

# HIGHER LEVELS OF AGARABI GRAMMAR

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AMP	amplification	simult	simultaneous
as	anticipatory subject	ss	same subject
bene	benefactive	vb	verb
BU	build-up	vbl	verbalizer
cert	certitulative	lp	first person
cond	conditional	lpl	first person plural
cont	continuative		
contra	contrary-to-fact	2p	second person
cpl	completive	3p	third person
desid	desiderative		
dir	directional		
ds	different subject		
emph	emphatic		
fin	final		
fut	future		
habit	habitulative		
impv	imperative		
ins	instrument		
int	interrogative		
narr	narrative		
neg	negative		
nom	nominalizer		
nt	neutral		
PAR	paragraph		
perm	permissive		
pf	perfect		
poss	possessive		
pr	personal referent		
pst	past		
<u>S</u>	sentence		

## SYMBOLIZATION

- joins literal English gloss when more than one word equates with one language morpheme or vice versa
- ... data follows that is not pertinent to the construction under discussion and is not included in the example
- : filled by
- morpheme break (except in 'non-lpr' which means 'non-first person')
- / follows same subject verb
- // follows different subject verb
- /// follows independent verb
- + obligatory item
- ± optional item
- ? unidentified word or morpheme
- ˀ high tone<sup>1</sup> ( v = any vowel)

Construction types are indicated as follows:

Clause

Sentence

PARAGRAPH

DISCOURSE

Both the name of the construction and its slots are so marked for the level at which they occur.

## 0 INTRODUCTION

Agarabi is spoken by approximately 12,000 people of the Kainantu sub-district of the Eastern Highlands District of Papua New Guinea. It is a member of the Gadsup-Auyana-Awa-Tairora language family. The data used for this paper was gathered from residents of the village of Punano which is in the center of three dialects. The data was collected over a period of 12 to 14 years.

This paper is by no means exhaustive, being based on some 15 texts varying in length from 19 words to seven double-spaced typed pages. They were about half narrative type texts which limited the variety of material available for analysis.

Agarabi is a typical language of the Highlands in that a seemingly endless number of clauses may be strung together in a stream of speech. This presents the analyst with the problem as stated by Healey<sup>2</sup>, "One of the analytical problems faced by those who have developed and used the tagmemic approach has been the identification of LEVELS within the syntactic hierarchy. One of the characteristic problem areas in this regard has been the levels above the Clause." This problem is compounded by the meaning we attach to the traditional labels of 'sentence' and 'paragraph'.

One of the traditional marks of a sentence has been something which shows finality, such as pause and falling intonation. In Papua New Guinea languages or, at least, those of the Highlands, the 'final' verb has often been taken as a mark of a sentence terminus. Since this is often accompanied by falling intonation and pause, it has seemed a good solution to use this as a mark of sentence terminus. However, this can result in extremely long and

complicated sentences which may be difficult to describe or to differentiate.

This traditional interpretation of sentence is being used by Frantz for Gadsup which is closely related to Agarabi. There are other possible analyses as well. One is to posit intermediate levels such as Healey<sup>3</sup> and Geary<sup>4</sup> have done. Another is to posit the sentence as a seemingly lower level than the traditional, and calling final verb, falling intonation and major pause as marking paragraphs instead of sentences. This has been done by Scott<sup>5</sup> for Fore, a Highland language.

I have chosen, for this paper, to follow this last type of analysis. Thus, a sentence consists of a string of clauses all of which have the same subject. The verb in the terminal clause is marked to indicate that the succeeding clause, which begins a new sentence, has a different subject. There are a few exceptions which will be discussed under the appropriate sentence type. A terminal clause which has an independent (final) verb, falling intonation and is followed by pause is, then, interpreted as marking paragraph terminus.

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## 1 SENTENCE

Agarabi Sentences consist of one or more Bases expounded by clauses. The last Base of every Sentence is expounded by a clause with a verb whose form is determined by the grammatical context in which the Sentence occurs. If the Sentence is unembedded the verb may be a different-subject dependent form or an independent form; if the Sentence is embedded within another Sentence the verb may also be a same-subject dependent form. All other Bases are expounded by clauses with a same-subject verb, except that in Amplification, Conditional, Reason, and Frustration Sentences an earlier Base may be expounded by a clause with a different-subject verb.

The final verb of an embedded Sentence will change its form to suit the pattern of what it is embedded in. If it is exponent of the final Tagmeme in a PARAGRAPH it will be an independent verb, in which case the different-subject will not be marked. If it is exponent of non-final Base of Sentence, except in above noted cases, a same-subject verb occurs, and, if it is exponent of final Base of Sentence, a different-subject verb occurs.

It should be noted that a dependent verb is marked for anticipatory subject; that is, it indicates the person subject of the next Base. When the next subject is to be different, the dependent verb also has a suffix which indicates the subject of the verb with which it occurs. If this suffix does not occur then the subject of that verb is the same as the one in the following Base and can be labeled a 'same-subject verb'.

There are a few exceptions to this rule. In at least one case an anticipatory subject does not occur; that is with the suffix -nowan 'desiderative'. Also in Amplifica-

tion Sentence the prediction of different subject may skip the amplifying Bases and predict the subject of the Base which follows them.

### 1.1 SIMPLE SENTENCE

A Simple Sentence consists of a clause with a different subject verb or an independent verb; or a noun or pronoun occurring with verbalizer or interrogative mood suffixes, in the predicate tagmeme.

Simple Sentence embeds in other Sentence types and occurs in all PARAGRAPH and DISCOURSE types. They seem to be most common in DESCRIPTIVE DISCOURSES and least common in PROCEDURAL DISCOURSES. They occur in formulaic form in the Finis of all DISCOURSES (cf. the last two examples below).

Examples:

- (1) pára kumantekén //  
just sit-nt-1ds-3p

'I just sat (and they) ...'

- (2) karaámpín óriwíhkan //  
bushes-in go-cpl-pst.3ds-3p

'they had gone into hiding ...'

- (3) ówaariyaamih ///  
call.out-cont-3p-3fin

'they are calling out.'

- (4) wé anohé puremih ///  
3p.poss their-mother die-nt-3p-3fin

'their mother died.'



- (5) wáántá anaati pára awétáras iysapóno ///  
 man woman just tired be.cont-int-2p-emph  
 'Men and women, why are you tired?'
- (6) iyépi ///  
 who-int-3p  
 'Who is it?'
- (7) máihaa wááyááih ///  
 this-part talk-vbl  
 'This is the story.'
- (8) ínkaíh ///  
 finish-vbl  
 'That's all.'

## I.2 SEQUENCE SENTENCE

Slots:	+ <u>Antecedent Base</u> <sup>n</sup>	+ <u>Consequent Base</u>
Fillers:	Clause <u>Simultaneous S</u> <u>Parallel S</u> <u>Quotation S</u> <u>Conditional S</u>	Clause <u>Simultaneous S</u> <u>Parallel S</u> <u>Quotation S</u> <u>Conditional S</u>
Special Features:	exponent ends with ss verb	

Deep Structure: Temporal Sequence

Restriction Rules: 1. Subjects of the last clause of each Antecedent Base and of Consequent Base are identical.

2. Anticipatory subject markers on the verbs of each clause refer to the subject of the immediately following clause in the sentence.

A Sequence Sentence consists of two or more Bases in juxtaposition with no overt marker to indicate their relationship. It expresses a sequence of events performed by the same actor. The two outstanding features of this S type are its length and the recursion of other S types within its Bases. From one to 12 Antecedent Bases have been observed; it may be possible for more to occur.

Each Base contains either a clause with ss verb, or one of the above listed S types ending with a clause with ss verb. The material at hand is limited so there may be other S types that may occur in Antecedent Base.

Following the Antecedent Base/s is the Consequent Base which contains a clause or one of the above listed S types. It may also be possible for others to occur.

Sequence Sentence occurs in SEQUENCE and QUOTE PARAGRAPHS and with high frequency in NARRATIVE and PROCEDURAL DISCOURSES. They occur less often in other types of DISCOURSE. There is embedding of other Sentence types in Sequence Sentence Bases.

Examples:

- (1) Antecedent: mamahken /  
take.up-pst-3p  
Consequent: máiwáh tááh yan //  
this-! prepare do-nt.3ds-3p  
'They took it and prepared it ...'
- (2) Antecedent: waren /  
take-nt-3p

Consequent: wurimakaautan yotintemih///  
cattle-for search-fut-3p-3fin  
'they will take (money) and look for  
a cow (to buy).'

