# AU LANGUAGE WORD, PHRASE, CLAUSE

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ace np	accompaniment noun phrase
adj	adjective
adz p	adverb phrase
adv	adverb
alt np	alternate noun phrase
(b)	benefactive
	continuous
cont	coordinate noun phrase
ooord np	
ditr v	ditransitive verb
dto	ditransitive contingent
dt p	ditransitive purpose
dt r	ditransitive result
dt sm	ditransitive simultaneous
E	Equa <b>tive</b>
ER	Equative Result
ES	Equative Span/Duration
Fem	Feminine
fut	future
gnp	general noun phrase
hab	habitual
<b>(1)</b>	instrument
(10)	indirect object
inst p	instrument phrase
inst np	instrument noun phrase
inst n	instrument noun
inten tem p	intensified temporal phrase
inst p	instrument phrase
ITrC	Intransitive Contingent
ITrP	Intransitive Purpose
ITTR	Intransitive Result
ITrS	Intransitive Span
ITrsm	Intransitive Simultaneous
ITr v	Intransitive verb
interrog np	interrogative noun phrase

kin coord np	kinship coordinate phrase (noun)
loc loc n (1)	locational location noun location
masc	masculine
n neut noun j nu p	noun neuter the nouns are the same numeral phrase
(0)	object
(p) per pl prnmp prn mod p poss p (loc) poss r-a p	Predicate  person  plural  pronoun phrase  pronoun  pronoun modified phrase  possessive phrase (location)  possessive relator axis phrase
ref name p	referential name phrase reduplicated noun phrase
redup np (S) Sen SC sing SR SS SSm St v	Subject Sentence Stative Contingent singular Stative Result Stative Span Stative Simultaneous Stative verb
(T) Tr Tr v TrC TrP TrR	Time Transitive Transitive verb Transitive Contingent Transitive Purpose Transitive Result Transitive Simultaneous

-	verb
♥ VIDDo	verbal Independent Ditransitive Declarative
VIDIG	verbal Independent Ditransitive Interrogative
AIDIB	verbal Independent Ditransitive Imperative
VIEDO	verbal Independent Equative Declarative
VIELG	verbal Independent Equative Interrogative
VIIIG	verbal Independent Intransitive Declarative
VIIIg	verbal Independent Intransitive Interrogative
vIIIp	verbal Independent Intransitive Imperative
vISDo	verbal Independent Stative Declarative
visig	verbal Independent Stative Interrogative
vISIp	verbal Independent Stative Imperative
vITDc	verbal Independent Transitive Declarative
vITIg	verbal Independent Transitive Interrogative
VITIP	verbal Independent Transitive Imperative
,	(all the above are found in chart L)
SYMBOLIZATION	
+	obligatory occurrence of specified item/items
±	optional occurrence of specified item/items
+ ( )	at least one item within brackets is obligatory
	but both may occur; one or the other must be present
( )3	items with parenthesis can occur the specified number of times
n (superscript)	item repeated more than once
n (subscript)	final item
n=	item repeated specified number of times
j••••j	manifestations of tagmemes are the same
jk	manifestations differ from one another
± ( )	items within parentheses are optional but may
	occur as a unit
lst	first second
2nd	third
3rd	
ERRATA (add followi	ng omissions)
acc p	accompaniment phrase
def temp p	definite temporal phrase
np P	noun phrase phrase
rel-ax	relator-axis temporal ( both alternate spellings)
temp / tem	camborar / no ou arcarnaca abarrrugs)

### TYPOGRAPHICAL CONVENTIONS

- 1. All capitals and underlining indicate tagmemes on the DISCOURSE level.
- 2. All capital without underlining indicates tagmemes on the PARAGRAPH Level.
- 3. Capitalization of the initial letter with underlining indicates tagmemes on the <u>Sentence</u> level.
- 4. Capitalization of the initial letter without underlining indicates tagmemes on the Clause level.
- 5. No capitalization of any letter but with underlining indicates tagmemes on the phrase level.
- 6. No typographical devises indicates tagmemes on the word leve.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Au language is spoken by 4100 people living in the East-West Wapei Council area East of Lumi, the Subdistrict headquarters of the West Sepik Province in Papua New Guinea. There are three dialects. The Eastern dialect is spoken by the majority of the people living in 8 villages. The Western dialect is spoken by 600 people in three villages. The central dialect, upon which this analysis is based, is spoken by 1200 people living in 8 villages.

Au is a member of the Wapei-Palei phylum of languages spoken along the Torrecelli Mountains ( see D.C.Laycock 1968; Languages of the Lumi Subdistrict (West Sepik) New Guinea; Oceanic Linguistics, Vol.VII No. 1). There are nine languages in the language family, all within 12 miles of the Au language borders and there are many grammatical features shared by these languages.

My wife and I began our language study in 1968 under the auspices of the Summer Institute of Linguistics. During the first years of our residence, we used numerous people as language helpers, obtaining various texts and making an initial dictionary. Mr. Joseph Yamene has been our main language helper in the past four years and has been helpful in correcting and reworking errors in the texts. These varied texts have been the basic source material for the analysis which has been presented in this paper.

The analysis presented here covers word, phrase and clause levels. The other levels (sentence paragraph and discourse) are included under separate cover. A fairly detailed description is given for all three levels. An adapted form of the tagmemic model based on the theory set forth by Kenneth L Pike in his book, Language in Relation to a Unified Theory of the Structure of Human Behavior, is used to present the analysis.

In comparison to many New Guinea languages, especially those found in the highlands, the word level of Au is quite simple with little complexity. Clause level is also simple, having very little embedding. The phrase and sentence levels are very complex by comparison. They are very prolific in the contrastive types within the level. The paragraph level is also complex and all three levels are very interesting because of the vast amount of embedding which occurs. The higher up the construction within the hierarchy, the more complex becomes the structure with all the layering. The paragraph level contains the important linking devices which comprise part of the contrastive features of that level. Paragraph level has many features parallel to sentence level constructions and often occurs in preference over a sentence construction.

Several other features which are of interest are the agreement system (discussed in 1.3 in Section 1 theory of grammar) and the formation of idioms using body parts. Possibly, the term idiom may not be appropriate in the final analysis of language, as many of the terms reflect world view rather than the lack of semantic correspondence with the forms. When the Au talk about forgetting, they say, "My heart has died." Heart is the seat of the emotions and also the center of thought, and using a term as the above seems to reflect what they feel takes place which causes forgetfulness. (idioms are discussed in Section 3 point 2 Idioms).

- For an explaination of Au phonemes, see either the paper PARAGRAPH and DISCOURSE in AU (manuscript) or SENTENCE STRUCTURES OF THE AU LANGUAGE presented in Papua New Guinea Workpapers Vol. 1 .

### 1 THEORY OF GRAMMAR

#### 1.1 FORMAT

The analysis is presented using the following format for phrase, clause, (sentence, paragraph and discourse) levels: a bi-dimensional array of the internal structure of the construction under consideration, a prose elaboration of the bi-dimensional array, external distribution of the construction, and examples.

The bi-dimensional array for phrase level includes only the tagmemes and their preferred or normal oderings. Names of the tagmemes are given, showing whether their presence is obligatory or optional, and the fillers which have been observed in the data for each tagmeme are given. For the clause (and sentence, paragraph and discourse) levels, in addition to the items appearing in phrase, the bi-dimensional array presents the deep structure relationship where possible, the contrastive features of tense and subject, and reading rules. As noted above, the preferred orderings of the tagmemes is presented in the bi-dimensional array; however, if there are alternate orderings of the tagmemes, these are presented in the reading rules. The type of linkage device used is also given for paragraph and discourse. When pertinent, discourse bi-dimensional arrays also list fillers which never occur in certain slots. The bi-dimensional array, then, forms a succint description of the grammar for each type.

#### Bi-Dimensional Array

Tagmemes - Slots	
- Fillers	
Deep Structure	DS:
Tense	Tn:
Subject	S:
Reading Rules	RR:

A commentary and illustrative material accompany the bidimensional array and rules, elaborating and clarifying them. In
some of the examples, double underlining of the vernacular serves to
bring into focus the distinguishing features of the type of construction
under consideration. The majority of examples given are drawn from Au
text material which are included in Chapter 8 TEXT; some material was
gathered later and incorporated into the analysis although the texts
do not always appear.

#### 1.2 CONTRASTIVE FEATURES

Contrastive features are those features which distinguish the various types of constructions within a level. The general rule which has been followed is that there must be at least two contrastive features in order to distinguish different types and levels. Contrastive features which distinguish distinctive types of constructions on all levels above the word level are: (1) different kinds of tagmemes (slot and its manifestations) (2) number of obligatory slots and their potential expansion (3) number of optional slots and their potential expansion (4) tense/aspect restrictions (5) subject restrictions (6) linkage between tagmemes. These all are related to the internal structure of the construction. External distribution is also important and is the primary criteria of formation of word classes. Chart A summarizes the contrastive features used within each level.

### 1.2.1 DIFFERENT KINDS OF TAGMEMES AND THEIR INTER-RELATIONSHIPS

The kinds of tagmemes and their relationship to each other is a very significant contrast feature helping to distinguish types of constructions on each level. The names of tagmemes reflect as much as possible the function and relationship that exists between tagmemes in a given construction type so that this feature is more easily seen (ie. phrase types-description, quantity, action; Clause types-Subject, Object, Location; Sentence types-Evaluation Base, Amplification Base, Command Base; Paragraph types-BUILDUP, THESIS\*ANTITHESIS, RESULT; Discourse types-EPISODES, POINT, PROCEEDURE, etc..).

#### 1.2.2 NUMBER AND POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF OBLIGATORY TAGMEMES

The number and potential expansion of obligatory tagmemes is significant in that some types of constructions have more obligatory tagmemes than others. Most types on each level have at least two obligatory tagmemes. Also, in some types, the obligatory tagmemes have optional expansion possibilities (ie. POINT in HORTATORY PARAGRAPH may

occur any number of times, whereas CLIMAX of NARRATIVE PARAGRAPH may occur only once. PARALLEL of PARALLEL PARAGRAPH may occur any number of times, but AMPLIFICATION of AMPLIFICATION PARAGRAPH occurs only once.) .

Chart A
Contrastive Features

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Contrastive Features	Phrase	Clause	Sentence	Paragraph	Discourse
Kinds of tagmenes	x	х	X	х	х
Number of obligatory tagmemes	х	х	х	X	х
Number of optional tegmemes	х	х	x	x	х
Tense restrictions			х	Х	х
Subject restrictions			Х	х	х
Linking devices			х	X	X

# 1.2.3 NUMBER OF OPTIONAL TAGMEMES AND POTENTIAL EXPANSION

The number of optional tagmemes and their potential expansion is significant in that some types have no optional tagmemes, while others do. In some constructions the optional tagmemes are potentially able to occur more than once, while in others they occur only one time. (ie. general noun phrase has optional tagmemes while amplified noun phrase has none. In serial noun phrase, head may occur several times but in name phrase, head occurs only once.)

### 1.2.4 TENSE/ASPECT RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions are significant in sentence and paragraph constructions in the way that the tagmemes relate to each other. In <a href="Command Sentence">Command Sentence</a>, the <a href="Command Base">Command Base</a> is in the past/present tense/aspect, while the <a href="Desist Command Base">Desist Command Base</a> must be in the imperative. In <a href="Simultaneous Base">Simultaneous Base</a> must be in continuous aspect, while the <a href="Action Base">Action Base</a> must be in the past/present. HORTATORY PARAGRAPH always uses the imperative, while NARRATIVE PARAGRAPH uses the past/present.

# 1.2.5 CHANGE OF SUBJECT-LACK OF CHANGE

In distinguishing some sentence and paragraph types, the change of subject or lack of change and lack of subject marker being present in a new sentence is significant. For example, almost all new subjects (patient) are introduced on the sentence level; they rarely occur on paragraph level. COORDINATE PARAGRAPH uses lack of subject marker on the COORDINATE BASE as one of the distinguishing features. All Amplification Sentences and PARAGRAPHS obligatorily have the same subject in each base.

On discourse level, subject is also significant in distinguishing types. HORTATORY DISCOURSE always focuses on second person;

NARRATIVE DISCOURSE may be in any person except second person.

# 1.2.6 LINKAGE DEVICES

There are four types of linking devices-recapitulation, juxtaposition, conjunction and intonation. Chart B shows the types of linkage used within each level.

Chart B Types of Linkage Devices

Linkage	Phrase	Clause	Sentence	Paragraph	Discourse
Recapitulation					
(a) Tail-Head			X	x	X
(b) <apai au=""></apai>			x	X	Х
Juxtaposition	х	х	X	х	X
Intonation			х	х	
Conjunctions			х	х	

# 1.2.6.1 RECAPITULATION

Recapitulation (or Tail-Head) is chaining that links sentences within a paragraph (especially in NARRATIVE and PROCEEDURAL PARAGRAPHS). Within a paragraph, the final verb of the final clause (and sometimes 2-3 final clauses) is repeated in the first clause of the next sentence. Lack of these connecting features signals a special type of co-ordinate relationship between sentences. Other clause level tagmemes occur along with Predicate, including Subject if it occurs in the final clause or string of clauses following a non-final intonation.

In the AMPLIFICATION PARAGRAPHS and occasionally in NARRATIVE PARAGRAPH recapitulation linkage may carry new information which is directly related to the action mentioned in the final clause of the previous sentence. This is always used to clarify old information which may not be directly in the thread of discourse. SPEECH QUOTE PARAGRAPH is often used to highlight a paragraph, but remains only as background information, not part of the thread of discourse.

### 1.2.6.2 JUXTAPOSITION

Juxtaposition is a linking devise used on all levels, with special significance on sentence level. Clauses are usually chained together by juxtaposition, omplitting the pronominal subject markers which obligatorily occur in the first clause of a sentence as part of that clause.

# 1.2.6.3 CONJUNCTIONS

Conjunctions occur only on Sentence level, linking two clauses or two strings of juxtaposed clauses. This is the only level where these are utilized and they are free forms, some of which inflect for tense/aspect, person, gender and number, and some which are particles (non-inflecting).

### 1.2.6.4 INTONATION

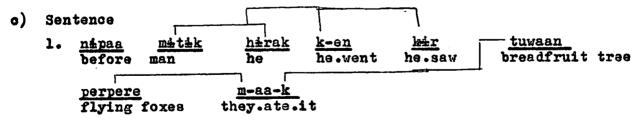
Intonation is another linking devise used in sentences and in paragraphs. Non-falling or rising intonation mark clauses and sentences embedded within other sentences. Final intonation marks boundaries between bases of paragraphs and marks the end of sentences.

