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KAMANO VOWEL REDUCTION.

In affixation when two vowels come together

When vowels are affixed to vowels they reduce to one syllable by either vowel fusing or slurring.

1. Suffix vowel ReductionThe sequences of mid-front e and high-back u or mid-back o are reduced to mid-back ə

vu'ne- plus -une vu'none 'we all went'

fre- plus -o fro 'wash'

The sequence of mid-front e and high-front i is reduced to mid-front e.

vute- plus -igeno' vutegenō' 'he having first gone'

The sequence of high-front i and low-central a is reduced to high-front i.

mani- plus -ane manine 'you stay'

In the following sequences the quality of both vowels is kept but reduced to the length of one syllable:

High-back u plus mid-back o

hu-plus -o huo 'you do'

high-front i plus mid-back o

mani- plus -o manio 'you stay'

Low-central a plus high-back u

vugaha- plus -una vugahauna 'we all will go'

Pronoun suffixes plus -a indicative and -o interrogative mood suffixes.

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2.

hu'no- plus -a hu'noa 'I did'

hu'n̩- plus -o hu'nea 'did he do'

However for extra emphasis, the emphatic mood marker may take a stress thereby making another syllable.

The sequences of:

1. High-back u plus low-central a
2. High-front i plus high-back u
3. Mid-front e plus low-central a
4. High-back u plus high-front i

are reduced to the second vowel of the sequence.

1. hu- plus -ane hane 'you do'
2. mani- plus -une manune 'we all stay'
3. fre- plus -ane frane 'you wash'
4. hu- plus -ia hia 'he does'

2. Prefix vowel Reduction

The prefixial sequences of:

1. mid-front e plus low-central a
 2. mid-front e plus mid-front e
 3. mid-back ə plus low-central a
 4. high-back u plus low central a
 5. high-back u plus mid-front e
- are reduced to the first vowel of the sequence.

1. ko^ŋ ne- plus aria (ko) n̩eria 'it is raining'

2. ne- plus eria néría 'he is taking.'
3. e- plus anto ónto 'don't put'
4. u- plus anto unto 'put there'
5. u- plus erio urio 'from there take'

In other sequences of:

1. mid-front e plus mid-back o
2. high back u plus mid-front o the quality of both vowels is kept but reduced to one syllable
1. e- plus onto eónto 'here don't put'
2. u- plus ónkasami'noe ^m 'there I didn't tell you'
uónkasami'noe

3. Word Boundary vowel Reduction.

When vowels at word boundaries are in juxtaposition they become, in fast speech, a diphthong, and in slow speech slurred.

However low-central unstressed a is lost when preceded by a stressed vowel.

kavo plus avaya kavo vaya 'pot lid'
Mid-front unstressed e is lost also when preceded by a stressed vowel but to date there is only one example of this.

maya plus ene maya ne 'root vegetable with'