(3) Antecedent: tipah téhi kánaáitah  
my.younger.brother I good-vbl-int  
oónterapúno///  
be.fut-int-lp-emph toóntaanóo///  
me-look-impv-emph  
míha tíren/  
this say-narr-3p

Consequent: ayo torarin.taararin uwihkan//  
hair ruffled be-cpl-pst.3ds-  
3p

'He said, "Younger brother will I be  
good? Look at me!" and he ruffled his  
hair ...'

(4) Antecedent<sub>1</sub>: míhan túren/  
thus be.like-narr-3p

Antecedent<sub>2</sub>: ipááh en/  
leave.off be.nt-3p

Antecedent<sub>3</sub>: é waéren/  
dir turn-nt-3p

Antecedent<sub>4</sub>: kaaripín óhiwen/  
car-in go.up-cpl-3p

Antecedent<sub>5</sub>: mínoh ano meéren/  
all the put.here-nt-3p

Consequent: óremih ///  
go-nt-3p-3fin

'It was like that and they left it,  
turned, went up in the car, put them  
all here and left.'

(5) Antecedent<sub>1</sub>: máirahkéh érehná wewaahke e  
 then come-lp-nom Wewak dir  
kúmánen /  
 sit-nt-3p

Antecedent<sub>2</sub>: máirahkéh manten éren /  
 then rise-nt-3p come-nt-3p

Antecedent<sub>3</sub>: mantampáh mai warutin ano mé  
 Madang-at this plane the dir  
kaauh yen /  
 put do-nt-3p

Consequent: Quotation S:

Quote Opening: ten /  
 say-nt-3p

Quote Base: téhi yúni e  
 I dark-vbl dir

werehneh yaipáh  
 again Lae-at

órerúno. ///  
 go-?-lfin-emph

tirehti marah waatih //  
 you.pl dir stay-  
 2ds-lp

waariti ekén //  
 wireless be.nt-lds-3p

kórohkaah óhintin //  
 Goroka go.up-fut-  
 3ds-3p

kórohkaahkéh yorun  
 Goroka-from dir

awiranóo ///  
 non-lpr-take.along-perm-  
 emph

Quote Closure: tihkan //  
 say-pst.3ds-3p

'Then, as we were coming, it landed at Wewak; then it took off (and) put down at Madang (and the pilot) said, "Its dark so I'm going back to Lae. You

stay here and I will send a radio message to Goroka and someone may come down from Goroka and get you."

(6) Antecedent: íníren/  
hear-narr-nt-3p

Consequent: Conditional S:

Condition: waaremá en /  
stay-narr-cond be.nt-3p

Result: Sequence S:

Antecedent<sub>1</sub>: áshkúrah manten/  
morning rise-nt-  
3p

Antecedent<sub>2</sub>: áarintá íyámpon  
girl boy

írah mo  
firewood-vbl dir

uahyen/  
put-nt-3p

Consequent: anoón nánímáántá  
elder people

e awirantin//  
dir non-lpr-take.  
along-fut-3ds-3p

'they listen and if they stay they get up in the morning (and) the children put the firewood there and will take the older people along there...'

## 1.3 PARALLEL SENTENCE

Slots:	+ <u>Parallel Base</u> <sub>1</sub>	+ <u>Parallel Base</u> <sup>n-2</sup>	+ <u>Parallel Base</u> <sub>n</sub>	+ <u>Summary Base</u>
Fillers:	Clause with ss verb	Clause with ss verb	Clause with ss or ds verb	pro-verb
Special Features:	verbs in <u>Parallel Bases</u> are the same			

Deep Structure: Parallel Coupling

- Restriction Rules:
1. The verb in each clause of Parallel Bases is the same.
  2. At least one of the fillers of the other slots change.
  3. A minor constituent may be added or deleted, such as manner or directional.

A Parallel Sentence consists of at least two Parallel Bases. The final Parallel Base may occur with either ss or ds verb, unless followed by a Summary Base, in which case the ds verb occurs in it. Other Parallel Bases are all ss verb clauses. The verbs are normally identical, though in one example the verb in one Base has an additional aspect marker. A non-verbal item in each Parallel Base changes and a minor constituent may be added or deleted from some; examples are pa 'just' and yo 'directional'. The basic structure of each Parallel Base is the same, that is, the same kind and number of Tagmemes.

In the present data Parallel Sentence occurs only

embedded in Amplification Sentence and AMPLIFICATION PARAGRAPH, though it is likely that they can occur elsewhere.

Examples:

(1) Parallel<sub>1</sub>: manteh pá waah /  
Monday just stay-lpss

Parallel<sub>2</sub>: tunteh pá waah /  
Tuesday just stay-lpss

'I just stayed Monday and Tuesday.'

(2) Parallel<sub>1</sub>: manteh waah /  
Monday stay-lpss

Parallel<sub>2</sub>: tunteh waah /  
Tuesday stay-lpss

Parallel<sub>3</sub>: tarinteh waah /  
Wednesday stay-lpss

Parallel<sub>4</sub>: ponteh pá waah /  
Thursday just stay-lpss

'I stayed Monday, I stayed Tuesday, I stayed Wednesday and I just stayed Thursday...'

(3) Parallel<sub>1</sub>: manteh pá waah /  
Monday just stay-lpss

Parallel<sub>2</sub>: tunteh pá waah /  
Tuesday just stay-lpss

Parallel<sub>3</sub>: tarinteh pá waareh /  
Wednesday just stay-narr-lpss

Parallel<sub>4</sub>: ponteh pá waah /  
Thursday just stay-lpss

Summary: ekén  
be.nt-lpds-3p

'Monday I just stayed, on Tuesday I just stayed, on Wednesday I just stayed and

on Thursday I just stayed ...'

(4) Parallel<sub>1</sub>: káákantáh yo ayuáh yen/  
big-on dir shed do-nt-3pss

Parallel<sub>2</sub>: tíhtoh yo ayuáh yen/  
small dir shed do-nt-3pss

Parallel<sub>3</sub>: ayááh ayuáh yen/  
long shed do-nt-3pss

Parallel<sub>4</sub>: atinkááh ayuáh yen/  
short shed do-nt-3pss

Summary: úkan//  
be-pst.3ds-3p

'the big ones shed; the small ones shed;  
the long ones shed; the short ones shed;  
thats the way it is...'

#### 1.4 AMPLIFICATION SENTENCE

Slots:	+ <u>Generic Base</u>	+ <u>Specific Base</u>
Fillers:	Clause	Clause <u>Parallel S</u> <u>Amplification S</u>
Special Features:	ss or ds verb	

Deep Structure: Generic-Specific

- Restriction Rules:
1. The actor is the same in Generic and Specific Bases.
  2. If a different anticipatory subject is indicated in the Generic Base it does not refer to the subject of the Specific Base/s, but



to the clause which immediately follows the last clause of the Specific Base/s.

3. The verbs of the Generic Base and Specific Base are identical or of the same semantic domain.

An Amplification Sentence consists of two obligatory Bases. The Generic Base is manifested by a clause with ss or ds verb. Then follows Specific Base manifested by clause with ds verb or a Parallel S.

Amplification Sentences usually embed in other S types, in the present data in Sequence S.