### 1.3 AU AGREEMENT SYSTEM

A system of agreement between tagmemes occurs at all levels beginning with phrase and going up the hierarchy. On phrase level, all modifiers of head tagmeme must manifest person (where appropriate) gender and number of noun and pronoun phrases (ie. adjectives must show person gender and number of the noun it modifies). On the clause level, the Predicate carries the primary load, taking affixes to show person, gender and number of the subject (patient), and the Object. Other non-diagnostic tagmemes which occur (manner, location) must also manifest the Subject (and occasionally Object) by inflecting for the appropriate tense/aspect of predicate, and person, number and gender of Subject (patient). When clauses backloop, filling apposition of apposition phrase, the clause must agree with the person, gender and number of its head.

The agreement system is basically oriented around the patient as actor. Au is an S.V.O. (subject followed by predicate followed by object) language and as such allows no reversal of nuclear tagmemes above the phrase level. Sentence and paragraph also follow the same pattern as clause in the agreement system. The following examples will serve to illustrate a functional model of the agreement system on various levels.

#### a) phrase: 'evil man' máták enu-k bad.3rd sing.masc. man 'evil woman' mi te enu-# Woman bad. 3rd sing.fem. one son' 2. nikan k-iutip 3rd.sing.masc. one son 'one daughter' niki p-iutip daughter 3rd.sing.fem. one '(just)another man' kere-k e-k mětěk 3. a.3rd.sing.masc. only.3rd sing.masc. man hap kere-p e-p mite only.3rd sing.fem. '(Just)another woman' a.3rd sing.fem. woman **b**) Clause ! He ran away! 1. <u>hirak</u> kirir he.fled henmik k-irak n-eriuwe 2. hir n-enep sak it.his bamboo arrow they .with they they shot pig



• They shot his pig with bamboo arrows.

Before, a man went and saw a breadfruit tree off of which flying foxes had eaten (the nuts).

#### 1.4 MORPHOPHONEMICS

## 1.4.1 REDUCTION

Two types of reduction take place in Au when a suffix is added to a verb, or two words are juxtaposed, the first which ends in a vowel and the following word which begins with a vowel.

1.4.1.1 The final vowel is lost when a suffix is attached to the verb.

k-atin he.cuts k-etn-uwek he.cuts.it 'He cuts it'

k-inkatin he.looks for k-inketn-uwek he.looks for. it 'He looks for it'

1.4.1.2 The final vowel of the initial word is dropped when two vowels of two different words occur juxtaposed.

pike again

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płk# ano again (I).fut.go

'(I) will return'

1.4.1.3 When two like consonants occur together in two juxtaposed words, the initial like consonant is lost.

hirak he hira# k-ak-no he he.fut.go

'He will go'

hirakit they.du.masc hiraki # t-at-no they.du.masc they(du).fut.go 'they(two) will go'

(in actual text material in this paper, the consonants and vowels have been retained for clarity when reduction occurs, except for 1.4.1.1 where it remains lost.)

## 1.4.2 ALTERATION

Initial verb stem vowel <u>a</u> becomes <u>e</u> when followed by  $\underline{p}/\underline{p}\underline{t}$  (continuous aspect marker), or when pronoun object is suffixed to the verb. Initial verb stem vowel  $\underline{u}$  becomes lost or alters to  $\underline{t}$  when preceded by  $\underline{t}\underline{p}/\underline{p}$ .

k-atip he.talks k-e-p-tip he.cont.talks 'He keeps on talking'

k-uwaai he.sleeps k-ip-waai he.cont.sleeps 'He keeps on sleeping'

k-ak-no he.fut.goes k-e-p-no he.cont.goes

'He keeps on going!

k-atin he.cuts

k-etn-uwek he.cuts.it 'He cuts it'

# 1.5 STRESS

Stress normally occurs on the first syllable of a word which has up to three or four syllables. Some exceptions are:

- a)  $\underline{\underline{*}}$  is never stressed unless the only other vowels in the word are  $\underline{\underline{*}}$  or other barred  $\underline{\underline{*}}$  .
- b)  $\underline{e}$  is never stressed unless the only other vowels in the word are  $\underline{\bullet}$  or other  $\underline{e}$  .

1		,	
<u>mitik</u>	man	k-evat	'he gives'
ma te	Women	k-atip	'he talks'
nepere	dog	k-ekintip	'he.steals'
perpere	flying fox	k-irir	She runs away!
<u>hine</u>	ром	k-isawin	'he.hides'
<u>teinkk</u>	fallen wood	k-ewat-uwek-em	he.gives.tohim.them
<u>tukin</u>	slit gong		(he gives them to him)
hihi	ironwood		

### 2 WORD

#### O INTRODUCTION

An Au word is a construction in the grammatical hierarchy between stem level and phrase level. The word is composed of a single morpheme and also a limited number of affixes showing plurality on kinship nouns.

Most Au words are not inflected, but on the phrase level they take modifiers which must manifest the person, gender and number of the <u>head</u> tagmeme. Words manifest phrase level (the most common distribution), clause level and sentence level constructions.

#### 1 STEMS

Most words in Au are uninflected free forms which are complete morphological units in themselves. There are, however, a few reduplicated stems which occur. There a only a small number and they are listed below.

#### 1.1 REDUPLICATED STEMS

Complete reduplication of foots to form words occurs with verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs.

# 1.1.1 ADJECTIVES

yainyain 'lagy'
weiwei 'soft'
mutmut 'spotted'

#### 1.1.2 ADVERBS

mainmain 'slowly, quietly'
waswas 'quickly

### 1.1.3 NOUNS

kukirkukir 'noise (of footsteps) '
kerker 'noise (of pounding something) '
hinhin 'arrow(design) '
tapintapin 'gooseflesh bumps '

#### 1.1.4 **VERBS**

hanhan 'desire'

(e)hinhin 'be startled'

(e)perper 'shake with fear'

(e)taritari 'insensible; crazy; drunk '

### 2 WORD CLASSES

### 2.1 WORD CLASSES WITH LIMITED INFLECTION

Word classes are distinguished on the basis of their external distribution in phrase, clause or sentence level tagmemes and by their internal structure within a particular word class. Some words are grouped into sub-classes on the basis of distribution and internal structure (ie. inflection versus non-inflection).

### 2.1.1 NOUNS

Nouns are divided into two classes: 1) inflecting and 2) noninflecting. Nouns are a class of free forms which manifest head of
general noun phrase, as well as tagmemes in all other noun phrases,
temporal phrase, location phrase, interrogative phrase, numeral phrase
and relator-axis phrases.

#### 2.1.1.1 INFLECTING NOUNS

Inflecting nouns include only human and kinship nouns. These all inflect for number.

### a) General Personal Noun

General personal nouns change their basic form to show number distinction only. They manifest tagmemes in all noun phrases except qualified noun phrase and reduplicated noun phrase. examples:

<u>mětěk</u>	man'	mite	'woman'
mitikit	two men!		
mit	'men'	miyepêr	'women'

#### b) KINSHIP PERSONAL NOUN

Kinship personal nouns change their basiz forms to show number distinction, or they take a pluralizing affix. Kinship personal nouns manifest all tagmemes manifested by general personal noun and have the same restrictions (do not manifest qualified noun and reduplicated noun phrase). Some words (like boy, girl, grandchild) lose gender distinction in the plural, but this is restored by modifiers on the phrase level(see Section 3-3.1.1.4)

examples:

<u>n±kan</u>	'son; boy'	maam	'ancestor'
nikerek	'children'	maamrer	'ancestors'

<u>niki</u>	'daughter'	nepenyek	grandson!
<u>nåkerek</u>	'children'	nepenyerer	grandchildren '
<u>haai</u>	'father'	miye	'mother'
haairer	'fathers'	miyerer	'mothers'

#### 2.1.1.2 NON-INFLECTING NOUNS

Non-inflecting nouns include animate and inanimate nouns.

Inanimate nouns are sub-divided into classes on the basis of distribution in phrases and clauses.

### a) ANIMATE NOUNS

Animate nouns manifest tagmemes in all noun phrase types except qualified noun phrase and reduplicated noun phrase.

examples:

nepere	'dog'	hore	'bird'
suvare	'chicken'	<u>mineiket</u>	'lizard'
sak	'pig'	manpen	†snake†
wenkene	'cassowary'	waas	'rhinoceros beetle'
miyak	'marsupial;	<u>pånike</u>	worm

# b) INANIMATE NOUNS

Inanimate nouns are sub-divided into the following categories:

1) Temporal Nouns

Temporal nouns manifest tagmemes of temporal phrase and tagmemes on clause.

examples:

<u>wepni</u>	'sun; daylight'	wepni yaaik	'dry	season'
<u>wataan</u>	'night'	hauwi hitan	'wet	season!
wenke	moon; month			

### 2) General Inanimate

General inanimate nouns manifest tagmemes of <u>locative phrase</u> and tagmemes of <u>possessive relator-axis phrase</u> and various noun phrases. These generally include most inanimate nouns when no collocational restrictions occur.

### examples:

<u>niu</u>	sago!	welsaak	'forest house'
winiak	house	mani	'river'
nu	'tree'	<u>hê têk</u>	*stream*
witeik	'village'	<u>han</u>	'waterhole'
yaank	'forest'	<u>miniu</u>	'mountain'
yeno	'bed'	<u>ni</u>	'garden'

#### 2.1.2 PRONOUNS

Pronouns are a closed class which substitute for nouns and are a means of intensifying nouns or giving gender and number to them.

Pronouns manifest Subject and Object and Topic tagmemes of clause, and various phrase level tagmemes. There are five sub-classes of pronouns which are distinguished on the basis of their distribution.

# 2.1.2.1 FREE PRONOUNS

There are four classes of free pronouns which are divided on the basis of their distribution.

# a) General Pronoun

General pronoun manifests tagmemes on clause and <u>head</u> tagmeme in <u>qualified pronoun phrase</u> and <u>head</u> in <u>intensive</u> <u>pronoun phrase</u>.

See Chart C.

Chart C
General (Subject) Pronouns

	Singular	Dual	Plural
lst Person	<u>hi</u>	hawar	<u>haiu</u>
2nd Person	ti_	<u>yi</u>	<u>yi</u>
3rd Person			
male .	<u>h£rak</u>	hirakit	h <b>i</b> r
female	hire	hir	IIII.
neuter	hirak	hirem	hirem

# b) Reflexive Pronoun

Reflexive pronoun exclusively manifests intensifier tagmeme of intensive pronoun phrase. See Chart D .

Chart D
Reflexive Pronouns

	Singular	Dual	Plural
1st Person	<u>hirakes</u>	hirakses	hiras
2nd Person	hirakes	hires	hiras
3rd Person		1 1 <del>10</del> 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
male	<u>h<b>i</b>rakes</u>	htrakses	Ind one o
female	hirahes	h <del>i</del> ras	<u>h<del>i</del>ras</u>
neuter	hirakes	hàrames	hirames

## c) Demonstrative Pronouns

Demonstrative pronouns manifest Object tagmeme and Comment tagmeme on clause, and <u>qualifier</u> tagmeme in <u>general noun phrase</u>. See Chart E .

Chart E
Demonstrative Pronouns

	Singular	Dual	Plural
this	<u>ik</u>	<u>1t</u>	im
that	<u>eik</u>	eit	eim

### d) Possessive Pronouns

Possessive pronouns manifest <u>possessive</u> tagmeme of <u>general</u> noun phrase. The initial consonant shows the gender and number of the item possessed, and the remaining part shows the person, gender and number of the possessor. The horizontal parameter of Chart F manifests the item possessed, while the vertical parameter manifests possessor. See Chart F.

Chart F
Possessive Pronouns

		Possessiv	9 Pronouns		
	Masc-Neut Singular	Feminine Singular	Masculine Dual	Masc-Fem Plural	Neuter Plural
lst Sing	k-ai	<u>p-&amp;i</u>	<u>t-ai</u>	n-ai	m-ai
2nd Sing	<u>k-1t</u>	p-it	<u>t-1t</u>	n-it	m-it
3rd Sing		-			·
masc	k-irak	p-trak	t-irak	n-irak	m-irak
fem	k-ire	p-ire	t-ire	n-ire	m-ire
neuter	k-irak	p-irak	t-irak	n-irak	m-trak
1st Dual	k-avėr	p-auir	t-awir	n-awir	m-844r
2nd Dual	<u>k-1</u>	<u>p-i</u>	<u>t-i</u>	<u>n-i</u>	<u>m-1</u>
3rd Dual			·	~-~	,
masc	k-irakit	p-£rak£t	t-irakit	n-traktt	m-irakit
fem	k-ir	p-ir	<u>t-±r</u>	n-ir	<u>m-ir</u>
neuter	k-irem	p-irem	t-irem	n-irem	m-irem
lst Pl	k-aiu	p-eiu	t-aiu	<u>n-aiu</u>	m-aiu
2nd Pl	<u>k-i</u>	<u>p-1</u>	<u>t-i</u>	<u>n-1</u>	<u>m-i</u>
3rd Pl					
	k-ir	p-ir	t-ir	n-ir	m-ir
masc			1		
masc fem	kair	pair	tekr	nair	makr

### 2.1.2.2 BOUND PRONOUNS

There are two sub-classes of bound pronouns which are divided on the basis of distribution.

# a) Benefactive Pronouns

Benefactive pronouns manifest benefactive suffix on transitive verbs and take the place of nouns which normally follow the Predicate of a clause. See Chart I under 2.3.1.4.3

# b) OBJECTIVE PRONOUNS

Objective pronouns are bound forms manifesting Object suffix on transitive verbs. They take the place of nouns which normally

follow the Predicate of a clause. Objective pronouns occur immediately following benefactive pronouns bound to transitive verbs. See Chart J under 2.3.1.4.3 of this section for a complete description.

