NEGATIVES OF CASIGURAN DUMAGAT

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0. Introduction

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0. There are three negatives in Casiguran Dumagat: ewan, diyan, and beken. Negatives occur phrase initial. Beken manifests the negative tagmeme of a noun phrase. ewan and diyan manifest the negative tagmeme of a verb phrase. ewan also occurs as negative existential. ewan is a declarative negative and diyan is an imperative negative. The occurance of ewan in the language is much greater than the others.

1. Function of ewan

1.1 èwàn is a verbal declarative negative. It negates a verb phrase with reversive intent. Clitic pronouns manifesting Clause Subject are attached to ewan.

ewan ka sa inumange   neg. you there went 'You did not go there'.

ewan ka sa umange   neg. you there will go 'You will not go there!'

ewan occurs as a complete utterance in response to a question.

naglakad ka sa? ewan Went you there? Neg. Did you go there? No.

maglakad ka sa? ewan Will you go there?Neg. Will you go there? No.

1.2 ewan is the negative existential, a member of the Existential Predicate filler class.

ewan den[1]se side Neg. now here they They are not here anymore.

ewan den tu gamot Neg. now Particle medicine There is no more medicine.

ewan can occur as a complete sentence in response to a question.

te beges ka?   ewan   have rice you? Neg. Do you have rice? No.

maglakad ka?   ewan   walk you? Neg. Are you going? No.

2.   Function of diyan

diyan is an verbal imperative negative.

diyan ka sa umange   Neg. you there go   Don't you go there.

Clitic pronouns manifesting Clause Subject are attached to diyan

diyan ka maglakad   Neg. you go   Don't you go.

diyan with a Source set pronoun can occur as a complete sentence in

response to a non-linguistic situation requiring prohibition.

diyan mo   Neg. you   Don't.

3.   Function of beken

beken negates a noun phrase with reversive intent. It can occur as

a complete utterance in response to a question or a statement.

bile mo i keye? beken   house your particle this Is this your house? No.

1. den 'now' is a clitic particle manifesting a Time Aspect tagmeme

of the clause.