Examples:

- (1) Generic: un waah/  
up.there stay-1pss
- Specific: káán tááraréh intarekén//  
two Saturday finish-narr-lds-3p  
'I stayed up there, I spent two weeks...'
- (2) Generic: manaa tááraréh árúrehkún//  
one Saturday spend-narr-lds-3p
- Specific: Parallel S
- Parallel<sub>1</sub>: manteh pá waah/  
Monday just stay-1pss
- Parallel<sub>2</sub>: tunteh pá waah/  
Tuesday just stay-1pss
- 'I spent one week there; I just stayed on Monday (and) I just stayed on Tuesday...'
- (3) Generic: manaa tááraréh árúrehkún//  
one Saturday spend-narr-lds-3p
- Specific: Parallel S
- Parallel<sub>1</sub>: manteh pá waah/  
Monday just stay-1pss

Parallel<sub>2</sub>: tunteh pá waah/  
Tuesday just stay-lpss

Parallel<sub>3</sub>: tarinteh pá waareh/  
Wednesday just stay-narr-  
lpss

Parallel<sub>4</sub>: ponteh pá waah/  
Thursday just stay-lpss

Summary: ekén//  
be.nt-lpds-3p

(4) Generic: waáreh/  
stay-narr-lpss

Specific: Amplification S

Generic: manaa tááráreh árúrehkún//  
one Saturday spend-narr-  
lpds-3p

Specific: Parallel S:

Parallel<sub>1</sub>: manteh pá waah/  
Monday just stay-  
lpss

Parallel<sub>2</sub>: tunteh pá waah/  
Tuesday just stay-  
lpss

### 1.5 QUOTATION SENTENCE

Slots:	+ <u>Quote</u> <u>Opening</u>	+ <u>Quote</u> <u>Base</u>	+ <u>Quote</u> <u>Closure</u>
Fillers:	Clause	any utter- ance	Clause
Special Features:	usually <u>te</u> 'say' ss form		speech verb <u>te</u> 'say'

Deep Structure: Reported speech

Restriction Rules: 1. Verbs occurring in Quote Opening and Quote Closure must be verb 'say' or one in the same semantic domain.

A Quotation Sentence consists of an optional Quote Opening manifested by a Clause with an ss verb. (Often this opening tagmeme does not occur and it is not immediately obvious that the material is a quotation until it terminates and is followed by the Quote Closure.) An obligatory Quote Base follows which is manifested by any utterance from a non-clause response to a whole discourse. Following the Quote Base an obligatory Quote Closure occurs which is manifested by a Clause expounded by the verb te 'say', a verb phrase in which this is one member or another verb in the same semantic domain. This latter is rare; but, when it occurs, may include inááo 'ask', ááraa 'call someone', owaaraa 'call out'. It is, however, much more common for these to occur in conjunction with te.

Quotation S occurs embedded in Sequence S and probably in others and in all PARAGRAPH and DISCOURSE types.

Examples:

(1) Quote Base: éeyo  
yes

Quote Closure: tiren/  
say-narr-3p  
'"Yes," she said and...'

(2) Quote Base: purin atihkááh eompó///  
death short be-2p-cert



wááyáá tinóo ///  
talk say-3p.impv-emph

Quote Closure: miha tiren /  
thus say-narr-3p  
owaaraaáh yiyaamih ///  
call.out do-cont-3p-3fin

'Women, you dig out (food) and pre-  
pare here; the men gather here, they  
must talk!" he spoke thus calling  
out.'

## 1.6 CONDITIONAL SENTENCE

Slots:	+ <u>Condition Base</u> <sup>1-2</sup>	+ <u>Result Base</u>
Fillers:	Clause with ss or ds verb plus <u>-ma</u> 'condition'	Clause <u>Sequence S</u>
Special Features:	<u>-ma</u> may occur on any number of tagmemes in the clause, one is the usual	

Deep Structure: Hypotheticality , Contingency

- Restriction Rules: 1. Subject of Condition Base and Result Base may be the same or different.
2. If the verb of the first Base is in the neutral tense, the verb of the second Base may be neutral, future or past tense or continuative aspect. If the first verb is future then the second is also future. If the first verb is past

tense or continuative or complete aspect, the second is neutral.

3. Anticipatory subjects of Condition Base refer to the immediately following clause of Result Base.

A Condition Sentence consists of two obligatory tagmemes. Condition Base is manifested by Clause with *ss* or *ds* verb. One or more tagmemes in this clause occurs with *-ma* 'condition', often the first tagmeme. This may be followed by another, optional, Condition Base. Then follows the Result Base which is obligatory and manifested by Clause with *ds* or final verb or Sequence S.

When the speaker uses a different subject in the Condition Base than that of the Result Base, he uses a *ds* verb for Condition Base; but the conditional suffix over-rides the *ds* verb, so that this is no longer the end of a Sentence, but a Clause dependent upon the following Clause and the whole construction is a Sentence.

Conditional S occurs embedded in Sequence and Reason S. They occur most often as exponents of SEQUENCE PARAGRAPH but may occur in others though there are only doubtful examples in the present corpus. There are examples in NARRATIVE, PROCEDURAL and EXPOSITORY DISCOURSES.

Examples:

(1) Condition: yunaán aminti-má //  
 food them-give-fut-3ds-cond

Result: warantín //  
 take-fut-3ds-3p

'if they give them food, they will take (it)...'

- (2) Condition: moanih-má áhtárú úren /  
 money-cond gather be-narr-3p  
Result: kaáintín //  
 put-fut-3ds-3p  
 'if it is money they collect, they will  
 put it ...'
- (3) Condition: yún ínti-má ín //  
 dark be-fut-3ds-cond be.nt.3ds-3p  
Result: wéi warupáh óreráá úkantín //  
 their village-at go.about be-fut-3ds-  
 lp  
 'When it gets dark they will go to their  
 villages ...'
- (4) Condition<sub>1</sub>: ááhiketih-má //  
 wait-2ds-lp-cond  
Condition<sub>2</sub>: téhi-má úhtaareh-má /  
 I-cond prepare-narr-lp-cond  
Result: ááreké //  
 call-nt-lds-2p  
érenó ///  
 come-2p.impv-emph  
 'If you wait, when I prepare I (will)  
 call you (and) you come!'
- (5) Condition<sub>1</sub>: iyámpo-má yó awiren /  
 boy-cond dir them-take.along-nt-3p  
Condition<sub>2</sub>: iyámpo-má áauih en /  
 boy-cond dress.up be.nt-3p  
Result: Sequence S:  
Antecedent<sub>1</sub>: máipóhkéh mahyen /  
 this-ins-from take.up-nt-3p

Antecedent<sub>2</sub>: úmpúh yen /  
suck do-nt-3p

Consequent: amiyaamih  
them-give-cont-3p-3fin  
yunáámpín ///  
food-in

'When they initiate the boys, when they dress them up they take this, suck it (and) are giving it to them in food.'

### 1.7 REASON SENTENCE

Slots:	+ <u>Reason Base</u>	+ <u>link</u>	+ <u>Result Base</u>
Fillers:	Clause	<u>maiwan</u> <u>maipah</u> <u>-wan</u>	Clause
Special Features:	ss, ds or nominalized verb		

Deep Structure: Efficient Cause

- Restriction Rules: 1. Subject of the Reason Base may be the same or different from that of the Result Base.
2. Link when maiwan or maipah occurs as first tagmeme in the Clause filling the Result Base. When the link is -wan it occurs suffixed to a tagmeme in the Clause filling Reason Base.

Reason Sentence consists of two obligatory tagmemes, Reason Base and Result Base, joined by an obligatory link. Reason Base is manifested by Clause with ss, ds or nomin-





óhinóo ///  
go.up-3p-impv-emph

'Before, in another year, (the pay)  
having gone down, so this year it must  
go up.'

(4) Reason Base: í mo kánaáih úkan //  
neg dir good-vbl be-pst.3ds-3p

Link: máiwán  
for.this.reason

Result Base: anaati wáántá minoh éraketih //  
woman man all come.down-2ds-  
lp

'It was not good there, so men and  
women, all of you, come down ...'

(5) Reason Base: wé apah ano akoko-wan  
his younger brother the fear-reason  
úren /  
be-narr-3p

Result Base: temih ///  
say-3p-3fin

'Because he was afraid the younger  
brother spoke.'

(6) Reason Base: Anoónaamá amíma  
exchange-cond them-give-cond  
náhkaáheoná  
eat-pf-2p-nom

Link: máipáh  
for.this.reason

Result Base: wéhin amínoóno ///  
them give-2p.perm-emph

'Because you ate at the exchange mar-  
riage, you must give them!'

## 1.8 SIMULTANEOUS SENTENCE

Slots:	+ <u>Simultaneous Base</u> <sub>1</sub>	+ <u>Simultaneous Base</u> <sub>2</sub>
Fillers:	Clause	Clause <u>Quotation S</u>
Special Features:	verb marked with <u>-ake</u> 'simultaneous'	

Deep Structure: Overlap

- Restriction Rules:
1. Subjects of the Bases may be same or different.
  2. Verb of the first Base is not marked for ds, but second may be and refers to immediately following clause.
  3. Verb of the first Base may occur with -iyaa, 'continuative aspect'.

A Simultaneous Sentence consists of two obligatory Bases. Simultaneous Base<sub>1</sub> is manifested by a Clause with simultaneous verb, marked by the suffix -ake. Simultaneous Base<sub>2</sub> is manifested by Clause with ds or final verb. The two actions are considered to occur simultaneously.