### 2.1.3 ADJECTIVES

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Adjectives manifest descriptive of general noun phrase, modifier tagmeme in general locative phrase, and head tagmeme of intensified adjective phrase and qualified adjective phrase. Adjectives are subdivided by their distribution in various phrases.

a) Class 1 adjectives manifest descriptive tagmeme of general noun phrase and Comment tagmeme of Equative Clause.

examples:

<u>niniuk</u>	'male animal'	petop	'soft;new'
henpeti	female animal	yinak	short!
<u>hinpi</u>	'male human'	<u>nokik</u>	'long'
pauw±	'female human'	yaaik	'good'
wein <b>ik</b>	'empty'	<u>enuk</u>	'evil'
tokik	'old; strong'		

b) Class 2 adjectives manifest modifier tagmeme of general locative phrase.

examples:

<u>kike</u> 'little' <u>iuwe</u> 'big' <u>enum</u> 'very'

c) Class 3 adjectives manifest relator tagmeme of <u>possessive relator-axis phrase</u>.

examples:

yinamin	'blue, green'	hike	white!
<u>Yawir</u>	'red'	<u>ni piak</u>	'black'
kono	'yellow'	winip	'orange'

d) Class 4 adjectives manifest head tagmeme in intensified adjective phrase and head 1 of qualified adjective phrase examples:

enum	'bad'	tokik	'old; strong'
yaaik	'good'	<u>kike</u>	'small'

iuwe	'large'	yinak	'short'	
nokik	'long'	petep	'soft'	

e) Class 5 adjectives manifest modifier tagmeme in intensified adjective phrase and head 2 in qualified adjective phrasel examples:

enum	'very'	<u>kike</u>	'slightly'
wetpen	'very'	iuwe	'very;big'

### 2.1.4 NUMERALS

Numerals manifest tagmemes in <u>numeral phrases</u>, <u>quantity</u> tagmeme in <u>general noun phrase</u>, which in turn embeds in <u>qualified pronoun phrase</u> manifesting <u>qualifier tagmeme</u>. Numerals are sub-divided on the basis of their distribution in numeral phrases.

a) Class I numeral manifests general numeral phrase and quantity in general noun phrase. example:

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wikes wikes four!
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b) Class 2 numerals manifest <u>distributive numeral phrase</u>. examples:

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kiutapkiutap'everyone, each one'oneonewikwiktwotwo each; two apiece'
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c) Class 3 numerals manifest counter tagme in secondary numeral phrase.
examples:

hispinak hand.side

his-wiyen 'ten' hand.two sides

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Adverbs manifest Manner tagmeme of Clause and head 1 and head 2 of intensified adverb phrase. Adverbs are classified on their distribution in clauses and phrases.

a) Class 1 locatives manifest <u>locational</u> tagmeme of <u>general</u> <u>locative</u> <u>phrase</u>.

examples:

'down below' 'near' kesiyen menep yżanimin lfarl kirapit 'adjoining' kėnėk 'underneath' kiriu 'against' 'inside; middle' fon! niminiuwe kentar lupt 'inside' kekre kentir

b) Class 2 locatives manifest modifier tagmeme of general locative phrase.

examples:

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<u>in</u> 'here

ein there!

iuwe 'middle'

c) Class 3 locatives manifest <u>locational</u> tagmeme of <u>positional</u>

<u>locative phrase</u>. These are verbs which function as locationals,
and only these three occur.

examples:

keit 'it.at,in'

k-au 'it.on'

k-uwaai 'it.on'

k-eit yinak ei-k 'at that end' it.at side.it that.it

k-au niu ein 'up high there'

it.on high there

k-uwaai pina-k i-k 'on this side'

k-eit ein over there

#### 2.1.6 INTERROGATIVES

Interrogatives are a closed class of words which manifest Interrogative tagmeme of Interrogative Clause, and tagmemes on phrase. Interrogatives may occur as Subject or Object in Clause, and various tagmemes on phrase, with few cooccurrence restrictions.

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a) Class 1 interrogatives manifest tagmemes on clause level. examples:

k-uwaai meruri 'it.when' kenmak 'it.why'

k-erkeik 'it.how; where' k-eimin 'wholit'

meka-k 'what.it' k-eiyan 'it.who'

neiyin where marmenu-m how many.them

b) Class 2 interrogatives manifest axis of possessive relatoraxis phrase and alternate 2 of alternate noun phrase. examples:

meka-k 'what.it' k-eimin 'it,who'

neiyan where k-eiyan it.who!

c) Class 3 interrogatives manifest axis of analogic relator-axis phrase.

examples:

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meka-k 'what.it'

k-eimin 'it.who'

k-eiyin 'he.who'

#### 2.1.7 CONJUNCTIONS

Conjunctions manifest conjoining tagmeme in phrase, sentence and paragraph.

examples:

or' (manifests conjoining tagmeme of alternate noun phrase and Alternate Sentence.

<u>ere</u> 'until' (manifests conjoining tagmeme of temporal span phrase and Span Sentence.)

kentar 'because; on account of' (manifests conjoining tagmeme of Resultant Dependent Clause and Causative Sentence.)

te 'but, if, therefore, lest' (manifests conjoining tagmeme of <u>Condition Sentence</u> and RESULT PARAGRAPH.)

su 'but' ( manifests conjoining tagmeme of <u>Contrast</u>

Sentence and ANTI-THETICAL PARAGRAPH.)

# 2.2 WORDS WITH NO INFLECTION (PARTICLES)

#### 2.2.1 RESPONSE WORDS

Response words manifest Response tagmeme of Outer Periphery on Sentence.

examples:

O 'yes'

werek 'okay; that is fine'

au 'no'

### 2.2.2 EXCLAIMATIONS

Exclaimations manifest Exclaimation tagmeme of Outer Periphery of Sentence.

examples:

ko 'surprise'

heiyo 'surprise; fear; pleasure'

# 2.2.3 INTERJECTIONS

Interjections manifest phrase and sentence level tagmemes. examples:

ke 'hey' (manifests attention tagmeme of attention phrase.)

werek enough (manifests Comment tagmeme of Equative Clause.)

#### 2.2.4 NEGATIVES

Negatives are sub-divided into two classes. Class 1 manifests (negative) aspect of general verb phrase. Class 2 manifests Negative tagmene of Sentence and Comment tagmene of Equative Clause.

a) Class 1 negatives:

ap 'not'

b) Class 2 negatives:

au 'not'

auwiye 'not' (emphatic)

taau 'not;not possible'

taauwiye 'impossible' (emphatic)

### 2.2.5 ADVERBS

Adverbs manifest Manner tagmeme of Clause and <u>head 1</u> and <u>head 2</u> of intensified adverb phrase. Adverbs are classified on their distribution in clauses and phrases.

a) Class 1 adverbs manifest aspect tagmeme of general verb phrase.

pike 'again'
wen 'still;yet'

b) Class 2 adverbs manifest head tagmemes of intensified adverb phrase.

mainmain 'slowly' waswas 'quickly; fast'

werek werek 'well' hisiuwe 'loudly; strongly'

### 2.2.6 TEMPORALS

Temporals manifest tagmemes of <u>temporal phrases</u> and Time tagmeme of Clause. Temporals are sub-divided into three classes on the basis of their distribution in temporal <u>phrases</u>.

a) Class 1 temporals manifest <u>head</u> tagmeme in <u>definite</u> temporal phrase and <u>head</u> tagmemes of <u>intensified</u> temporal <u>phrase</u> and temporal <u>span</u> <u>phrase</u>.

hinkiuwe 'afternoon' witaan 'night'

(also English days of the week as used in tok pisin )

b) Class 2 temporals manifest <u>definite</u> time tagmeme of <u>definite</u> time <u>phrase</u> and <u>head</u> tagmemes of <u>temporal span phrase</u>.

teipmen 'tomorrow' nepup 'yesterday'

tapun 'day after patepin 'today'

tomorrow'

teiyunip two days after tanip tomorrow tomorrow! three days after

c) Class 3 temporals manifest head tagmeme of indefinite temporal phrase and head tagmeme of intensified temporal phrase.

naisiu 'in a while' (same day)

naisiu 'before' (two days ago)

naisiu 'later'(close) naisiu (same day)

naisiu 'before' (two days ago)

naisiu 'before' (one week)

tipmain 'later' nipaa (enum eik) 'before' (remote past)

tipmain (enum eik) later (distant fut)

## 2.3 MULTIPLE INFLECTED WORDS- VERBS

Verbs in Au have the following characteristics: 1) they manifest Predicate tagmeme of Clause 2) they have unique affixation as described in 2.3.1.4 below.

#### 2.3.1 VERB CLASSES

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Verbs are divided into three classes on the basis of their distribution in various clause types; these are Transitive, Di-transitive and Intransitive Clauses. A fourth class, stative verb, has very few occurrences and does not follow normal formation rules.

#### 2.3.1.1 TRANSITIVE VERBS

Transitive verbs manifest the Predicate tagmeme of Transitive Clause. There are seven sub-types of transitive verbs distinguished by the various affixes which they may or may not take.

a) Class I transitive verbs may take either a bound pronoun object or a free noun. See Charts I and J for an explaination of bound pronoun objects.

examples:

'he.sees.it' 'hesees a pig' k-ir sak k-ir-ek he.see pig he.sees.it 'he throws a stone.' 'he throws it' k-ewir nan k-evir-ek he.throws.it he.throws stone he gets the bread-'he gets it' k-eit kauke k-et-uwek fruit' he gets breadhe.gets.it

b) Class 2 transitive verbs may only take free noun objects. examples:

k-iriak he.beats	'he beats'	k-iriak tukin he.beats slit gong	'he beats the slit gong'
k-enep he.hits	he hits!	k-enep sak he.hits pig	he shoots the pig!
k-emian	'he dips'	k-emian tipar	'he dips water ' (with bamboo)

c) Class 3 transitive verbs take obligatory bound object marking pronouns as part of the verb stem. These operate following the agreement system explained in Section 1. Also see Chart J. examples:

k-erekir he.cuts.it	he cuts	it'	k-erekir nu 'he cuts the tree'
k-aak he.eats.it	he eats	it!	k-aak hore 'he eats a bird'
k-akip he.hits.him	the hits	him	k-akip haai 'he hits his father' he.hits.him father

d) Class 4 transitive verbs take optional infixes. When the pronoun object suffixes occur, they are infixed in the verb stem. Free nouns do not infix in verb stems. examples:

k-itehi	he asks!	k-it- <u>uwek</u> -hi 'he asks him'
he.asks		he.asks.him
k-ewenhi	he likes!	k-ewen- <u>uwek</u> -hi 'he likes him'
he.likes		he.likes.him
k-emi pin	he lies	k-emi-tuwek-pin the lies to him!
he.lies		he.lies. to him

e) Class 5 transitive verbs take no subject marking or aspect prefixes. These are body part ( noun + verb) idioms. examples:

han heart	<u>k-aa</u> it.dies	'forget'	here han kas tanik kire. she heart it.dies string it.hers bag
			'She forgot her string bag.'
<u>han</u> heart	towenin bends.pl	'mourn for'	he mourns for son he.his
			the mourns for his son.

f) Class 6 transitive werbs have discontinuous morphemes as their stems. The infixed bound pronoun refers to the subject rather

than the object.

examples:

k-in-k-atin 'hunts for' k-in-k-atin sak he.hunts.he.for pig 'He hunts for pigs'

w-in-w-atin hunts for w-in-w-atin sak she.hunts.she.for pig she hunts for the pig'

g) Class 7 transitive verbs are irregular. The verb and the object are indistinguishable in the stem, and they change for each person. See Chart G.

examples:

<u>m-eiyewo</u> 'hurts' <u>nanemur meiyewo</u> 'my eyes hurt' neut.pl.hurt me

k-eiyep he.hit me hits me keiyep a man hit me he.hit me

m-eiyo hungers' ninpi meiyo 'I am hungry' insides neut.pl.I hunger

Chart G

Irregular Transitive Verb <u>eiver</u> ' hit '.

	Singular	Dual	Plurel
1st Person	k- eiyep	k- ewepir	k- ewep
	he.struck.me	he.struck us(two)	he.struck.us (pl)
2nd Person	k- itep	k- iyep	k- iyep
	he.struck.you	he.struck.you(two)	he.struck.you (pl)
3rd Person			
maso	k- akip	k- aksip	k- anip
	heistruck him	he.struck.them(two)	he.struck.them (pl)
fem	k- aanp	k- anip	k- anip
	he.struck.her	he.struck.them.(two	he.struck.them. (pl)
neuter	k- akip	k- amip	k- amip
	he.struck.it	he.struck.them(two)	he.struck.them (pl)

<sup>\* &</sup>lt;u>k</u> (masculine singular) 'he' has been used as the subject all the way through the chart for illustrative clarity.

### 2.3.1.2 DI-TRANSITIVE VERBS

Di-transitive verbs manifest Predicate tagmeme of Di-transitive Clause.

examples:

k-atip he.speaks	he speaks; o	rows <u>kenine</u> he.calls	'he calls'
k-ikit	he crys!	<u>k-itehi</u>	'he asks'
k-enuwes-is he.laughs.pl	'he laughs'	k-ir he.sees	'he sees'

# 2.3.1.3 INTRANSITIVE VERBS

Intransitive verbs manifest Predicate tagmeme of Intransitive Clause. There are two sub-classes of intransitive verbs, divided on the formation of their future forms.

a) Class 1 intransitive verbs are regular verbs whose stems do not change upon forming the future tense/aspect mode.

examples:

k-ekir he.washes	he washes!	<u>k-ak-±kir</u> he•fut•wash	'he will wash'
k-irire he.dances	he dances!	k-ak-rire he.fut.dance	he will dance
k-esiuknen he.runs	the runst	k-ak-siuknen	'he will run'

b) Class 2 intransitive verbs are irregular verbs, whose stems become irregular upon forming the future tense/aspect mode. examples:

k-en he.goes	the goest	k-ak-no he.fut.go	he will go
k-an he.comes	'he comes'	k-ak-nen he.fut.come	'he will come'
h-en I.go	'I am going'	ano I.fut.go	'I will go'
h-an I.come	'I am coming'	anen I.fut.come	*I will come*

# 2.3.1.4 AFFIXATION

Affix classes are based on order of occurrence on the verb stem. There are two classes of prefixes, two classes of infixes and four classes of suffixes.

### 2.3.1.4.1 PREFIXES

There are two orders of prefixes: subject marker (first order) and aspect marker (second order). All members of a class are mutually exclusive in occurrence with the exception of aspect marker, which may form habitual past/customary action by combining its two sub-classes. There are no co-occurrence restrictions between classes of prefixes, although there are co-occurrence restrictions between certain prefixes and suffixes based on collocation.

a) Class 1 prefixes consist of subject markers for person, number and gender. They are given in chart H.

