2:

ma uramu gowamu baera
taro plant bury went-they

'They went for the purpose of working hard at
planting taro.'

- 2) Using two nouns which are synonyms, plus wai 'to do'

bina-re bowi-re wai 'to really praise'
praise-& praise-& to do

di-re bua-re wai 'to really cry hard'
cry-& work-& to do

C. Intensification by both Poetic Rhyme and Synonyms:

dimai 'to hook on'

gamai 'to bite on'

dimuna gamuna wai 'to hook and catch on every-
thing'

D. Intensification in Oral Style:

Like Yareba and Pidgin, Suena can repeat a Dependent clause or verb several times for emphasis.

Compare the oral Pidgin style:

mi mekim mekim mekim mekim na tudak

'I did it until dusk'

igo igo igo igo igo olgeta

'He went completely'

Thus Suena:

iti-nato iti-nato iti-nato tua zi-nua.
were-we-2 were-we-2 were-we-2 dusk came-it

'We stayed there and stayed there till dark'

E. Exact Reduplication means Repeated Action:

akaru wai 'to be winded'

akaru akaru wai 'to gasp and gasp'

basai 'to fall down of own accord'

basaru basaru wai 'to drip'

boro boro wai 'to shiver and shake'

keita keita wai 'to limp'

kekeri kekeri wai 'to hop'

koa koa wai 'to sparkle'

kupi kupi wai 'to bubble up'

darata darata wai 'to jiggle up and down'

Summary of Verb Reduplication.

Complete reduplication in verbs is of two types: Exact, and Poetic Rhyme. Each has a separate meaning as can be seen by these examples:

giti sikimai 'to close one's eyes'
head to shut

sikimu sikimu wai 'to blink', 'to open and close re-
peatedly'

kotumai 'to think'

kotumu kotumu wai 'to think and think' (about same thing)

kotumu katumu wai 'to worry' (to think various thoughts)

zipe zipe wai 'to shake repeatedly'

zipe zape wai 'to shake intensely'

From these examples the meanings are seen as:

Exact reduplication---- repeated action

Poetic Rhyme ----- intensification or distributive
action

There is one example of partial reduplication plus exact
reduplication:

sapai 'to squeeze in the hand'

gi sapinoya 'he is hefting a spear'
spear hefts-he

gi sasapi sasapi inoya 'he repeatedly hefts several
spears heft pl-heft doss-he spears'

The following is a list of Poetic Rhyme forms of verbs
which are highly irregular. They are included here for
those who may wish to have reference to them for comparative
studies.

-na ...-na type

beina baina 'to insist'
nukena nakena 'to swallow'
siwena sawena 'to swim'
disena dasena 'to rub out'
bouna bauna 'to pound (surf)'
gina gana 'to look around'
kesina kasina 'to struggle'

sumuna samuna 'to run'
zuana zawana 'to scatter'

-na...-na Adjusted:

apena kapena	'throw'
auna kauna	'struggle'
awina dawina	'sort'
sisina kapina	'scatter'
sisina kakana	'scatter'
kipuna kapuna	'cut'

-ta...-ta type:

ginita ganita	'itch'
ginata ganata	'shine'
kiwota kawota	'shake head'
kipete kapete	'turn & twist'

-wa...-wa type:

derewa darewa	'roll'
diriwa darawa	'mix'

Completely irregular type:

kotumu katumu	'worry'
zipe zape	'shake'
usi besi	'scatter'
weso waso	'struggle'
awio ditio	'daily'
bereku bareku	'spill'
siaku petaku	'ripple'
gera gaira	'mangle'
gousa gausa	'cloud up'
inini anini	'cloud up'
derewa mameta	'writhe'
kiko kako	'rattle'
ziriwi zorowe	'turn & twist'
kitoto katoto	'rattle'
pipai papai	'snap'
sisai sasai	'scatter'

-mu...-mu type: Modifiers:

biramu baramu	'uneven'
kurumu karumu	'staggered'
arumu karumu	'seated'
asumu karumu	'loaded down'
ayamu kayamu	'stranger'

Completely irregular Modifiers:

amo sisimo	'unprepared'	busegi basegi	'spotted'
amua zemua	'exhausted'	bugou bagou	'noisy'
kitio kotio	'unevel'	tumou tamou	'thick'
birigi barigi	'angry'	gopu gapu	'covered'
		pepera papera	'broad'