Simultaneous S has been observed embedded in Sequence S though they may possibly occur in others. In the present corpus they occur as exponents of SEQUENCE and COMPOUND PARALLEL PARAGRAPHS. The examples are all from NARRATIVE DISCOURSE.

Examples:

- (1) Simult<sub>1</sub>:    áhtárú    iyaa-áke-n /  
gather    be.cont-simult-3p
- Simult<sub>2</sub>:    yunaánan    átíwiyaamih ///  
food-for    quarrel-cont-3p-3fin

'While they are gathering together they are quarrelling about food.'

(2) Simult<sub>1</sub>: yóh yen /  
plant do-nt-3p  
waah-áke-n //  
stay-simult-3p

Simult<sub>2</sub>: pon ano kókonih emih ///  
pig the many-vbl be.nt-3p-3fin  
'While they continued planting there were many pigs.'

(3) Simult<sub>1</sub>: pahka-áke-n /  
take.hold-simult-3p

Simult<sub>2</sub>: Quotation S:  
Quote Base: anaati óno ///  
woman be.2p.impv-emph  
Quote Closure: tíren /  
say-narr-3p  
'While they took hold of her they said, "You are a married woman!"'

(4) Simult<sub>1</sub>: yon oniya-áke-n /  
dir look-cont-simult-3p

Simult<sub>2</sub>: e áhmaren áná amonu ún  
dir aloft bamboo top dir  
kumámaren /  
sit-narr-3p

'while he was looking he went up and sat on the top of the bamboo and ...'

## 1.9 NEGATIVE PARAPHRASE SENTENCE

Slots:	+ <u>Statement</u>	+ <u>Paraphrase</u>
Fillers:	Clause with ss verb	Clause
Special Features:	Negative antonym may occur in either Base	

Deep Structure: Negated Antonym

Restriction Rules: 1. The subjects of each Base must be the same.  
2. One Base must be negated, but not both.

A Negative Paraphrase Sentence consists of two obligatory Bases, Statement and Paraphrase occurring in juxtaposition. Statement is manifested by Clause with ss verb and Paraphrase by Clause with ds or final verb. The fillers of one tagmeme in both clauses are antonyms, one of which is negated. In the material analyzed, the only example occurs with neutral tense and both predicates have ss verbs, as the sentence is embedded. The two examples elicited also have neutral tense, but final verb occurs in the Clause of Paraphrase.

Negative Paraphrase S occurs embedded in Reason S. The one example in the present material occurs as exponent of DESCRIPTIVE DISCOURSE.

Examples:

(1) Statement: téhtin ihyaa apówah  
we neg acquainted.with  
úkehipéh/  
be-pst-lpl-lp

Paraphrase:    aminó    eh /  
 ignorant    be.nt-1p  
 'we were not acquainted (with it), we  
 were ignorant ...'

(2) Statement:    wéhi    ihyaa    káákaníh    en /  
 he            neg            big-vbl            be.nt-3p

Paraphrase:    tihtotíh    emíh ///  
 small-vbl    be.nt-3p-3fin  
 'He isn't big, he's small.'

(3) Statement:    wéhi    tihtotíh    en /  
 he            small-vbl            be.nt-3p

Paraphrase:    ihyaa    káákaníh    emíh ///  
 neg            big-vbl            be.nt-3p-3fin  
 'He's small, he's not big.'

#### 1.10 FRUSTRATION SENTENCE

Frustration and Warning Sentences do not occur in the texts examined for this paper. However, some examples have been heard and a few recorded in the past. At the present these are all considered to be different; but may, at a later date when more examples are available, be united under one heading.

They all occur with the unidentified morpheme, naa which has been translated either 'would' or 'lest' according to context.

##### 1.10.1 Frustration-A Sentence

Slots:	+ <u>Intention</u>	+ <u>Link</u>	+ <u>Prevention</u>
Fillers:	Clause	naren	Clause with final verb
Special Features:	verb stem + glottal stop		

Deep Structure: Frustrated Intent

- Restriction Rules:
1. The subjects of both Bases are the same.
  2. Anticipatory subjects do not occur.
  3. Neutral tense only has been observed.
  4. Negative does not occur.

A Frustration-A Sentence consists of three obligatory tagmemes. Intention Base is manifested by Clause with verb stem plus glottal stop followed by Link expounded by naren. This is followed by Prevention Base manifested by Clause with final verb.

The general meaning is that the action of the first Base was intended to take place but was frustrated by the action of the second.

Example:

Intention:      kúru      úwáraah  
fence              build

Link:              naren /  
would

Prevention:    karamúte    ehú ///  
fence              be.nt-lp-lfin

'I would have made the fence (but) I was in jail.'

### 1.10.2 Frustration-B Sentence

Slots:	+ <u>Prevention</u>	+ <u>Intention</u>	+ <u>Terminal</u>
Fillers:	Clause with ss or ds verb	Clause with modified verb	<u>naremih</u>

Deep Structure: Frustrated Ability

- Restriction Rules:
1. The subjects of the two Bases are the same or different.
  2. Anticipatory subject occurs on the Prevention Base and indicates the subject of the Intention Base.
  3. The negative may occur with the Prevention Base. (Further investigation may show that the negative may occur with one or the other, but not with both.)

A Frustration-B Sentence consists of three obligatory tagmemes. Prevention Base is manifested by Clause with *ss* or *ds* verb. This is followed by Intention Base manifested by Clause with a modified verb, either stem plus glottal stop or stem plus continuative aspect suffix plus glottal stop. Then follows naremih which looks like a final verb, that is, naa + re + m + ih, verb stem plus narrative aspect, plus third person subject, plus third person final.

The general meaning of this Sentence type is that if the action of the Prevention Base had not happened, the action of the Intention Base would have occurred.

Examples:

- (1) Prevention:    kiyaahpe    íhyaa    érikaáreíntih //  
                           kiap            neg            come-pf-narr-?-3ds-lp
- Intention:        pá        tiruwiyaáh  
                           just        lpr-fight-cont-glottal
- Terminal:        naremih ///  
                           would-narr-3p-3fin  
                           'If the kiap hadn't come we would  
                           still be fighting.'



The following example was elicited:

- (2) Prevention:    téhi    íhyaa    karamúte    uhkaáreh /  
                           I            not            jail            be-pf-narr-lp
- Intention:        kúru        úwáraah  
                           fence        make-glottal
- Terminal:         naremih ///  
                           would-narr-3p-3fin

### 1.11 WARNING SENTENCE

Slots:	+ <u>Warning</u>	+ <u>Link</u>	+ <u>Command</u>
Fillers:	Clause	- <u>naapo</u> 'lest'	Clause with final verb in imperative mode

Deep Structure: Warning

- Restriction Rules: 1. Subjects of two Bases may be different.
2. Verb in Clause of Command Base is in imperative mode.

A Warning Sentence consists of three obligatory tagmemes. Warning Base is manifested by a Clause with verb suffixed with -naapo 'lest', the obligatory Link. This is followed by Command Base which is manifested by Clause with final verb in the imperative mood.

There being only one example the rules may need re-vising at a later date.

Example:

Warning:    érawináapo  
                   fall.down-lest

Command:    kaáo ///  
                   put-2p.impv  
                   'Lest it fall down, put it (down)!'

## 2 PARAGRAPH

An Agarabi PARAGRAPH has been defined as a construction at a level in the grammatical hierarchy between Sentence and DISCOURSE. It consists of BASE manifested by a Sentence whose minimum exponent is Clause with independent verb, falling intonation and major pause. Except for SIMPLE PARAGRAPH, this BASE is preceded by BASE/S manifested by Sentence whose minimum exponent is Clause with ds verb.

The last verb of an embedded PARAGRAPH changes its form to suit the pattern of what it is embedded in. If the PARAGRAPH is exponent of non-final PARAGRAPH BASE the verb is a ds verb.

A COMPOUND PARAGRAPH consists of two or more BASES manifested by SIMPLE PARAGRAPHS whose minimum exponents are Clauses with independent verbs. The over-all subject or theme of the Paragraph is the same and some major tagmeme in the final Clause of each BASE are identical or a part of the whole. In most cases it is the subject which is the same or, in a few cases, the subject of one verb is multiple and subject of the other/s a portion of that group. In the case of COMPOUND CONTRAST PARAGRAPH and COMPOUND PARALLEL PARAGRAPH it is some other tagmeme of the component Sentences that is the same, such as the object.