Chart H
Verbal Subject Prefixes

	Singular	Dual	Plural
lst Person	<u>h</u> -	<u>A-</u>	<u>m</u> -
2nd Person	<u>h</u> -	χ-	¥-
3rd Person		<del></del>	
masc	k-	t-	<b>.</b>
fem	W=	n-	n-
neuter	k-	m-	m-

- b) Class 2 prefixes are sub-divided into two groups. 10 marks the verb for future; 2) marks the verb for continuous aspect.
  - 1) Future Aspect

Future aspect is formed by adding a plus re-duplicating the subject marker, which immediately follows the a. These both occur following the subject marker.

k-ir he.sees	'he	8008	k-ak-ir he.fut.see	'he	will	8661
k-enep he.hits	'he	hits!	k-ak-nep he.fut.hit	'he	will	hit'
k-atin he.cuts	'he	cuts	k-ak-tin he.fut.cuts	' he	will	out!

2) Continuous Aspect

Continous aspect is formed by adding p (alternating with ip and pi) following the initial vowel of the verb. There are three forms which p may take and these are phonologically determined.

examples:

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k-au 'he sits down k-e-p-u 'he continues to talk'

k-au 'he sits down k-e-p-u 'he continues he c

k-uwaai 'he sleeps' k-kp-waai 'he continues sleeping' he.cont.sleeps

When future tense/aspect marker a comes together with p, they form the past habitual/ customary aspect. Again, phonologically determined variants occur.

examples:

1)'He used to go! he goes! k-ak-p-ino k-en 2) He usually goes! he goes he.fut.cont.goes 1) He used to talk! 'he talks' <u>k-ak-pi-tip</u> k-atip 2) He usually talks. he.fut.cont.talks he.talks 1) He used to sit (here) 'he sits' k-ak-p-au k-au 2) He usually sits(here)

# 2.3.1.4.2 INFIXES

There are two classes of infixes: 1) infixes which form part of the verb stem 2) pronoun objects which are optionally infixed into the verb stem.

a) Class 1 infixes are part of the verb stem and refer to the object which is to follow. Depending on the class of the transitive verb, the object may appear following the predicate or it may be omitted. If it is omitted, there must be a (referrent) noun object preceding this verb in a previous clause. examples:

k-erekir 'he cut it' k-akip 'he hit him'
he.cut.it he.hit.him

k-eremir 'he cut them' k-aak 'he ate it'
he.cut.them he.ate.it

k-erenir 'he cut them' k-aam 'he ate them' he.cut.them (masc/fem pl) he.ate.them (neuter pl)

he he.cut.it tree

hirak he he saw a man and he he hit him he hit him.

hirak kenep sak hirak kaak 'He shot a pig and he he.hit pig he he.ate.it ate it.'

b) Class 2 infixes are bound pronoun objects which have been placed in the middle of a verb stem. This stem by its inherent makeup requires the object before the end of the verb stem. There seems to be no formal rules which dictate which stem may do this and which may not. See Chart I for these pronouns.

examples:

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k-it-uwek-hi 'he asks him the askst k-itehi he asks him he asks k-im-uwek-nipin'he flatters him' k-imen±pin 'he flatters' he flatters him he.flatters k-emi-tuwek-pin 'he lies to him.' 'he lies' k-emipin he lies to him he.lies

### 2.3.1.4.3 SUFFIXES

There are four classes of suffixes: 1) resultative (first order)

2) benefactive (second order) 3) objective (third order) 4) reciprocal action. Reciprocal action is mutally exclusive with benefactive and objective, but occurs occasionally following resultative. More often, it appear alone.

class 1 resultative suffix duplicates the final consonant occurring in final position of the verb stem and adds a wowel to separate them (usually \*\frac{1}{2}\$ or \*\frac{1}{2}\$). Resultative suffix refines the basic semantic content of the verb and may also change it meaning. Resultative suffix never occurs when an infixed object appears as final consonant of the verb stem.

examples:

k-erekir 'he cut it' k-erekir-ir 'he cut it into pieces'

k-enep 'he.hit (hauwi)k-enep-ep 'rain is pouring it.hits (rain) it.hits.pl

k-ewep he breaks k-ewep-ep he breaks into he breaks pl pieces he breaks pl

b) Class 2 benefactive suffix occurs affixed to the stems of only transitive and di-transitive verbs. See Chart I.

Chart I
Benefactive Suffixes

	Singular	Dual	Plural
lst Person	-o/ -au	-awir	-ai/aiu
2nd Person	- <u>ut/-it</u>	<u>-∓</u>	- <u>i</u>
3rd Person			
masc	-uwek/-tuwek	-uwekit	-or/-ir
fem	-nne	-or/- <u>ir</u>	
neuter	- <u>uwek</u>	- <u>£rem</u>	- <u>krem</u>

c) Class 3 objective (direct object) suffixes follow class 2 suffix (in order) when they co-occur. Objective suffixes only occur with transitive and di-transitive verbs. Suffixes of 3rd person singular and dual have several variations which are phonologically determined. See Chart J.

Chart J
Objective Suffixes

	Singular	Dual	Plural
lst Person	- <u>\$</u> /- <u>aa</u>	-awir	-ai/aiu
2nd Person	- <u>it</u>	- <u>i</u>	-1
3rd Person			
MABO	-ek/ik/-kk/-aak	- <u>et/-es/</u> - <u>ikit/-aakit</u>	
Fem	-ep/-ip/-ie/-aa	- <u>i</u>	-1
neuter	-ek/-ik/-ak/-aak	- <u>em</u>	-em

d) Class 4 recipocal action suffix occurs as the final syllable in a small class of verbs whose collocational sense allows its occurrence. The allomorphic occurrences of reciprocal suffix are phonologically determined; (-an/-wan/-han).

n-atip they.talk	'they talk'	n-atip-an they talk together they talk racip
n-enep they.hit	'they hit'	n-enep-an they fight they hit.recip
n-ene they.scold	they scold!	n-ene-han they arguet they.scold.recip
n-enwo they.rape	they rape	n-enwo-wan they have sexual they rape secip intercourse
n-irir they.flee	they flee!	n-irir-an 'they elope; have they.flee.recip pre-marital sex'

The suffix an may not occur contiguous with vowels of the verb stem. Therefore, w occurs following back vowels, h occurs following central vowels, and -an by itself occurs elsewhere.

# 3 PHRASE

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#### O INTRODUCTION

An Au phrase has been defined as a construction in the grammatical hierarchy between word and clause level which is potentially composed of two or more words: a nuclear item or items (head) which are obligatory to the phrase, and various optional peripheral items which expand and modify the nuclear items.

Phrase constructions generally manifest tagmemes at the clause level, although there is a lot of recursion or embedding of phrases at phrase level.

### 1 REDUPLICATION

Reduplication is a common feature in au phrase occurring with nouns, temporals, locationals, adjectives and adverbs. In Au, there is complete reduplication of the first word of the phrase. Various semantic relationships are handled by complete reduplication.

### 1.1 DISTRIBUTION

The reduplication of some numerals indicate distribution. Plurality is usually implicit in the phrase.

examples:

<u>wik</u>	'two'	wik wik	'two apiece!
kiutép	'one'	kiutėp kiutėp	'every one;

### 1.2 DIVERSITY

Reduplication of nouns indicates diversity of the action of the verb.

Plurality is also implicit in these phrases.

examples:

ein	*there!	<u>ein ein</u>	'all over; everywhe <b>re</b> '
wit	'village'	wit wit	'every village; all places'

#### 1.3 INTENSIFICATION

Reduplication of adjectives, temporal nouns and adverbs indidates intensification or increased quantity.

adverbs

'many' yapruwe yapruwe 'very many' yapruve 'like that' 'did it that karek karek karek way many times! temporal nouns 'morning' ekrit ekrit 'daily; everyday' ekrit witaan witaan 'every night' 'night' w**i**taan adjectives 'very bad' 'bad' enum enum enum hisiuwe hisiuwe 'very big' hisiuwe 'big'

#### 2 IDIOMS

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Idioms are contraversial items in Papua New Guinea languages, as some linguists feel they are just compound forms which reflect world view, not idioms as we understand them in English. I have chosen to describe these phenomena which occur in Au on the phrase level. Compound words which form one new meaning are also included in this section because they are formed in a manner similar, although they lack the one distinctive characteristic of the others: a body part.

### 2.1 NOUN-VERB

A noun-verb idiom manifests predicate tagmeme on clause. When this form occurs, it is considered stative because it never inflects for the subject (agent) of the clause in which it manifests the Predicate. The verb usually inflects to show tense/aspect, person, number and gender. Noun-verb idiom only inflects for the person and number of the noun which manifests head tagmeme.

# examples:

'forget' han k-aa it.dies 'likes; feels affection for' towen-in <u>han</u> bends.pl heart 'excite; be surprised' k-ekrit han heart it.stands 'desire; covet' hemkre + m-enep-am neut pl.hits.recip heart

#### 2.2 NOUN-NOUN

Two nouns may occur together forming a word. These are infrequent but they do occur.

hit leg	+	par joint	'ankle'
<u>han</u> heart	+	<u>han</u> heart	'desire; want'
his hand	+	hit leg	'body'
hore bird	+	him mouth	'eagle; hawk'

# 2.3 NOUN-ADJECTIVE

A noun-adjective combination occur together forming a word whose semantic content may be described as "a state of being or condition".

examples:

h <u>it</u> leg	+	nokim long	'far away'
<u>han</u> heart	+	enu-k bad.it	'angry'
<u>han</u> heart	+	<u>taai-k</u> good-it	'happy'
naan eye	+	toto dark	'blind'
nikip ear	+	toto dark	'deaf'
tu stomac	+ h	enu-k bad.it	'upset stomach'
<u>yėnk</u> skin	+	sisi hot	'fever'
<u>yink</u> skin	+	enu-m bad.neut pl	'embarrassed'
hit leg	+	enu-m bad.neut pl	'crippled'
teruk throat		enu-k bad.it	'sore throat'

# 2.4 VERB-NOUN

A verb-noun combination may occur together forming a new word. The verb always inflects for tense/aspect, person, gender and number of the clause it manifests.

k-eket + he.digs out	<u>han</u> heart	the remembers!
k-ewen + he.bends	naan eye	the secretly watches; spyst
k-ikaam + he.lifts up	naan eye	the looks upt
k-ewer + he.throws	his hand	'he punches'
k-uwaai + he.lays down	hát leg	he kicks!
k-uwaai + he.lays down	naan eye	the looks around!
k-ewers + he.twists off	hit leg	'he twists(his) ankle' (usual use is'to pick corm)

### 2.5 VERB-VERB

A verb-verb combination may occur together forming a new word. Both verbs must inflect for tense/aspect, person, number and gender of the clause in which they occur, A verb-verb combination manifests Predicate on Clause.

# examples:

k-enke + he.falls	k-ari he.pulls	'he hangs upside down'
k-atip + he.talks	k-ises he.follows	'he gossips about'
k-ewirnak + he.throws.it	k-eitet he.follows	'he warns against'

# 3 PHRASE TYPES

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The Au phrase types have been classified on the basis of word classes which manifest nuclear tagmemes in conjunction with tagmemes on phrase or clause level which they manifest. For example, verb phrases have verbs manifesting nuclear tagmemes and usually manifest Predicate tagmeme of Clause. Each phrase has been classified as to it primary manifestation; this is to simplify the charting of phrase types because several phrase types manifest more than one phrase or clause tagmeme.

There are ten major phrase types as shown in Chart K .

Chart K
Phrase Types

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Phrase Type	Nuclear Tagmeme Manifestation	Clause/Phrase level Tagmemes Manifested by the Phrase
noun	noun	Subject, Object - Clause Level
pronoun	pronoun	Subject - Clause level
temporal	temporal	Time - Clause level
locative	· locative	Location - Clause level
interrogative	interrogative	Interrogative - Clause level
adverb	adverb	Manner - Clause level
adjective	adjective	general noun phrase tagmemes
numeral	numeral	general noun phrase tagmemes
relator-axis	locative/possessive/	
verb	instrument verb	Predicate - Clause level

### 3.1 NOUN PHRASES

Noun phrases primarily manifest Subject and Object tagmemes of clause, but they may also manifest Location and Time tagmemes. There is a great deal of embedding of phrases into <u>noun phrase</u>. Other phrase types have relatively little embedding.

Noun phrases are divided into two major types: 1) head-head relationship and head-modification relationship. There are various contrastive types within each of these groups, distinguished on the basis of number of tagmemes, kinds of tagmemes, manifesting classes of tagmemes and manifestation in other constructions.

# 3.1.1 HEAD-MODIFYING NOUN PHRASES

There are five contrastive <u>head-modifying</u> type <u>noun phrases</u> and some of these have sub-variants.

### 3.1.1.1 QUALIFIED NOUN PHRASE

+ Qualifier	+ <u>Head</u>
noun	noun
gnp	
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Both tagmemes are obligatory. Head tagmeme is manifested by a noun

that is different from the noun of <u>qualifier</u> tagmeme. <u>Qualifier</u> tagmeme is manifested by noun or <u>qualified</u> noun phrase. <u>Qualified</u> noun phrase embeds in other phrases as well as manifesting clause level tagmemes.

The co-occurrence variants are as follows:

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a) QUALIFIED NOUN PHRASE- LOCATION primarily manifests location tagmeme of clause. Head tagmeme is manifested by a location noun and qualifier tagmeme is manifested by a place name noun which is a sub-set of location noun.

examples:

'Nut Tree village' wit 'Oban river' amis mani opan village nut tree river Opan wit tuwaan Breadfruit tree 'Puko forest' Puko yaank village breadvillage! forest Puko fruit 'Tupip Tree road' 'Tank stream' tarwe ya h<u>i tik</u> tank road Tulip Tree stream Tank enuk 'Bad Place road' wit road place bad

b) QUALIFIED NOUN PHRASE- PERSON has head tagmeme manifested by person noun or a kinship noun. Qualifier tagmeme is manifested also by person noun or a kinship noun. examples:

maam nipu 'great grandparent; lineage head'
ancestor remote

niki suware daughter chicken 'man's sister's daughter; niece'

n<u>kan</u> suware 'man's sister's son! nephew' chicken

meni nikan 'tumbuan(figure) son' tumbuan

c) QUALIFIED NOUN PHRASE- GENERAL has head tagmeme manifested by general inanimate noun or (generic) animate noun. Qualifier tagmeme is manifested by general inanimate noun, general personal animate noun, and non-inflecting animate noun. examples:

pnake coconut branch 'coconut branch'

<u>nipu</u>

large appendage

'big toe'

<u>suware</u> <u>nikim</u> chicken offspring 'baby chicks'

<u>suware yinu</u> chicken genitals; eggs 'chicken eggs'

bird

him mouth 'eagle; hawk'

manpen mewenekin constrictor 'boa constrictor' (snake)

3.1.1.2 REFERENTIAL NAME PHRASE

+ Name	+ <u>Head</u>
personal name	kinship noun

Name tagmems is obligatory and is manifested by personal name noun. Head tagmeme is obligatory and is manifested by a kinship noun. Referential name phrase manifests a clause level tagmeme (Subject or Object).

examples:

Yinen-ai

'Yinen's father'

(these are terms of address)

Yinen-father

<u>Kiwi-ai</u> Kiwi-father 'Kiwi's father'

wanu-miye

'Wanu's mother'

Wanu-mother

'Saine's mother'

Saine-miye Saine-mother

# 3.1.1.3 GENERAL NOUN PHRASE

+ <u>Read</u>	+ ( <u>+</u> Poss	+ Descriptive	+ Quantity	+ Qualifier)
prn	possessive	adjective	numeral	kerekek
noun	pronoun	,	nu p	'only'
qnp	poss r-a p			<u>ik</u>
800 p	qnp			'this'
coord n p	l <u> </u>			
kin coord interrog n				

Head tagmeme is obligatory and at least one other tagmeme must occur. Head tagmeme is manifested by the items listed in the bi-dimensional array. No example has been found in which all four examples occur; the usual number is two or three. The order is fixed and tagmemes occur as displayed in the array. General noun phrase embeds in other noun phrases and also in qualified pronoun phrase, and manifests clause level tagmemes. A variant of general noun phrase includes body part nouns manifesting head tagmeme and adjectives of quality manifesting descriptive. This variant is formed as described in Section 2(IDIOMS).

