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Appendix D - Morphophonemic Rules1. Link we

When a consonant-final word precedes the link we, the initial w of we assimilates completely to the final consonant of the preceding word. This change is optional, but quite common. This morphophonemic change is represented orthographically as the enclitic -e following consonant-final words. We can also become the enclitic -e following vowel-final words. The loss of a word-final vowel must take place before the enclitic -e attaches to the word.

2. Sequential Conjunction wot

Following words ending in i, the initial w of wot can be replaced by y. Following words ending in vowels other than i, the initial w of wot optionally becomes glottal stop.

3. Ligature -n

The ligature -n attaches to the end of a vowel-final word.

4. Personal Case Marker ak

The final k of the personal case marker ak assimilates completely to the initial consonant of the following word. However, k does not assimilate before words beginning with glottal stop. This alternation is optional, but occurs frequently.

5. Marker ak

The final k of marker ak usually undergoes reciprocal assimilation before words beginning with b. This alternation causes ak to become ap.

The final k of the marker ak also assimilates the voicing of the initial consonant of a following word when that word begins with g or t. This causes ak to become ag or at.

6. Marker ad

The final d of the marker ad assimilates completely to the initial consonant of the word which follows it. No assimilation occurs before a glottal-initial word. This alternation is optional, but common. When ad contracts with a preceding word, the assimilation of the final d is blocked.

7. Contraction of the Pronoun Set II

When -ku, -nu, or -na are added to verbs ending with suffixes -on or -an, the n of the suffix is lost, and the alternate forms -k, -m, and -na are added respectively. For example:

<u>kanon</u>	+	----->	<u>kanok</u>	'I will eat it'
<u>kanon</u>	+	----->	<u>kanom</u>	'you will eat it'
<u>kanon</u>	+	----->	<u>kanona</u>	'he will eat it'