A speaker may choose to use either Sentence or PARAGRAPH constructions. If he is speaking of identical subjects and wishes to use a PARAGRAPH construction, he uses a COMPOUND PARAGRAPH. This seems to be most common in DESCRIPTIVE DISCOURSES where the information is new or unknown to the hearer. There are a few concepts which are only expressed in PARAGRAPH constructions so, if the sub-

jects are different, a PARAGRAPH is used and, if the subjects are the same, a COMPOUND PARAGRAPH is used.

## 2.1 SIMPLE PARAGRAPH

A SIMPLE PARAGRAPH consists of one BASE manifested by a Simple, Sequence, Amplification, Simultaneous, Conditional or Quote Sentence with independent verb. Others may also occur but were not found in the material being analyzed.

SIMPLE PARAGRAPHS embed in COMPOUND PARAGRAPHS. They are also exponents of NARRATIVE, PROCEDURAL and EXPOSITORY DISCOURSE tagmemes.

Examples:

- (1) Simple Sentence:     míhan    úkemíh    ///  
                                      thus        be-pst-3p-3fin  
                                      'Its like that.'
- (2) Simple Sentence:     úraran    ano        kókoniḥ    úkemíh    ///  
                                      animal    the        many-vbl    be-pst-3p-3fin  
                                      'There are many animals.'
- (3) Simple Sentence:     wáántá    anaati    pára        awetaraa  
                                      man        woman     just        tired  
                                      iyaapóno    ///  
                                      be.cont-2p.int-emph  
                                      'Men and women, why are you  
                                      tired?'
- (4) Sequence Sentence:    Unaantumpáh    órinóno    ///  
                                      Unantu-at        go-2p.perm-emph  
                                      máiwán                            pára        wéankáán  
                                      for.this.reason                    just        they.all

kátéreóno ///  
deceive-nt-2p-emph

máha tíren /  
thus say-narr-3p

Tóhonke wenááhkáh é  
Sohonke he-only dir

awiren /  
non-lpr-take.along-nt-3p

éhi warumá apoówah  
you village-cond know

úhkeóna mái aníhetih //  
be-pst-2p-nom this show-2ds-lp

onááno ///  
see-lp.perm-emph

máha tíren /  
thus say-narr-3p

ó awiren /  
dir non-lpr-take.along-nt-3p

óremih ///  
go-nt-3p-3fin

"You may go to Unantu. So you just deceive them all," they said and took only Sohonke along, "You know the village (so) you can show us and we'll see." they said and went taking him along.'

(5) Simultaneous Sentence: wááháken /  
stay-simult-3p

inoóriyaamih ///  
grow-cont-3p-3fin

'While they remain (there) they grow up.'

(6) Conditional Sentence: Anaatimá áárintá apowaa  
 woman-cond girl old.  
 woman

kánaáih en /  
 good-vbl be.nt-3p

matiyán en /  
 share be.nt-3p

waremih ///  
 take-nt-3p-3fin

'If the women, girls and old women can, they share and take it.'

(7) Amplification Sentence: miha ten /  
 this say-nt-3p

inuhpáh owaaremih ///  
 afternoon call.out-nt-3p-3fin

'He said this, in the afternoon he called (it) out.'

## 2.2 SEQUENCE PARAGRAPH

Slots:	+ BU <sub>1</sub>	+BU <sup>n</sup>
Fillers:	<u>Simple S</u> <u>Sequence S</u> <u>Quote S</u> <u>Simultaneous S</u> <u>Reason S</u> <u>Parallel S</u> <u>Conditional S</u> <u>Amplification S</u>	<u>Simple S</u> <u>Sequence S</u> <u>Quote S</u> <u>Simultaneous S</u> <u>Reason S</u> <u>Parallel S</u> <u>Conditional S</u> <u>Amplification S</u> AMPLIFICATION PAR

Deep Structure: Succession

- Restriction Rules:
1. The subject of the first clause of each BU is different from the subject of the final clause of the preceding BU except where the verb of the first clause is a repetition of the verb of the final clause of the preceding PARAGRAPH. (Occasionally such a repetition occurs in mid-paragraph; but usually at the beginning.)
  2. Tenses are mainly neutral. When other tenses occur their meanings carry back through the preceding string of ss neutral tense verbs.

A SEQUENCE PARAGRAPH consists of at least two BUs,  $n = 1-21$ ; up to nine BUs have been observed in the corpus in NARRATIVE DISCOURSES. In PROCEDURAL DISCOURSES 22 BUs have been observed. At present there seems no other difference in the PARAGRAPHS to warrant setting up two types. The above listed Sentence types have been observed, except that Simultaneous and Reason S are merely assumed to be possible in this position. Others may also be possible in either position but do not occur in the present corpus. The predicate of the final Clause must contain an independent verb.

SEQUENCE PARAGRAPHS occur as primary exponents of NARRATIVE and PROCEDURAL DISCOURSES.

Examples:

(1) BU<sub>1</sub>: Simple S: pára kumantekén //  
just sit-nt-lds-3p

BU<sub>2</sub>: Simple S: káá kemih ///  
light shine-nt-3p-3fin

'I just sat until dawn.'

(2) BU<sub>1</sub>: Simple S: káá káħkan //  
light shine-pst.3ds-3p

BU<sub>2</sub>: Sequence S: aum waáren /  
eye sleep-narr-3p

owaariyaamih ///  
call.out-cont-3p-3fin

'(After) it dawned they slept and  
(now) are calling out.'

(3) BU<sub>1</sub>: Simple S: éřihkah //  
come-pst.3ds-lp

BU<sub>2</sub>: Sequence S: tinuh yúreh /  
lpr-startle do-narr-lp

é mánteħ /  
dir rise-nt-lp

unaan kapinaa aman  
string.bag bark.skirt take.up

úreh /  
be.nt-lp

érekén //  
come-nt-lds-3p

BU<sub>3</sub>: Simple S: óná ánkámemih ///  
door it-hit-nt-3p-3fin

'They came (and) I was scared and  
got up, dressed and came (and) they  
knocked on the door.'

(4) BU<sub>1</sub>: Sequence S: tihkaan /  
cut-pf-3p

áħtarú úren /  
gather be-narr-3p

yáá enaa ánkáman me  
tree leaf hit-nom dir

kaáin //  
put-3ds-3p

BU<sub>2</sub>: Simple S: maahnaáún áátáh káwin //  
house-inside sun-on dry-cpl-3ds-3p

BU<sub>3</sub>: Sequence S: írá aihaan kaáuh yen /  
firewood gather-nom put do-nt-3p

kókon wíyon óriyaan /  
many moon go-cont-3p

umá kurinain mái yánaáh  
salt-cond cook-thing this thing

ámán kaáin //  
take.up-nom put-3ds-3p

BU<sub>4</sub>: Simult. S: maahnaáúmpín waaháken /  
house-inside-in stay-simult-3p

áátáh káwin //  
sun-on dry-cpl-3ds-3p

BU<sub>5</sub>: Sequence S: ááhma keín máih yamúh  
sun-cond shine-nom this day

maah úwáh yen /  
house make do-nt-3p

máipín tááriyaamih ///  
this-in prepare-cont-3p-3fin

'They cut and gather and (then) put the leaves they have beaten (and) it dries completely in the house; (then) they gather firewood (and) do this many months and the salt which is cooking they take and put it; while it is in the house it dries completely and, on a day when the sun shines, they build a house and are preparing in this.'



(5) BU<sub>1</sub>: Parallel S: úbpín manaahaa káákan úraran  
 bush-in one-part big animal  
wáhkan //  
 stay-pst-3ds-3p

nómpín manaahaa úraran  
 water-in one-part animal  
wáhkan //  
 stay-pst.3ds-3p

míhan úhkan //  
 thus be-pst.3ds-3p

BU<sub>2</sub>: Sequence S: manaahaa úraran áyun pahken /  
 one-part animal seed take.hold-  
 nt-3p

awínen /  
 them-tend-nt-3p

kaáín /  
 put-3ds-3p

waah . iyaamih ///  
 stay cont-3p-3fin (habit)

'In the bush there are some big animals; in the water there are some animals; its like that. They take the seed of some animals and tend them, put them and they remain.'