### a) General Noun Phrase

examples:

nikan son	k-irak he.his	kiutip he.one	kereke-k only.he	his only son'
mit men	han some.they	n-e they.from	tumentonik Tumentonik	some men from Tumentonik
nikan l	kirak he.his	kereke-k only.he		'just his son'
miyepi: women		yaai-n good.they		'our lovely women'
mitik man	ha-k another.he			another man
haw <b>i</b> r we.du	keriyen only.pl			'just us'
menmen someth	enu-m ing bad.neut	pl		'something bad'

# b) General Noun Phrase- Variant

Head is manifested by a body part noun, and descriptive is manifested by an adjective. This variant manifests Comment of Equative clause. These have been considered under 2.3 of IDIOMS and the examples are given there in full. examples:

<u>han</u> heart	+	enu-k bad.it	'angry'
naan eye	+	toto dark	'blind'
tu stomach	+	enu-k bad.it	'upset stomach'
hāt legs	+	enu-m bad.neut pl	'crippled'

### 3.1.1.4 AMPLIFIED NOUN PHRASE

+ Head	+ Specifier
pronoun	pronoun
prn mod p	person n
gnp	loc n
	<u>qnp</u>
	gnp
	poss r-a p
	poss p- loc
	coord n p
	serial n p

Head and specifier tagmemes are both obligatory. Specifier tagmeme is either an after thought or a purposeful amplification of head tagmeme. Amplified noun phrase manifests clause level tagmemes.

### examples:

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- 1. nu nu k-e vi wood, wood for a gateway wood wood it.for gateway
- 2. haiu mit hi yinenai we men, I and Yinen's father, we.pl men I Yinen-father

  Harve Meire

  Harve Meire
- 3. <u>haiu nakerek m-e Witne</u> we children from Witne we.pl children we.from Witne
- 4. <u>nåkerek</u> <u>hårakåt</u> 'male children' male
- 5. haiu hi ekite Tilwi 'we, I and Tilwi and my betelnut brother' (blood brother)

  matan kai

matan kai betel brother he.mine

- 6. his his yaai-m m-ai Shand, my right hand hand good.neut pl them.my
- 7. <a href="mailto:nikim">nikim</a> <a href="https://hittage.nikim">hitem</a> <a href="female">female</a> <a href="female">female</a> <a href="female">female</a> <a href="female">offspring</a>

# 3.1.1.5 APPOSITIONAL NOUN PHRASE

+ Head	+ Apposition
noun	verbal clause
qnp	Sequence sen

Both tagmemes are obligatory. The <u>head</u> tagmeme is manifested only by noun or <u>qualified noun phrase</u>. <u>Apposition</u> tagmeme is manifested only by verbal clauses and by <u>Sequence Sentence</u>. <u>Appositional noun phrase</u> which in English manifests relative clause, embeds in all clause level tagmemes except Predicate and Manner. Although various types of nouns (ie. location, temporal) have co-occurrence restrictions, I have grouped all fillers of <u>head</u> tagmeme together.

examples:

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- tuwaan perpere m-aa-k
   breadfruit tree flying fox they ate.it
   ..the breadfruit tree on which the flying foxes were eating!
- 2. tuwaan kerek nempei ein perpere breadfruit which before there flying fox

  menan-ek ke-p-w-ik they.carry.him he.cont.sat.it
  - ...the breadfruit tree from which the flying foxes previously carried him as he sat on it.
- 3. winiak mitik k-imaa-k house man he-builds.it

  the house which the man built...
- 4. keit wit kerek hore k-enke k-uwaai ti (location) he.at place where bird it.fell it.lay ground

  1...at the place where the bird fell to the ground.
- 5. keriuwe hine hi nipaa hewet-uwek-em (instrument) he with bow I before I.gave.to him.them
- 6. hirak k-etike Markus k-e Yemnu wit (accompaniment) he he.and Markus he.from Yemnu village

  1.he and Marcus from Yemnu village...
- 7. me wa haiu m-en wititai we on day we.pl we.go Wititai

# 3.1.2 HEAD-HEAD NOUN PHRASES

There are five contrastive head-head noun phrases.

# 3.1.2.1 ACCOMPANIMENT NOUN PHRASE

+Head 1	+ Conjunction	+ Head 2
noun	-ekite	noun
gnp	'with, and'	gnp
		prn

All three tagmemes are obligatory. Head 2 tagmeme may appear affixed to conjoining tagmeme when head 2 tagmeme is manifested by a pronoun.

Accompaniment noun phrase manifests various noun phrase tagmemes (ie. appositional, amplified, etc..) and also Subject and Object tagmemes of clause.

## examples:

- 1. Yinene k-ekite hasi k-irak ten yaank
  Yinen he.and father he.his they.du.go forest
  'Yinen and his father (went to the forest).'
- 2. <u>hi</u> <u>hekite</u> <u>masta</u> I.and expatriate
  - 'I and the white man'
- 3. nepere kerepe-p w-ekite haai miye dog only.she she.and father mother just a female dog and her owners
- 4. Nowiyan k-ekite Weisu
  Nowiyan he. and Weisu
  Nowiyan and Weisu
- 5. hirak k-ekite haai k-irak t-e Puank he and his father (both) from Puonk village!
- 6. haiu m-ekiteri men we pl. we pl. and they we pl. went

  'we all along with them went...'

# 3.1.2.2 ALTERNATIVE NOUN PHRASE

<u> =                                   </u>	+ Alternate	junction	+ <u>Co</u>	Alternate 1	+
	pronoun	tort	<u>o</u>	pronoun	
	noun			noun	
<b>.</b>	anp nose n n			gnp	
_	interrog p	'		poss n p	
_	poss n p interrog			poss n p	ł

All tagmemes are obligatory. Both <u>alternate</u> tagmemes are manifested by the same fillers or class of fillers, but the manifestations between the bases are different. One exception is that <u>alternate 2</u> may take an interrogative pronoun, but <u>alternate 1</u> may not. <u>Conjoining</u> tagmeme is manifested by <u>O</u> 'or'. Alternative noun phrase manifests Subject, Object and Location tagmemes of clause.

# examples:

- 1. (hire w-ine) nikan o niki?
  she she.bore son or daughter
  Did she bear a boy or a girl?
- 2. (harak apai k-en) Yemnu o Wit toni-nuk?
  he complete he.went Yemnu or place mud.bad

  Has he gone to Yemnu or The Village of Mud?
- 3. Hirak o haai kirak he his father...
- 4. (here wen weit) wik o wikak she she went she got two or three three

# 3.1.2.3 KINSHIP COORDINATE NOUN PHRASE

+ Head 1	+ Head <u>2</u>
kinship	kinship
noun	noun

Both head tagmemes are obligatory and each is manifested by a kinship noun. The combinations are fixed and indicate a kinship relationship.

Kinship co-ordinate noun phrase embeds in accompaniment noun phrase and also manifests Subject and Object of clause. One variant miye hasi mother father also manifests Sentence Periphery and is an expression of surprise, amazement or fear.

#### examples:

- 1. nikan niki son and daughter son and daughter
- 2. miye haai mother and father mother father
- 3. <u>yenten yenten</u> 'brother and sister' opposite sex sibblings
- 4. (meni) haai nikan '(tumbuan figure(father and son' tumbuan father son

# 3.1.2.4 REDUPLICATED NOUN PHRASE

+ Head 1	+ Head 2
noun j	noun j
gnp	gnp

Both head tagmemes are obligatory and are manifested by identical items. The deep structure relationship between the two tagmemes is primarily that of plurality or diversity. Reduplicated noun phrase is manifested by locational, manner, numeral and temporal nouns, and also general noun phrase.

examples:

wit wit place place

'every village'

<u>wi ham wi ham</u> days some days some

'sometimes'

ekrit ekrit morning morning

'everyday'

tipmain tipmain

later

'forever; a long time'

yain yain

later

<u>n-iutip</u>

'lazy'

clear clear

n-iutip

'everyone'

#### 3.1.2.5 SERIAL NOUN PHRASE

+ Head 1	+ Head 2	+ Head n
pronoun noun	pronoun noun	noun
gnp kin np coord np	gnp kin np coord np	kin np

Head 1 and head 2 tagmemes are obligatory. Head n is optional, but may occur any number of times; in present data it has been observed three times. Serial noun phrase manifests Subject, Object and location tagmemes of clause.

- 1. hi tilwi matan k-ai he.mine friend
  - ' I and Tilvi and my betelnut partner (blood brother) '
- 2. Sako Kiwi-ai Harwe Sobetan Yinen-ai Yinen-father
  - Sako, Kiwi's father, Harwe, Sobitan and Yinen's father!
- 3. haiu m-an wititai witweis wit tuwaan wesin we.pl we pl. Wititai Witweis Wit tuwaan Wesin came

  two came to (the villages of) Wititai, Witweis, Wit Tuwaan and Wesin
- 4. patepin teipmen tapun teiyunip tanip
  today tomorrow day after three days from four days from
  tomorrow today today
  - today, tomorrow, the next day, the day after that, and the day after that.

# 3.1.3 ATTENTION PHRASE

+ Attention	+ <u>Head</u>	+ Location
ke 'hey'	kinship noun personal name noun	<b>ට</b> වේ

Head and location tagmemes are obligatory. Attention tagmeme is optional and only used when calling loudly or over a long distance. Ke 'hey' is used to gain attention prior to calling a specific name. The letters e and o denote nearness or distance of the person being called. This phrase manifests Vocative tagmeme of Sentence Periphery.

examples:

1. <u>ke weiko e</u> hey Weiko nearness

'Hey Weiko'

2. <u>Yinen e</u> Yinen nearness

' Yinen'

3. <u>haai e</u> father nearness 'father'

4. <u>ke Paiwi</u> <u>o</u> hey Paiwi distance

hey Paiwi

### 3.2 PRONOUN PHRASES

There are two contrasting <u>pronoun phrases</u> which have pronouns manifesting <u>head</u> tagmeme. Pronoun phrases manifest Subject and Object tagmemes of clause.

### 3.2.1 QUALIFIED PRONOUN PHRASE

+ Head	+ Qualifier
pronoun	general noun phrase
	phrase

Head and qualifier tagmemes are both obligatory. Head tagmeme is manifested only by pronouns. Qualifier is manifested by general noun phrase. Head tagmeme of general noun phrase is optional when embedded in qualifier pronoun phrase. Qualified pronoun phrase manifests Subject and Object tagmemes of clause.

examples:

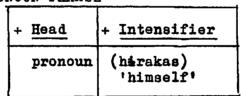
hi kereke-k 'just me' haiu yapruwe 'all of us' only.3rd masc we pl all

hire kerepe-p 'just her' hirak haai kirak 'his father' she only.3rd fem he father he.his

haiu keriye-n 'just us ' hire piutip kerepe-p' she alone' we pl only.3rd masc pl she she.one only.she

hirakit kerete-t 'just them' hirak henmok kereke-k 'just (his) they.du only.they.du he brother- only.he brother-in-law' in law

### 3.2.2 INTENSIVE PRONOUN PHRASE



Head and insensifier tagmeme are both obligatory. Head tagmeme is manifested by pronoun and intensifier tagmeme is manifested by hirakas 'himself' representing its class which infects for person, gender and number. Intensive pronoun phrase only manifests Subject tagmeme of clause.

#### Examples:

<u>hirak</u> he	himself	'he himself	hir hiras	'they themselves'
hi I	h <u>trakas</u> myself	'I myself	haiu hiras we pl ourselv	' we ourselves'

hire hirahes she herself hirem hirames they themselves they neuty themselves

ti hirakes 'you yourself'hirakit hirakses 'they themselves' you yourself they.du themselves (masc)

### 3.3 TEMPORAL PHRASE

Temporal phrases manifest Time tagmeme of clause. Temporal and temporal nouns primarily manifest time phrase tagmemes. There are four contrastive temporal phrases.

# 3.3.1 Definite Temporal Phrase

+ Definite Time	+ <u>Head</u>	
temporal 3	temporal 1	
temporal 2	temporal 2	
	temporal noun	

Both tagmemes are obligatory. <u>Definite time</u> tagmeme is manifested by temporal 3 and temporal 2. <u>Head</u> tagmeme is manifested by temporals 1 and 2 and by temporal nouns. The deep structure relationship is that of specifying definite time.

### examples:

- 1. teip ekrit 'tomorrow morning' tomorrow morning'
- 2. <u>napup hinkiuwe'</u> yesterday afternoon' yesterday afternoon
- 3. patepin ekrit this morning today morning
- 4. teip wttaan 'tomorrow night' tomorrow night
- 5. meisu hankiuwe' later on this afternoon' afternoon

### 3.3.2 INDEFINITE TEMPORAL PHRASE

+ <u>Head</u>	+ Intensifier	+ Delimiter
temporal 3 inten tem p	enum 'very'	ein eik

Heed and delimiter tagmemes are obligatory. <u>Intensifier</u> tagmeme is optional and is used to denote remote past or distant future.

<u>Indefinite temporal phrase</u> manifests Time tagmeme on clause. The deep structure relationship is that of indefiniteness of time either past or future.