(6) BU<sub>1</sub>: Conditional S: móanihmá áhtárú úren /  
 money-cond gather be-narr-3p

kaáintin //  
 put-fut-3ds-3p

BU<sub>2</sub>: Sequence S: waren /  
 take-nt-3p

wúrimakaaután yotíntemih ///  
 cattle-for search-fut-3p-  
 3fin

'When they gather the money they will put it (and others) will take it and search for a cow.'

(7) BU<sub>1</sub>: Amplification S: un waah /  
dir stay-lp  
káán tááraréh intarekén //  
two Saturday finish-narr-  
lds-3p

BU<sub>2</sub>: Sequence S: máiráh kaari ano  
then car the  
tiwiren /  
lpr-take.along-nt-3p  
kainantumpáh moruh  
Kainantu-at put.there  
yah //  
do-3ds-lp  
érehú ///  
come-nt-lp-lfin

'I spent two weeks there (and) then a car took me and put me at Kainantu and I came.'

(8) BU<sub>1</sub>: Amplification S:  
 Generic: Simple S: órerúhna yáwaaúroh  
go-bit.by.bit-nom Rabaul  
mo manaa tááraréh  
dir one Saturday  
árúrehkún //  
spend-narr-lds-3p

Specific: Parallel S: manteh waah /  
Monday stay-lp  
tunteh waah /  
Tuesday stay-lp  
tarinteh waah /  
Wednesday stay-lp

ponteh    pá    waah /  
Thursday    just    stay-lp

BU<sub>2</sub>: AMPLIFICATION. PAR:

THEME: Simple S:    paraanteh    ááhkuráh    tihpi  
Friday    morning    ship  
éreín    é  
come-nom    dir  
tiwiraH //  
lpr-take.along-3ds-lp

AMPLIFICATION

BASE: Simple S:

toru    waarapín    óriyaah  
salt    water-in    go-cont-lp  
óriyaah //  
go-cont-lp

BU<sub>3</sub>: Simple S:

inuhpáh    airaanipín  
afternoon    island-in  
mutohkáh    mó    kaáih //  
Mutoh-on    dir    put-3ds-lp

BU<sub>4</sub>: Sequence S:

yoriyaah    waah /  
work-cont-lp    stay-lp  
máipáhkéh    ínteh /  
this-at-from    finish-nt-lp  
érehú ///  
come-nt-lp-lfin

'As I was going I spent a week at Rabaul; I stayed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and on Friday morning a ship coming, took me along, and we were going and going on the salt water and (then) in the afternoon it put me on an island, Muso; and I was working there, finished there and came.'

(9) BU<sub>1</sub>: Sequence S:yunáán unáh yen /  
food dig.out do-nt-3ptááh yen /  
prepare do-nt-3pyanon woóren /  
mumu bake-narr-3pkáwé kúh yen /  
clay.pot cook do-nt-3pánápín tápo kúh yan //  
bamboo-in greens cook do-3ds-3pBU<sub>2</sub>: Quote S:inaaru tian ten /  
sky say-nom say-nt-3pwanáaan karuhyáretín //  
spill.out-nom throw.away-narr-  
2ds-3pyunáán apé intin //  
food abundant be-fut-3ds-3pnánoóno ///  
eat-2p.perm-emphtíren /  
say-narr-3pBU<sub>3</sub>: Sequence S:áátaréma yóh yákeín  
later-cond plant do-pst-nommáipintéh mínoh yunáán  
this-in-from all foodunáh yen /  
dig.out do-nt-3pmah yamúh wáántá anaati  
that day man womankáákan yunáán tááh yen /  
big food prepare do-nt-3pyáa enáa máh yen /  
tree leaf take.up do-nt-3pmairah uwih yen /  
then spread do-nt-3p

ána      ayóhan      meériyaán /  
bamboo    empty-nom    put.here-cont-3p

káwé      ayóhan      meériyaán /  
clay.pot    empty-nom    put.here-cont-  
3p

úren /  
be-narr-3p

manaa    wáántá    ano    owááren /  
one        man        the      call.out-nt-3p

temih ///  
say-nt-3p-3fin

'They dig out food, prepare it, make a mumu, cook in clay pots, cook greens in bamboo (and then) the sky told them, "Throw away what was spilled out. The food will be abundant and you may eat," they said and, later, from among the things planted all kinds of food were dug out and on that day the people prepared a big meal; they took leaves and spread them there and put the emptied bamboo and the emptied clay pot here and one man called out and spoke.'

## 2.3 QUOTE PARAGRAPH

Slots:	+ QUOTE	+ QUOTE FORMULA
Fillers:	any <u>Sentence</u> any PARAGRAPH any <u>DISCOURSE</u>	Clause with final verb <u>Simple S</u> <u>Sequence S</u> <u>Reason S</u> <u>Amplification S</u>

Deep Structure: Reporting

Restriction Rules: 1. The subject of the QUOTE FORMULA may be the same or different from subject/s of the quoted speech.  
2. Any tense may occur in the quoted speech; neutral tense occurs most often in the QUOTE FORMULA.

A QUOTE PARAGRAPH consists of two obligatory tagmemes, QUOTE followed by QUOTE FORMULA. Any kind of Sentence, PARAGRAPH, and, I think, any DISCOURSE, may occur in the QUOTE. The QUOTE FORMULA is more restricted, most often consisting of a Clause with a speech verb or a verb phrase of two close-knit speech verbs. In nearly all cases one of the verbs is te 'say'; this is normally preceded by miha 'thus'. Tenses and subjects may be the same or different in the two tagmemes. QUOTE PARAGRAPHS occur in all DISCOURSE types.

Examples:

(1) QUOTE: Simple S: mapah éranóo ///  
here-at come.down-2p.impv-emph

QUOTE Simple S: tiyaamih ///  
FORMULA: say-cont-3p-3fin

'He is saying, "Come down here!"'

(2) QUOTE: Sequence S: éretih //  
come-2ds-lp

wááyáá teéno ///  
talk say-lp.perm-emph

QUOTE FORMULA: Amplification S:

Generic: miha ten /  
thus say-nt-3p

Specific: owaariyaamih ///  
call.out-cont-3p-3fin

'"You come and I may say something," he said calling out.'

(3) QUOTE: Sequence S:

Antecedent: Reason S:

Reason Base: téhtimpin manaa áú  
us-in one bad

wááhin //  
stay-3ds-3p

Result Base: kateéh yen /  
deceive do-nt-3p

Consequent: Simple S:

karawúten tiwirántemino ///  
gaol lpr-take.along-  
fut-3p-3fin-emph

QUOTE FORMULA: Sequence S: miha teh /  
thus say-nt-lp

inehú ///  
hear-nt-lp-lfin

'"There is trouble among us (so) they deceive us and will take us to jail," I said and listened.'

(4) QUOTE: Simple S: yunáánámáh móanihnámáh íhyaa  
 food-with money-with neg  
kánaáih úkemíno ///  
 good-vbl be-pst-3p-3fin

QUOTE Amplification S:

FORMULA: Generic: míha ten /  
 thus say-nt-3p

Specific: átiwoónowan tíah yíyaamíh ///  
 scold-desid say do-cont-3p-  
 3fin

"The food and money was not enough,"  
 he said; wanting to scold them he  
 was speaking.'

## 2.4 AMPLIFICATION PARAGRAPH

Slots:	+ THEME	+ AMP BASE <sub>1</sub>	+ AMP BASE <sub>2</sub>	+ SUMMARY
Fillers:	<u>Simple S</u>	<u>Simple S</u> <u>Parallel S</u> COMPOUND PARALLEL PARAGRAPH AMP PAR	<u>Simple S</u>	<u>Simple S</u> COMPOUND PARALLEL PARAGRAPH

Deep Structure: Amplification

Restriction Rules: 1. Subject of THEME may be the same or different than subject of AMP BASE/S.  
 2. Verbs occur with neutral tense or continuative or habitual aspects.

An AMPLIFICATION PARAGRAPH consists of two obligatory tagmemes, THEME followed by AMPLIFICATION BASE<sub>1</sub>. These are optionally followed by AMELIFICATION BASE<sub>2</sub> and/



or SUMMARY. THEME may be a general statement to be enlarged or a formulaic statement like mihan ten 'it was like that' which may link the PARAGRAPH to what preceded it.

There are not many clear examples in the present material, but they have been observed to occur in NARRATIVE, PROCEDURAL and EXPOSITORY DISCOURSES.

Examples:

(1) THEME: Simple S: paraanteh ááhkuráh tíhpi éreín  
 Friday morning ship come-  
 nom

é tiwiraH //  
 dir lpr-take.along-3ds-lp

AMP BASE<sub>1</sub>: Simple S: toru waarapín óriyaah  
 salt water-in go-cont-lp  
óriyaah /  
 go-cont-lp

'Friday morning a ship coming it  
 took me and I was going and going  
 on the salt water ...'

(2) THEME: Simple S: iyámpón mó úpayanih  
 boy dir nose.stick.ceremony-  
 vbl

en /  
 be.nt-3p

AMP BASE<sub>1</sub>: Simple S: atihpen máipónkéh  
 nose-in this-ins-from  
máh yen /  
 take.up do-nt-3p

AMP BASE<sub>2</sub>: Simple S: wín úmpúh yen /  
 ginger suck do-nt-3p

SUMMARY: Simple S: úpayanih  
 nose.stick.ceremony-vbl  
úantiyaamih ///  
 be-bene-cont-3p-3fin

'They have the nose-sticking ceremony for the boys there; they put this in the nose, they suck ginger, they are having the ceremony for them.'

(3) THEME: Simple S: mihan ten /  
 thus be.like-nt-3p

AMP BASE<sub>1</sub>:

AMPLIFICATION PAR:

THEME: Simple S: waruráh mé kaáúh  
 village-on dir put  
yan //  
 do-3ds-3p

AMP BASE<sub>1</sub>: COMPOUND PARALLEL PAR:

PARALLEL BASE<sub>1</sub>: Simple S:

kaánkánán kaari kaákan  
 two car big  
kánán éremih ///  
 two come-nt-3p-3fin

PARALLEL BASE<sub>2</sub>: Simple S:

tihtoh yamaanaahpáh  
 small five  
éremih ///  
 come-nt-3p-3fin

'It was like that; they put them at the village. Two big cars came. Five small ones came.'

(4) THEME: Simple S; mihan tukan //  
 thus be.like-pst.3ds-3p

AMP BASE<sub>1</sub>: Parallel S:

Parallel<sub>1</sub>: kaákantáh yo ayuah  
 big-on dir shed

yen /  
do-nt-3p

Parallel<sub>2</sub>: tihtoh yo ayuah yen /  
small dir shed do-nt-3p

Parallel<sub>3</sub>: ayaah ayuah yen /  
long shed do-nt-3p

Parallel<sub>4</sub>: atihkááh ayuah yen /  
short shed do-nt-3p

Summary: úkan //  
be-pst-3ds-3p

AMP BASE<sub>2</sub>: COMPOUND PARALLEL PARAGRAPH:

PARALLEL BASE<sub>1</sub>: atihkááh awih  
short non.lpr-name  
wayumpaateen  
Bayumpasen  
teh.iyaamíh ///  
say cont-3p-3fin (habit)

PARALLEL BASE<sub>2</sub>: ayaah waarin awih  
long eel non.lpr-  
name  
nonarikane  
Nonarikane  
teh.iyaamíh ///  
say cont-3p-3fin (habit)

'Its like that. The big ones shed; the little ones shed; the long ones shed; the short ones shed; its so. The name of the short one is 'Bayumpasen'. The name of the long eel is 'Nonarikane'.'

## 2.5 COMPOUND AMPLIFICATION PARAGRAPH

Slots:	+ THEME	+ AMP BASE <sub>1</sub>	+ AMP BASE <sub>2</sub>
Fillers:	SIMPLE PAR	SIMPLE PAR	SIMPLE PAR

## Deep Structure: Amplification

- Restriction Rules: 1. Subjects are the same or THEME has multiple subject and AMP BASE/S refer to parts of that whole.
2. Verbs occur with neutral tense or continuative or habitual aspects.

A COMPOUND AMPLIFICATION PARAGRAPH consists of two obligatory tagmemes, THEME followed by AMPLIFICATION BASE<sub>1</sub>. These are optionally followed by AMPLIFICATION BASE<sub>2</sub>. No SUMMARY has been observed for this PARAGRAPH type. Each BASE is manifested by SIMPLE PARAGRAPH. Two examples occur in EXPOSITORY DISCOURSE and the others in NARRATIVE DISCOURSE.

## Examples:

- (1) THEME:            manaahaa    aunááh    wéhwéh    úkeín  
                          one-part    face        very.good    be-pst-nom  
                          úraran    waamih ///  
                          animal    stay-3p-3fin

AMP BASE<sub>1</sub>:    inoókeín    waamih ///  
                          grow-pst-nom    stay-3p-3fin

'There are some animals with very good faces. Growing up they remain.'

- (2) THEME:            káákan    non        ankinaapáh    manaahaa  
                          big        water    area-at        one-part  
                          úraran    áaraa.aráá    úraran    inoókemih ///  
                          animal    all.kinds    animal        grow-pst-3p-3fin

AMP BASE<sub>1</sub>: náárah wáántái wararáh inoóran  
 red man-poss ground-on grow-nom  
waamih ///  
 stay-3p-3fin

AMP BASE<sub>2</sub>: kamáá úkein wéhwhé úkein  
 good be-pst-nom very.good be-pst-nom  
úraran waamih ///  
 animal stay-3p-3fin

'Near the big water some animals, all kinds, grow. They live on the red man's ground. Good animals, very good animals, live there.'

(3) THEME: mihan túkémih ///  
 thus be.like-pst-3p-3fin

AMP BASE<sub>1</sub>: ún kúrin awuh.awaah wááyáá  
 salt cook-nom custom talk  
máihaaíh ///  
 this-vbi

'It was like that. This is talk about the custom of making salt.'

(4) THEME: tihtohaa kúru úwámáken /  
 small-part fence make-pst-3p

máipín yunáan yoremih ///  
 this-in food plant-nt-3p-3fin  
 AMP BASE<sub>1</sub>: áras.aráá awihpintéh awihpintéh  
 all.kinds name-in-from name-in-from  
yoremih ///  
 plant-nt-3p-3fin

'They made a small fence and planted food in it. They planted some from all kinds of food.'

## 2.6 REASON-RESULT PARAGRAPH

Slots:	+ REASON BASE	+ LINK	+ RESULT BASE
Fillers:	SIMPLE PAR	<u>maipah</u>	<u>Quote S</u> SIMPLE PAR REASON-RESULT PAR AMPLIFICATION PAR
Special Features:	BASES may occur in either order		

Deep Structure: Efficient Cause

Restriction Rules: 1. Subjects may be the same or different.  
2. Tenses may vary.  
3. BASES occur in either order.

A REASON-RESULT PARAGRAPH consists of two obligatory tagmemes, REASON BASE and RESULT BASE, occurring in either order. The linking word maipah 'so' may occur at the beginning of the RESULT BASE. There are not many examples in the present corpus and only one follows the normal pattern for PARAGRAPHS, of independent verb occurring only on the final Clause of the final BASE. The other two have independent verbs on both BASES, but do not have the same subjects. However, they hang together and I think should be treated as PARAGRAPHS.

REASON RESULT PARAGRAPHS occur in NARRATIVE, HORTATORY and EXPOSITORY DISCOURSES.

Examples:

(1) RESULT BASE: Quote S: Quote Base:

míhan    úkeín                    máíwan    nahinaatáh  
thus    be-pst-nom    reason    what-int  
waanapíno ///  
stay-int-3fin-emph

Quote Formula:

miha ten /  
thus say-nt-3p

REASON BASE: SIMPLE PAR:

aminó eh . iyaamih ///  
ignorant be.nt cont-3p-3fin (habit)

"Its like this, so what is there?"  
they say and are always ignorant.'

(2) REASON BASE: Simple S:

péepáh Wáarah wáántá yunáan  
before Barapa man food  
amikáámih /// wurimakaaúh-  
them-give-pf-3p-3fin cattle-  
námáh  
with

LINK: máipáh  
so

RESULT BASE: REASON-RESULT PAR:

REASON BASE: anoóna waayan wan  
in.return noon stay-nom  
yamúh ameénowan /  
day them-give-desid

RESULT BASE: Amplification S:

taré ínúran áhtárú en /  
now night gather be.nt-3p

anaati wáántá móanih  
woman man money

áhtárú iyaamih ///  
gather be.cont-3p-3fin

'Previously the Barapa men gave food  
with meat. So on some rest day they  
(Punano people) want to give to them  
in return; they gathered last night,  
the men and women are gathering money.'