### examples:

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'very long ago' eik nipaa enu-m that before very 'a few days ago' eik nipaas that before 'a week or two ago! 3. n±paa ein before there a few days from now! eik maain enum

that

5. tipmain tipmain enum eik 'a long time from now; forever'

# 3.2.3 INTENSIFIED TEMPORAL PHRASE

very

later

+ Head 1	+ Head 2
temporals	temporals
temporal nouns	temporal nouns

Both tagmemes are obligatory and both are manifested by the same words. The deep structure relationship is that of intensification and distribution by means of reduplication.

# examples:

- 1. ekrit ekrit everyday' morning
- 2. tipmain tipmain in the future! later
- 3. wataan wenewik wataan wenewik leach morning and evening night morning

# 3.3.4 TEMPORAL SPAN PHRASE

+ Head 1	+ Span	+ Head 2
temporals	ere	temporals
tem nouns	'until'	tem nouns
inten tem p		def tem p
def tem p		

All tagmemes are obligatory. Initial head tagmeme is manifested by temporals, temporal nouns, intensified temporal phrase and definite temporal phrase. Head 2 is manifested by all items in Head 1 except for intensified temporal phrase which never occurs. Span tagmeme is manifested by ere 'until'. The deep structure relationship is one of duration of time.

## examples:

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- 1. napup ere patepin 4. ekrit ekrit ere in westerday until today morning morning until now from yesterday until today daily until now
- 2. witaan ere wenewik night until morning 5. nipaa enum eik ere patepin before very that until today

  'from dusk until dawn' 'from the remote past until now'
- 5. nipaa ere in before until now from before until now
- 6. napup ekrit ere in yesterday morning until now from yesterday morning until now!
- 7. meisu hinkiuwe ere teirmen later afternoon until tomorrow

### 3.4 LOCATIVE PHRASE

Locative phrases manifest only Location tagmeme of Clause. Location nouns, verbs and locatives manifest tagmemes of locative phrases. There are two contrastive phrases, contrasting in classes of manifestation relationship of tagmemes, and contrasting in deep structure relationships.

#### 3.4.1 POSITIONAL LOCATIVE PHRASE

+ Locational	+ Head	+ Specifier
verbs	inanimate nouns	eik 'that'
	gnp	

Locational and head tagmemes are obligatory. Locational tagmeme is manifested by three verbs only: k-au 'he.sits'; keit 'he.at'; k-uwaai 'he.lays on'; these verbs function as locationals, but may also have a normal sense function (primary sense) as verbs in other contexts.

Specifier tagmeme is optional and is manifested by demonstratives. Head tagmeme is manifested by inanimate nouns and by general noun phrase.

- 1. k-au niu it.on sago
  - ' up high!
- 2. k-au ti it.on ground on the ground
- 3. k-eit winiak eik that the house
- 4. k-uwaai yayiwe road
  on the road
- 5. k-eit yinak eik it.at side that 'over on that side'
- 6. k-eit kesiyen down below down below

### 3.4.2 GENERAL LOCATIVE PHRASE

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+ Locational	+( <u>+ Head</u>	+ Modifier)
location noun	inanimate noun	ein 'there'
locatives	gnp	iuwe 'big' in 'here'

Only location tagmeme is obligatory. Head and general modifier tagmemes are optional but at least one must always occur. Locational tagmeme is manifested by location nouns. Head tagmeme is manifested by location nouns only; locational tagmeme also has locatives. Modifier tagmeme is manifested by locatives which are locational by nature. Those locatives in locational tagmeme are positional; those which inflect must agree with examples:

clause level tagmemes.

- 1. menep ein there 'near there'
- 2. <u>yianimin</u> <u>ein</u> far away there 'way over there'
- 3. k-irapit winiak it.adjoining house 'next to the house'
- 4. <u>yanimin</u> <u>kike</u>
  far away small
  'not very far away'

- 5. <u>kinik</u> <u>winiak</u> it.under house
- 6. k-entar yeno it.on bed
- 7. k-iriu nu it-against tree tagainst the tree
- 8. <a href="mailto:nide">nide</a>
  <a href="mailto:nide">iuwe</a>
  <a href="mailto:big">big</a>
  <a href="mailto:niddle"</a>

#### 3.5 INTERROGATIVE PHRASE

Interrogative phrase manifests Interrogative tagmeme of Clause

where it occurs in portmanteau relationship with Subject, Object and Comment tagmemes.

### 3.5.1 INTERROGATIVE NOUN PHRASE

+ Head	+ Interrogative	
any noun	any interog prn	

Both tagmemes are obligatory. Head tagmeme is manifested by any noun.

Interrogative is manifested by interrogatives of all classes.

# examples:

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- 1. mate p-eiman woman she.who what woman?
- 2. <u>pinak</u> <u>meka-k</u> side what.it 'which side?'
- 3. menmen meka-m things what.them Iwhat things?

- 4. winiak meka-k what.it
  which house?
- 5. miyepir n-eimin they.who they.who
- 6. nu marmenum
  tree how many.neut pl
  how many trees?
- 7. <a href="he-why">he-why</a>
  he why him?

### 3.6 ADVERB PHRASE

Adverb phrase manifests Manner tagmeme of clause. Adverbs manifest tagmemes of adverb phrase. There are two contrastive adverb phrases.

### 3.6.1 INTENSIFIED ADVERB PHRASE

+ Head 1	+ Intensifier	+ Head 2
adverb j	enum 'very'	adverb j

Both head tagmemes are obligatory and are manifested by identical adverbs. Intensifier tagmeme is manifested by enum 'very' which serves to emphasize the intensity of the action, or size of something.

#### examples:

- 1. mainmain slowly enum mainmain very slowly very slowly
- 2. waswas enum waswas 'very quickly' quickly quickly

(Adverbs which have reduplicated stems seem to be the only filler of this type of construction.)

### 3.6.2 REDUFLICATED ADVERB PHRASE

+ Head 1	+ <u>Head 2</u>
adverb j	adverb j

Both tagmemes are obligatory and have the same manifesting tagmemes.

Reduplicated Adverb phrase is used to denote both intensification and repetition of action over a span of time, and manifests Manner tagmeme of clause.

examples:

( He continued doing it like that until the dry season. )

#### 3.7 ADJECTIVE PHRASE

Adjective phrases manifest modifying tagmemes in general noun phrase. Adjectives manifest adjective phrase tagmemes. The deep structure relationship is that of intensification of the state adjective. There are two variants of adjective phrase.

#### 3.7.1 INTENSIFIED ADJECTIVE PHRASE

+ Head	+ Modifier	
all adj	enum 'very'	
	wetpen 'very'	

Both tagmemes are obligatory. Head tagmeme is manifested by all classes of adjectives. Modifier tagmeme is manifested by enum 'very' and by wetpen 'very'.

examples:

- 2. yealk wetpen yery yery good!
- 5. kike enu-k
  little very.it
  'very little; too little'
- 3. <u>iuwe</u> <u>enu-m</u> veryithem 'very big'
- 6. <u>yinak</u> enu-k short very.it
  - very short

# 3.7.2 QUALIFIED ADJECTIVE PHRASE

+ Head 1	+ Head 2
adjective	adjective

Both tagmemes are obligatory and may be manifested by the same adjective or adjectives within the same class. The order of tagmemes is fixed with the head to be qualified occurring in the primary position.

### examples:

1. <u>iuwe</u> <u>kike</u> big little 'fairly big' 4. tokik kike hard little 'fairly strong'

2. nokik kike little littly long'

5. kike kike little little very small! fairly small!

3. tokik iuwe hard big 'quite strong'

6. yinak kike short little

# 3.8 NUMERAL PHRASE

Numeral phrase manifests phrase and clause level tagmemes.
Numerals and certain clause types manifest numeral phrase tagmemes.

The Au people count from 1-10 by using the fingers on their hands. A doubled fist denotes five (5), and two doubled fists denote ten (10). The counting system operates in two ways. For the central dialect, only six basic numerals are used (denoting numbers 1-5 and 10). These used in combination can account for any number up to 100, using the fingers of both hands to keep track of units of ten. In the Eastern dialect, a digital clause is used for the numerals 1-5 and 10. Combinations of these numerals account for any number higher than five, excluding the number ten (10) which is also a basic numeral. There are three contrasting numeral phrase types.

# 3.8.1 GENERAL NUMERAL PHRASE

+ Head 1	+ Head 2
wikes	wikes
'two'	'two'

Both tagmemes are obligatory and are the same manifestation. Both heads are manifested by wikes 'two' which is the only manifesting class of general numeral phrase.

example:

wikes wikes two

'four'

# 3.8.2 SECONDARY NUMERAL PHRASE

+ ( ± Counter 1 n	<u>+</u> Counter 2 )	+ Quantity
hiswiyen	hispinak	numeral 1
'ten'	'five'	numeral 2
		Digital 61

All of the tagmemes are optional but at least two tagmemes must occur. Counter 1 tagmeme is manifested by hiswiyen 'then'. Counter 2 tagmeme is manifested by hispinak 'five'. Qunatity tagmeme is manifested by numerals class 1 and 2. When counting from 6-9, only two tagmemes occur (ie. 5 + 1-4). Any numerals from eleven (11) upwards (except units of 5) require that all three tagmemes of secondary numeral clause be present. The counter 1 tagmeme hiswiyen 'ten' may occur up to ten (10) times.

### examples:

1.	<u>hisp<del>i</del>nak</u>	<u>k-iut<del>i</del>p</u>		
	five	it.one		
	'six'			

7. hiswiyen hiswiyen hipinak five twenty five

8. <u>hiswiyen</u> <u>hispinak</u> <u>k-iutip</u>
ten five it.one

9. <a href="https://hiswiyentone.com/his

- 5. <u>hiswiyen</u> <u>k-iutip</u> ten it.one
- 11. nepu k-ewen wikes t-en pinak thumb it.bends two they.go side seven! (Eastern dialect!)
- 6. <u>hiswiyen</u> <u>hipinak</u> ten five
- 12. newiri nepu k-ewen they.throw.them thumb it.bends

  k-iutip k-en pinak it.one it.goes side

  'sixteen' (Eastern dialect)

### 3.8.3 DISTRIBUTIVE NUMERAL PHRASE

+ Quantity 1	+ Quantity 2
numeral j	numeral j

Both tagmemes are obligatory and are manifested by the same numerals.

The deep structure relationship is distributive. <u>Distributive numeral</u> p

<u>phrase</u> manifests quantity of <u>general noun phrase</u>, and Comment of clause.

examples:

- 1. k-iut±p k-iut±p it.one
- 'everyone; each one '

2. wik wik

'two apiece; two each '

(Although higher numbers occur, the practice now is to use tok pisin

(Papua New Guinea pidgin English) in place of the distributive numeral phrase: ie. ol i kisim foa foa four they get four each!.)

- 3.9 RELATOR-AXIS PHRASE
- 3.9.1 POSSESSIVE RELATOR-AXIS PHRASE

The <u>possessive</u> <u>phrases</u> in Au divide into two categories: <u>possessive</u> <u>phrase</u> and <u>possessive</u> <u>relator-axis</u> <u>phrase</u>. They contrast on the basis of manifesting classes of tagmemes, number of tagmemes and the deep structure relationship.

# 3.9.1.1 POSSESSIVE PHRASE

Possessive phrase fills the first two slots in the general noun phrase and is described in 3.1.3

# 5.9.1.2 RELATOR AXIS POSSESSIVE PHRASE

+ Relator	+ Axis
ke 'from;	noun
belonging t	o personal noun
	gnp
	ref name p
	acc np
	alt np
	interrog np
	redup np
	kin coord np

Both tagmemes are obligatory. Relator is manifested by ke 'from; belonging to' which inflects for person, gender, number and plurality. Plurality only occurs when relator-axis possessive phrase embeds in distributive noun phrases. Plurality is manifested by rer 'plural'. Axis is manifested by various nouns and phrase level constructions as shown in the bi-dimensional array. Relator-axis possessive phrase always manifests possessive tagmeme of general noun phrase.

### examples:

- 1. k-e haai kirak
  it.of father he.his
  'of his father'
- 2. (mitik) ke Wititai
  man he.of Wititai
  (a man) from Wititai
- 3. (hine) ke Yito knife it.of Yito belonging to Yito!
- 4. (nepere) k-e k-eimin?
  dog it.of he.who?

  (the dog) belonging to
  whom?

- 5. menmen m-e mit n-e Puonk things they of men they of Puonk (the things) belonging to the men from Puonk
- 6. (mit miyepir) ne-rer wit wit men women they.of.pl place place (men and women) from everywhere!
- 7. (<u>laplap</u>) m-e yiwir red (cloth) of red
- 8. (hat) m-e yinamin hat they of blue '(the hat) of blue'

### 3.9.2 ANALOGIC RELATOR AXIS PHRASE

+ Relator	+ Axis
<u>kåre</u>	noun
'like;as'	person noun
	pronoun
	gnp
	ref np
	acc np
	interrog p
	<u>kin coord p</u>
	alt np
	any clause

Both tagmemes are obligatory. Relator tagmeme is manifested by kire 'like; as; in the same way' which inflects for person, gender and number. Axis tagmeme is manifested by various phrases and clauses. When axis is manifested by some clause level constructions, the clause may be ellided and contain only a bound pronoun affixed to the relator examples:

- 1. mitik k-ire haai k-ai man he.like father he.mine

  ' a man like my father'
- 2. <u>kire yiwir</u> it.like red

  I like deep red'
- 3. k-ire hi hiriak-em
  it.as I I.make.them
  (he does them) as I do them
- 4. <a href="he-throws.them">he-throws.them</a> <a href="kar-ik">kar-ik</a> he.like.this
  - ' he throws them this way'
- 5. harak k-ire kriup kiutip kereke-k
  he he.as golden crest it.one pigeon
  pigeon
  - he is just like a golden crested pigeon!

# 3.9.3 INSTRUMENT RELATOR-AXIS FHRASE

+ Relator	+ Axis
keriuwe	pronoun (affixed)
	noun
	gnp
	alt np
1	interrog adv
	interrog np

Both tagmemes are obligatory. Relator tagmeme is manifested by keriuwe '(he) with; by means of' which inflects for gender, person and number and tense/aspect. Axis tagmeme is manifested by various nouns and noun phrases. Axis tagmeme may also appear as a pronoun affixed to the relator tagmeme and when it does it usually functions as accompaniment, puting animate and inanimate noun together. Instrument relator-a-xis phrase manifests Manner tagmeme on clause. examples:

- 1. k-eriuwe hine k-irak he with bow it.his
  - (he shot it) by means of his bow!
- 2. (kakip) k-eriuwe henmik hak he shot he with bamboo arrow a
  - ! ( he shot him ) with a bamboo arrow!
- 3. hare w-eses niu weriuwerek she she.chips sago she.with.it

'she chipped off sago pith by means of it ( bamboo hammer)'

- 4. tapir k-irir keriuwe-rek he.with.it
  - the spirit fled with it (stuck in his head)!

# 3.10 VERB PHRASE

Au verb phrases manifest Predicate tagmeme of clause and they may also embed in verb phrase tagmemes.

Verb phrase is a construction consisting of 1) two or more verbs,

2) a verb and a noun 3) and manner or completive aspect marker and a

verb. These types of verb phrases contrast in the class of manifesting

tagmemes, relationship of tagmemes and deep structure relationships. There

are four types of verb phrases: 1) Sequence 2) reduplicated 3) idiomatic

and 4) general.

# 3.10.1 SEQUENCE VERB PHRASE

+ Action 1	+	Action 2
motion v		motion v

Both tagmemes are obligatory. Action 1 tagmeme is manifested by either keiyak '(he) gets' or keri (he) pulls. Action 2 tagmeme may be manifested by any motion verb. Sequence verb phrase manifests Predicate tagmeme on clause.

# examples:

- 1. <a href="https://hem.ne.gets.them.ne.comes">hem.ne.gets.them.ne.comes</a> witeik
  he again he.gets.them.he.comes village

  ! He got them and returned to the village.!
- 2. here wetu-wem weigi-m wekiuwe mani
  she she-took, them she.gets.them she.goes down river
  she took them and went down river...
- 3. hi herektit teipe heiyi-k han
  I I.trumline carry sago I.get.it I.come
  'I came carrying sago jelly::'
- 4. <a href="https://html/>
  he he.pulls he.goes willage">he.pulled them to the village</a>

### 3.10.2 REDUPLICATED VERB PHRASE

+ Action 1	+Action 2 n	+ Action n
verb j	verb j	verb j

Action 1 and action n tagmemes are obligatory. Action 2 n is optional and has been observed occurring up to three times. All manifestations of action tagmemes are the same. The deep structure relationship is one of continued action. Reduplicated verb phrase manifests predicate tagmeme of clause and may substitute for the link in Span Sentence. Only motion verbs may manifest action tagmemes.

### examples:

3. <a href="https://heb.com/he

# 3.10.3 IDIOMATIC VERB PHRASE

There are two contrasting idiomatic verb phrase types: definitive verb phrase and compound verb phrase. Both verb phrases manifest Predicate tagmeme of clause.

### 3.10.3.1 DEFINITIVE VERB PHRASE

+ Grammatical Head	+ Lexical Head		
definitive verb	body part noun		

Both tagmemes are obligatory. Grammatical head is manifested by specific verbs which are by nature action verbs (bend, follow, lift up put down, shove, etc..). Lexical head is manifested by only body part nouns. The grammatical head carries the grammatical features (aspect, person, number and gender) for the construction and the lexical head carries the meaning (or focus) of the phrase.

### examples:

5.

'he remembers' k-eket han he.digs out heart 'he watches in secret; spys on' 2. k-ewen naan he.bends 'she looks around' 3. w-uwaai naan she.lays eye 'he kicks' 4. k-uwaai he.lays

they cough!

3.10.3.2 COMPOUND VERB PHRAJE

n-eket

teruk

they.dig out throat

+ <u>Head l</u>	+ Head 2
verb	verb

Both tagmemes are obligatory. <u>Head 1</u> is manifested by a restricted class of verbs. <u>Head 2</u> is manifested only by motion verbs. <u>Compound verb phrase</u> manifests Predicate tagmeme on clause. This type of phrase is rare, showing up only occasionally in all the data to hand.

- 1. n-enke n-ari-ei
  they.fall they.pull.pl
  ..they hang upside down (on the tree)
- 2. ap m-atip-an m-ises-an not we.talk.recip we.follow.recip

  \*...(but) we do not gossip...
- 3. k-ewir-nak k-eitet
  he.throws.him he.follows

  1. he warns him (against something)

# 3.10.4 GENERAL VERB PHRASE

+ Aspect	+ Head	+ Accomplishment
ap	any verb	apai au
<u>wen</u>	idiom vr	wen au
apai		au werek
p≟ke		
<u>amā</u>		
-are		

Only head tagmeme is obligatory, and it may be manifested by any verb.

Aspect tagmeme is manifested by ap 'not', wen 'yet', apai 'completive',

pike 'again', ami 'intentive', and -are 'desiderative'. Accomplishment

tagmeme is manifested by apai au 'completive', wen au 'non-completive',

and by au werek 'until done(anticipated completive) '. General verb

phrase manifests Predicate tagmeme on clause. Accomplishment tagmeme

may be seperated from the Predicate positionally when object and non
diagnostic tagmemes occur following the Fredicate. Accomplishment

tagmeme must always occur as the last item in the clause (when it occurs).

At least one optional tagmeme must be present at all times.

### examples:

- 1. ti ap ano witne you not you.fut.go Witne 'you should not go to Witne..'
- 2. times ap m-enti au mushrooms not they grow but ..but the mushrooms did not grow...
- 3. ap te m-amap taau
  not then they.kill.them not able
  '..then they will not be able to kill them...'

- 4. hirak apai k-en Yenkok Yenkok
  - ...he has already gone to Yenkok .. !
- 5. <u>httak</u> <u>k-are</u> <u>k-ak-no</u> <u>Numi</u> he he.desir he.fut.go Lumi
  - \*..he wants to go to Lumi. \*
- 6. haiu nepei m-akip m-ekinuwek ninpi m-aa-m
  we.pl completive we.hit.him we.pull out.him insides we.eat.him
  '..we (would) already have taken out his intestines and eaten him.'
- 7. <a href="https://ht
- 8. mineiket k-ewen hiyei m-irak au werek lizard Tt.peels skin them.its until done ...the lizard peeled his skin off completely...
- 9. n-esip-aak apai au they.carved.it completive
- 10. <a href="https://hem.not.yet.taken.them.not.yet
- 11. hir nesepep-im mekre sin nepei au they they.roast.them they.in fire completive t..they have already roasted them in the fire..
- 12. hi ami akip
  intentive i.iut.kill.him
  i...I intend to punish him.

### 4 CLAUSE

#### O INTRODUCTION

An Au clause has been defined as a construction which occurs in the hierarchy between phrase level and sentence level. The construction consists of or includes one predicate or predicate like tagmeme and various peripheral tagmemes. The clause construction usually manifests sentence level tagmemes. Morphemes and phrase level constructions usually manifest clause level tagmemes.

The clause requires one predicate tegmeme and it may be manifested by a phrase level construction which may be composed of two or more verbs; but these do not indicate two predicate tagmemes in the clause construction. The Predicate may also be manifested by any single verb.

Although embedding is not as extensive on clause level as it is on other levels (phrase, sentence paragraph), it does occur (see 4.5.1 Recursion). In cases of embedding, the Predicate tagmeme of the embedded clause is not included among the tagmemes of the clause construction under consideration.

The Equative Clause has an obligatory Comment tagmeme which is functionally equivalent to Predicate tagmeme, although it is not manifested by verbs or <u>verb phrases</u>. It is always manifested by noun, locative, adjective, phrases, etc.

Besides Predicate tagmeme which is obligatory in the clause construction, there are some optional tagmemes which include Subject, Object, Location, Complement and instrument/accompaniment. These optional tagmemes are diagnostic because they show contrast in clause types and therefore are distinguishing features of clause types.

Clauses are of two major types; Independent and Dependent. These contrast in the tagmemes manifesting clause level and in their distribution in sentence-level tagmemes.

### 1 INDEPENDENT CLAUSE

Independent clauses manifest all bases in non-link sentences, and all bases except <u>Link</u> in the link sentences. Independent Clauses consist of five basic types: 1) Transitive 2) Di-Transitive 3) Intransitive 4) Stative 5) and Equative. They are further distinguishable as to Declarative, Interrogative and Imperative Clauses. There is no Stative

or Equative Imperative Clause, which gives a total of thirteen (13) clause types as shown on Chart L. The clauses across the transitivity (horizontal) parameter of the chart are examined first, and then the clauses of the mode (vertical) parameter.

#### 1.1 TRANSITIVITY PARAMETER

Across the Transitivity Parameter, the five clause types contrast in the manifesting class of the predicate tagmeme and in the optional diagnostic tagmemes which manifest each clause type.

#### 1.1.1 Transitive Clause

± Subject	+ Predicate	+ Object	+ Instrument	+ Location
noun pronoun gnp	tr. verb	noun pronoun gnp	inst. p	loc noun

Predicate tagmeme is the only obligatory tagmeme and is manifested by transitive verb and <u>verb phrase</u> where tagmemes are manifested by transitive verb. Optional tagmemes are manifested by items displayed in the bi-dimensional array. Subject tagmeme always occurs as an independent form, but Object, which occurs following the Predicate, may occur as an independent form or may appear as a suffix attached to the Predicate. Subject may be animate or inanimate.

examples:

\* They shouted with it (as they brought it). \*

\*They placed them on the fire.\*

4. h-enep-ik
I.installed.it

! I put it together.!

Chart L
Independent Clauses

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	Independent Transitive (IT)		Independent Intransitive (II)	Independent Stative (IS)	Independent Equative (II)
Declarative	± S + P ± 0	± S + P ±10 ± 0	<u>+</u> S + P	+ S + P + 0	+Tp + Cn
(Dc)	<b>v</b> ITrDo	vIDTrDc	vIITrOc	vISDc	(v)lEDo
Interrogative Information	+ Ig + S + P + 0	+ Ig <u>+</u> S + P <u>+</u> IO <u>+</u> C	<u>+</u> S + P	+ S + P + O	+ Ig +Tp +Cm
(Ig)	vITrIg	vIDTrIg	vIITrIg	<b>v</b> I3I <b>g</b>	(v)IEIg
Imperative	<u>+</u> S + P <u>+</u> 0	± 3 + P ± 10 ± 0	<u>+</u> S + P	+S + P + 0	
(Ip)	vITrIp	<b>vIDTrI</b> p	vIITrIp	vISlp	

# 1.1.2 DITRANSITIVE CLAUSE

+ Subject	+ Predicate	+ Benefactive	<u>+</u> Object	± Instrument
noun	di tr verb	noun	noun	inst np
pronoun	di tr. vp	p <b>ronoun</b>	pronour	
gnp		gnp	gnp	

Predicate tagmeme is the only obligatory tagmeme and is manifested by a ditransitive verb or verb phrase. Optional diagnostic tagmemes are manifested by the items displayed in the bidimensional array above. Ditransitive Clause has the potential of having either Benefactive or (Direct) Object or both. These may occur also as suffixes attached to the Predicate, or independently as nouns or noun phrases. The Subject is always animate.

examples:

· She has already seen them..!

# 1.1.3 INTRANSITIVE CLAUSE

+ Subject	+ Predicate	+ Location
noun	Intr verb	noun
prononn	Intr vp	locative
gnp		loc p

Predicate tagmeme is the only obligatory tagmeme. Object and Benefactive are obligatorily absent. All other diagnostic tagmemes are optional and are listed above in the bidimensional array.

Examples:

- \* The sun is shinning .. !
- - She fell down in Puko forest.

(P)

3. k-erp k-eit he.is

\* He is standing there\*

(S, P)

4. herak k-enke he/it it/he.fell

' It fell over.'

(S, P, L)

5. <a href="https://hein.ne/he

' My knife fell into a hole.

(S, P, L)

6. manpen k-uwaai yayiwe road

! A snake is lying on the road.!

A sub-type of Intransitive Clause occurs in counting... the Digital Counting Clause, which is used in the Au counting system to count numbers 6-9, 11-14, 16-19.

+ Subject	+ Predicate	+ Location
noun noun p	Intr v	loc noun

All tagmemes are obligatory. Subject is manifested by <u>hiswiyen</u> 'ten' <u>hispinak</u> 'five' or both of them in a phrase. Bredicate tagmeme is manifested by an Intransitive verb. Location is manifested by a location noun pinak 'side'. Digital Counting Clause manifests quantity in <u>numeral phrase</u>.

#### examples:

- 1. hispinak k-iutip k-en pinak six' five it.one it.goes side
- 2. <u>hispinak</u> <u>wikes t-en pinak</u> seven! five two they.du.go side
- 3. <u>hispinak wikak ten pinak</u> eight! five three they.du.go side
- 4. <u>hispinak wikes wikes t-en pinak</u> Nine five two two they.du.go side
- 5. <u>hiswiyen k-iutip</u> <u>k-en pinak</u> ten it.one it.goes side
- 6. <u>hiswiyen hispanak k-iutap k-en panak</u> sixteen ten five it.one it.goes side

# 1.1.4 STATIVE CLAUSE

± Subject	+ Predicate	+ Object
noun	st. verb	noun
pronoun		pronoun
gnp		gnp

All tagmemes are obligatory. Subject is manifested by various nouns and pronouns. The Predicate is manifested by a stative verb which is a closed class of fillers. The Object may appear as a free form manifested by nouns or general noun phrase, or it may appear affixed to the end of the verb.

examples:

'The house burned down (the fire ate the house).

'He burned his hand (he fire ate the hand).

(S, P, O)

3. si t-at-iknen-i
fire they.fut.eat.pl.you pl

The fire will burn you.

# 1.1.5 EQUATIVE CLAUSE

+ To <b>pi</b> c	+ Comment		
kinship	noun		
noun pronoun gnp	pronoun		
	adjective		
	gnp		
	adj p		
	numeral		
	interrog prn		
	interrog adj		

Equative Clause is a binary construction and thus differs from the other four types. It also has no Predicate tagmeme as the others do. The obligatory Comment functions as a Predicate tagmeme and is manifested by items displayed above in the bidimensional array. Manifestations of Topic and Comment tagmemes in a given construction are of different word classes.

## examples:

1.	im these	<u>yapruwe</u> many	There are many of these.
2.	ik this	yaai-k good.it	† This one is good.
3•	hirak it	enu-k kike bad.it little	It is too small.
4.	hirem they	werek well	1) Those are okay. 2) that is enough.
5•	hire she	enu bad#	' She is naughty.'
6.	<u>im</u> th <b>es</b> e	marmenu-m how many.neut pl	How many of these are there?
7•	<u>ti</u> you	<u>k-eimin</u> he.who	Who are you?
8.	<u>hi</u> I	k-ai ek it.mine it	'It is mine.'

### 1.2 MODE PARAMETER

The vertical mode parameter of Chart L contrasts in internal structure of the verb manifesting Predicate tagmeme. There is also

contrast in the other diagnostic tagmemes, and in the responses expected from the hearers in the situational context. The Declarative, Interrogetive and Imperative clauses all manifest sentence level tagmemes.

## 1.2.1 DECLARATIVE CLAUSE

Declarative Clause is (as far as transitivity is concerned) manifested by 1/1.1-1.1.5. Predicate tagmeme of Declarative Clause is manifested by declarative verb, with the exception of the Equative Clause which has the Comment tagmeme functioning as Predicate tagmeme.

Declarative Clause may evoke either a response to what was said or no response. Examples of Declarative Clause may be found in examples 1.1.1-5.

#### 1.2.2 INTERROGATIVE CLAUSE

Predicate tagmeme of Interrogative Clause is manifested by interrogative verb. Interrogative Clause has the obligatory presence of an interrogative tagmeme. The Interrogative tagmeme may be coeccurrent with one of the optional tagmemes, and may also be in portmanteau relationship with them (ie. Subject, Time, Object or Location) as it manifests Interrogative as well as Subject, Time, Object or Location. For example in Keimin kan (who has come?), 'who' manifests both the interrogative and the Subject tagmeme which is in portmanteau relationship with it. Interrogative tagmeme is manifested by interrogative pronoun, numeral, adverb and interrogative noun phrase.

Interrogetive Clause evokes several responses. It may evoke an information response, a yes/no response or may be used rhetorically in irony with no response expected.

examples:

- 1. nikan o niki k-eiminak k-ewir hiyap im?
  boy or girl he.who.him he.threw footprints these

  ! What boy or girl made these footprints?!
- 2. <a href="he-ewir">he-ewir</a> <a href="he-ewir">he-ewir</a> <a href="he-ewir">he marmenu-m</a> <a href="he-ewir">how many.them</a>
  - ! How many did he throw?!
- - · Whom (female) did she hit?'

- 4. K-uwaai meruri herak k-ir-ep he.saw.her
  - ! When did he see her?!
- 5. ti h-enmak te ti hen?
  you you.why then you you.came
  Why have you come?!
- 6. hir n-en neigin ?
  - ' Where did they go?'
- 7. hirakit t-eit nu meka-m?
  they.du they.du.get wood what.neut pl
  ' What kind of wood did they get?'
- 8. k-eimin apai k-aa?
  he.who completive he.died
  ' Who has died?'

# 1.2.3 IMPERATIVE CLAUSE

Predicate tagmeme of Imperative Clause is manifested by imperative verb. Other diagnostic tagmemes are the same as for the Declarative Clause. Stative and not Equative takes an imperative verb; no Imperative Equative Clause occurs. Imperative Clause is used to evoke a response manifested in subsequent action on the part of the hearers.

examples:

- 1. yi eimtau him m-ai 3. amnep mate ip e you.pl you.hear word them.mine imperahit woman this.fem

  'You listen to my words!' Let us kill this woman!'
- 2. epau in e you.sit here
  ' You stay here!'

- 4. maain ti ano mani later you fut.go rives awaai ein you.fut.go there
  - Later on, you go to the river and sleep there!

#### 2 DEPENDENT CLAUSE

Dependent Clauses have the same transitivity parameter as Independent Clauses. They have the same contrast in the Predicate manifestation and in the diagnostic tagmemes. The Dependent Clauses distinguish between Contingent, Simultaneous, Purpose, Resultant and Duration Dependent Clauses down the vertical parameter. These Clauses contrast in their diagnostic tagmemes and in sentence level/phrase level distribution. See Chart M.

Chart M
Dependent Clauses

	Dependent Transitive	Dependent Ditransitive	Dependent Intransitive	Dependent Stative	Dependent Equative	
Resultant	+R ±3 +P ±0	+R <u>+</u> S +P <u>+</u> IO <u>+</u> O	+ R <u>+</u> S + P	+x ±s +p ±0	+R +Tp +Cm	
(R)	DtrR	DDTrR	DITTR	DSR	DER	
Duration	+D <u>+</u> S +P <u>+</u> 0	+D <u>+</u> S +P <u>+</u> 10 <u>+</u> 0	+D <u>+</u> S +P	+D <u>+</u> S +P <u>+</u> 0	+D +Tp +Cm	
(a)	DTrS	DDTr3	ditrs	DSS	DES	
Contingent	+C ±S +P ±0	+C ±S +P ±IO ±0	+C <u>+</u> S +P	+C <u>+</u> S +P <u>+</u> O		
(c)	DTrC	DDTrC	DITru	DSC		
Simultaneous	<u>+</u> S +P <u>+</u> 0	<u>±</u> S +P <u>+</u> IO <u>+</u> O	<u>+</u> S +P	<u>+</u> S +P <u>+</u> 0		
(Sm)	DTrSm	D <b>D</b> TrSm	DITrSm	DSSm		
Purpose	+P <u>+</u> S +P <u>+</u> 0	+P <u>+</u> S +P <u>+</u> IO <u>+</u> O	+P <u>+</u> S +P			
(P)	DTrP	DDT <b>r</b> P	DITrP			

#### 2.1 RESULTANT DEPENDENT CLAUSE

Resultant Dependent Clause is manifested by the connective

-entar 'because; on account of' which occurs as the initial tagmeme

of the Clause. Resultant Dependent Clause manifests Base 2 of Result

Sentence.

### examples:

- 1. Hirak k-inap k-esiuwemone k-entar yewenep he. because of flying for he he ate. it
  - ' He got sick with dysentary because of the flying fox which he ate.
- 2. Hire w-irir w-entar hire yink enum she she.fled she.because she skin bad

  'She ran away because she was ashamed...'
- 3. hawir ap w-an w-ekit-ri w-irire w-entar we.du not we.came we.with.them we.danced we.because hawir we.afriid

'We did not come and dance with them because we were afraid.'

#### 2.2 DURATION DEPENDENT CLAUSE

Duration Dependent Clause is manifested by the particle ere 'until' which occurs as the initial tagmeme in the Clause. The particle may reduplicate the final syllable up to 3 times to intensify the duration of the action. Duration Dependent Clause manifests Base 2 of <u>Span Sentence</u>. examples:

- 1. <a href="https://heter.org/heter.
  - The snake shoved slowly until he went into (the man's) belly.
- 2. <a href="https://hebreau.org/hebreau.or
- 3. <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot">hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot">hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot">hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot">hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot">flying foxes</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot">hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot">hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https://hebreak.cont.shot</a> <a href="https:/
  - He kept shooting the arrows and hitting flying foxes until ( the arrows) they were gone.

#### 2.3 CONTINGENT DEPENDENT CLAUSE

Contingent Dependent Clause is manifested by the particle meann 'later' and by -uwaai maruri ' when; whenever' which occur as the initial tagmeme of the Clause. Contingent Dependent Clause manifests Base 1 of Reason Sentence, Span Sentence, Contrast Sentence, Narrative Sentence and Non-Speech Quote Sentence.

examples:

- 1. maain ti ano awaai mani eik hi pike Tater you you.fut.go you.fut.lie river that I again awis-ut pauwiye I.fut.give.you headdress
  - Later when you go and sleep at the river, I will return your headdress.
- 2. <u>k-ak-wai maruri hirak k-ak-nen hi towan h-irir</u>
  he.fut whenever he he.fut.comes I future I.flee

  ! Whenever he arrives, I am going to run away.!
- 3. maain wesium o miyak menmen k-enektin wenmek trigger

  hirak wenmek k-enep k-akip .

  he/it trigger it.trips it.kills.it
  - Later when a rat or some animal bumpbs the trigger, it (trigger) will release and (the trap) will kill it.

#### 2.4 SIMULTANEOUS DEPENDENT CLAUSE

Predicate tagmeme of Simultaneous Dependent Clause is manifested by a continuous aspect verb, followed by a simple past verb in the Independent Clause. This clause manifests <u>Base 1</u> of a <u>Narrative Sentence</u>.

examples:

- - ' While he was sleeping, I came and went.'
- 2. <u>hirak k-ep-kip</u> <u>miyak</u> <u>hirak k-akip</u> he he.cont.shots animal he he.shot.him
  - ' While he was shooting at an animal, he (another man) shot him.

# 2.5 PURPOSE DEPENDENT CLAUSE

Purpose Dependent Clause is manifested by the particle te 'then; but; lest; if; so; so that' which occurs as the initial tagmeme of the Clause.

Purpose Dependent Clause manifests Base 2 of Condition Sentence.
examples:

- 1. te harak akamtau hisiuwe ekimamak he.imper.hear loudly he.imper.do.it
  - ' (but he did not do it loudly) lest he hear him doing it.
- 2. hi ap aitep te ekiuwe anen you.imper. come dcwn come
  - I am not going to hit you, so come down.
- 3. hir neighm n-an te hir n-ankip n-ankk
  they they.got they.came so that they they.fut they.fut
  kill.him eat.him
  - \* They got these things and came so that they could kill him and eat him.\*

#### 3 PERIPHERAL TAGMEMES

In addition to the contrastive diagnostic tagmemes, there are peripheral tagmemes which optionally occur in Dependent and Independent Clause constructions. There are time, manner, accompaniment and location. See Chart N.

Chart N
Peripheral Tagmemes

Time	Manner	Accompaniment	Location
temporal	adverb	acc np	locative
temp np	adv p		loc noun
	instr-		loc p
	rel-ax p		
	keteipim		
	'again'		

The ordering of the diagnostic and peripheral tagmemes for each of the clause types across the transitivity parameter of Chart L is given in Chart 0  $\bullet$ 

The ordering given in Chart 0 is the most frequent ordering of the tagmenes. Although the chart reflects the most common order of tagmenes, there are times when the peripheral tagmenes may shift their order. This is done in order to give prominence to a particular tagmene or highlight it in the construction. Time tagmene may shift from its initial position to a position following the Subject to put prominence on the Subject.

The Object may also be brought to the front of the clause or sentence when it is to be highlighted; Subject then immediately follows the Object. When the Object shifts to initial position in the clause, an Object must again occur in the normal position; but, this time it must appear affixed to the Predicate. In an Interrogative Clause, the Subject may occur twice. The first time it occurs as the initial tagmeme, but the second time it occurs in its normal position immediately preceding the Predicate. The second time Subject appears, it must be manifested by a pronoun. No other shift of tagmemes has been observed.

No peripheral tagmemes are listed for Equative Clause because none have been found in the present data. Time or Interrogative tagmemes could possibly occur if elicited in isolation.

Chart 0
Relative Order of Clause Tagmemes

Transitive Clause	± T	<u>+</u> 8	+ P	± 0	± M	± I	± L
Ditransitive Clause	± T	<u>+</u> 3	+ P	± 10 ± 0	± M	± I	± L
Intransitive Clause	± T	<u>+</u> S	<u>+</u> P	<u>+</u> A	± M		± L
Stative Clause	± T	+ S	+ P	± 0		± I	± L
Equative Clause		+ Tp	+ Cm				

Down the vertical parameter, Declarative Clause follows the same ordering given for the transitivity parameter in Chart O shown above. Interrogative Clause has an obligatory Interrogative tagmeme which occurs initially if it is the Subject, and following Predicate if it is the Object (patient). It may also occur as the head tagmeme of a possessive relator-axis phrase. See Section 1.2.2 1-8 for examples of these orderings. Few peripheral tagmemes occur with Imperative Clause.

Theoretically, it is possible for all clause level tagmemes to occur in one construction, but this would be artifical as in the case of illicited material. In normal text, only one or two peripheral tagmemes occur, in addition to diagnostic tagmemes.

#### 4 NEGATION

The negative counter parts for all formulas for Independent and Dependent Clauses can be obtained by multiplication of Independent and Dependent Clauses as follows: for the verb or verb phrase that manifests Predicate tagmeme, substitute general verb phrase (which includes an obligatory negative for negation); for Dependent Clause or Independent Clause final position, add an optional negative tagmeme manifested by au 'not' when the general verb phrase is absent. When both occur, au functions on Sentence level and means 'but'.

#### examples:

- 2. auwe k-irep pauwi k-auwiye au he.saw.her genitals it.on.her not

  But he saw that she had no genitals.
- 3. pike t-itapuwakit au they.du.as one not
  - ' They did not become hooked together again.'
- 4. hare went she.saw.it tulip tree no it.grew but

  She went and looked at it, but the tulip tree had not grown.

#### 5 EMBLIDDING

There are two types of Clausal embedding. There is clause embedded in clause (recursion) and clause embedded within phrase and word levels (backlooping).

#### 5.1 RECURSION

Recursion occurs only with clauses manifesting Object tagmeme. The verb of the embedded clause is affixed for person, number and aspect. The embedded clause usually occurs with a minimum number of tagmemes and is juxtaposed to the Predicate of the main clause.

examples:

- 1. hi hanhan ahit menmen m-irak desire I.imper.get things they.his
- 2. <u>Hi h-enain h-enkewan miniu</u> I I.fear I.fall down mountain
  - I am afraid of falling down the mountain.

5. Harak k-ar sak k-irak k-irar he.saw pig it.his it.flee

He saw his pig run away.'

#### 5.2 BACKLOOFING

Backlooping occurs quite often in text material. In Backlooping, clause manifests phrase level modifying tagmeme in Appositional noun phrase, and also manifests compound word on the word level when such clauses include body parts as the subject. Only Subject and Predicate may occur, and this type of clause is considered as an idiom. (See4-7 of the examples.)

examples:

- 1. harak k-en k-ir tuwaan perpere m-aa-k he he.went he.saw breadfruit flying foxes they.ate.it
  - He went and looked at the breadfruit tree which the flying foxes had eaten.
- 2. ..w-enke w-epri tuwaan kerek (ek) nempai ein she.fell she.cont.pull breadfruit which before.cont there

perpere m-enan-ek k-ep-wik ek a flying foxes they.carry.him he.cont.sits.it that

- She hung upside down on the breadfruit tree from where the flying foxes before had carried him as he sat on it.
- 3. hak k-enke k-iripe weisan menep en Wibai one.it it.fell it.landed taro near there Wibai

haai k-årak k-akår k-e kesiyen father he.his he.planted it.of down below

• .. (and) one fell and landed nearby the taro which Wibai's father had planted below ( the hill).

4. han k-aa 'forget'

- 5. han k-ekrit be excited! heart it.stands
- 6. <a href="here">hemkre m-enep-am</a> desire; covet!
- 7. han towerin feel affection for; heart bends in pieces feel sorry for

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