## 2.7 COMPOUND CONTRAST PARAGRAPH

Slots:	+ THESIS	+ ANTITHESIS
Fillers:	SIMPLE PAR AMPLIFICATION PAR REASON-RESULT PAR	SIMPLE PAR AMPLIFICATION PAR REASON-RESULT PAR

Deep Structure: Contrast

- Restriction Rules:
1. Subjects are different.
  2. Tenses in the present corpus are neutral, the verbs being stative or habitative.
  3. Either a negative or an antonym occurs in ANTITHESIS.

A COMPOUND CONTRAST PARAGRAPH consists of two obligatory tagmemes, THESIS and ANTITHESIS. The THESIS is a statement and ANTITHESIS makes a contrasting statement. Either a negative or an antonym occurs in the predicate of ANTITHESIS. Each BASE may be filled by SIMPLE, AMPLIFICATION or REASON-RESULT PARAGRAPH.

Only two examples have been identified in the material analyzed; both occurred in EXPOSITORY (DESCRIPTIVE) DISCOURSE.

Examples:

(1) THESIS: SIMPLE PAR: Simple S:

<u>éena</u>	<u>warupáh</u>	<u>téhti</u>	<u>i</u>
other	village-at	we	neg
<u>oóntehipená</u>	<u>úrاران</u>	<u>manaahaa</u>	
see-pst-lpl-nom	animal	one-part	
<u>waain</u>	<u>kaákan</u>	<u>úrاران</u>	<u>waamih</u> ///
stay-nom	big	animal	stay-3p-3fin



## ANTITHESIS: AMPLIFICATION PAR:

THEME: iyón wáraráh ihyaa máhan  
 cold ground-on neg thus  
ten //  
be.like-nt-3p

AMP BASE: raaion waain máha  
 lion stay-nom thus  
awúh.awaahkáh i waamih ///  
 custom-on neg stay-3p-  
 3fin

'In places we haven't seen where some animals live there are big animals. Its not like this in cold country; its not like this where lions live.'

## (2) THESIS: REASON-RESULT PAR:

REASON: iyón wáraráh inoóranainá  
 cold ground-on grow-thing-nom  
námú en /  
 bad be-nt-3p

RESULT: tíhtotih úkemih ///  
 small-vbl be-pst-3p-3fin

## ANTITHESIS: REASON-RESULT PAR:

REASON: múhmúh wáraráh kámasá en /  
 warm ground-on good be.nt-  
 3p

RESULT: minoh úraran kaain  
 all animal put-nom  
waamih ///  
 stay-3p-3fin

'Cold country is bad for growing things, they are small. Warm country is good, all animals born there survive.'

## 2.8 COMPOUND NEGATIVE PARAPHRASE PARAGRAPH

Slots:	+ STATEMENT BASE	+ PARAPHRASE BASE
Fillers:	SIMPLE PAR	SIMPLE PAR

Deep Structure: Negated Antonym

Restriction Rules: 1. Subjects are the same.

2. Negative must occur in one BASE.

A COMPOUND NEGATIVE PARAPHRASE PARAGRAPH consists of two obligatory BASES, STATEMENT and PARAPHRASE. A negative must occur in one BASE. I have only one example in the present corpus which occurs in a DESCRIPTIVE DIS-COURSE. The tenses in each BASE of this example are past, but I do not think this would be required.

Example:

STATEMENT: SIMPLE PAR:

<u>nómpintéh</u>		<u>úraran</u>	<u>úhpintéh</u>
water-in-from		animal	bush-in-from
<u>úraran</u>	<u>ihyaa</u>	<u>inoókemih</u>	///
animal	neg	grow-pst-3p-3fin	

PARAPHRASE: SIMPLE PAR:

<u>tihtotih</u>	<u>anáá</u>	<u>úkemih</u>	///
small-vbl	only	be-pst-3p-3fin	

'Animals from the water and from the bush do not grow (large). They are only small.'

## 2.9 COMPOUND PARALLEL PARAGRAPH

Slots:	+ PARALLEL BASE <sub>1</sub>	+ PARALLEL BASE <sub>2</sub>
Fillers:	AMPLIFICATION PAR SEQUENCE PAR SIMULTANEOUS PAR	SIMPLE PAR

## Deep Structure: Parallel Coupling

Restriction Rules: 1. The verb in the final predicate of each BASE is the same or from the same semantic domain.

2. At least one of the fillers of the other slots of the final Clause of PARALLEL BASE changes.

A COMPOUND PARALLEL PARAGRAPH consists of two obligatory tagmemes, PARALLEL BASE<sub>1</sub> and PARALLEL BASE<sub>2</sub>. PARALLEL BASE<sub>1</sub> may consist of AMPLIFICATION, SEQUENCE or SIMULTANEOUS PARAGRAPH. All available examples have SIMPLE PAR in PARALLEL BASE<sub>2</sub>. The verb in the final predicate of PARALLEL BASE<sub>1</sub> is the same as the verb in the final predicate of PARALLEL BASE<sub>2</sub> or is from the same semantic domain. The filler/s of at least one other slot changes.

COMPOUND PARALLEL PARAGRAPH occurs in NARRATIVE DISCOURSE in the material analyzed, all from one fable.

## Examples:

(1) PARALLEL BASE<sub>1</sub>: SEQUENCE PAR:

waaren /  
stay-narr-3p

pon aruan kakupemih ///  
pig it-kill-nom sprinkle-nt-3p-3fin

PARALLEL BASE<sub>2</sub>: SIMPLE PAR:

kóh ninaahan kakupemih ///  
 koh eat-cont-nom sprinkle-nt-3p-3fin

'He remained and he sprinkled the pig he killed. He sprinkled the 'koh' beans he was eating.'

(2) PARALLEL BASE<sub>1</sub>: SIMULTANEOUS PAR:

yóh yen waaháken /  
 plant do-nt-3p stay-simult-3p

pon ano kókonih emih ///  
 pig the many-vbl be.nt-3p-3fin

PARALLEL BASE<sub>2</sub>: SIMPLE PAR:

kóh anán kókonih emih ///  
 koh vine many-vbl be.nt-3p-3fin

'While they remained planting there were many pigs. There were many 'koh' vines.'

(3) PARALLEL BASE<sub>1</sub>: AMPLIFICATION PAR:

THEME: wé ahyáhkán waáken  
 3p married.couple stay-pst-3p

AMP BASE<sub>1</sub>: yunaán í wan pára  
 food neg have-nom just  
waáken /  
 stay-pst-3p

AMP BASE<sub>2</sub>: yunaánán yotiwaáen /  
 food-for search-repeatedly-3p

AMP BASE<sub>3</sub>: kóh anáá yoremih ///  
 koh only plant-nt-3p-3fin

PARALLEL BASE<sub>2</sub>: SIMPLE PAR:

pon anáá awinemih ///  
 pig only tend-nt-3p-3fin

'There was a married couple; they were just living without food, they repeatedly searched for food (and) they planted only the 'koh' beans. They tended only pigs.'

### 3 DISCOURSE

Due to the limited nature of the corpus with which I worked the following observations about Agarabi discourse are tentative. When a greater amount of more varied material is available, no doubt, some of the following will be altered.

At present I am positing four main types of discourse with probable subtypes. The main categories are NARRATIVE, PROCEDURAL, HORTATORY and EXPOSITORY. I will first make some general observations about discourses and then comments on the features which I believe separate the different types.

A general formula for discourse is as follows:

+ Title/Aperture + Stage + Body + Closure + Finis

When text material is being given, a title is often supplied, but is not necessary. Such things as: 'A Feast', 'Shouted Speech', 'A Fable' have been noted. The word waayaa 'talk/speech' often occurs in this slot. Once or twice the verb te 'say' has been included: 'Let me say old talk, my grandparent's talk' or 'I will say talk about funeral feasts.' These two are full sentences but the shorter, phrase-type is more common. One narrative discourse has a title filled by a paragraph (possibly amplification). The general subject matter, 'A Fable', is given first and is followed by 'Two brothers became a pig and a bird.'

Historical narratives and fables usually begin (after the title, if any) with the word for 'before' or 'long ago', though, in one case, the event referred to did not seem to be in the far past at all. Other types of discourse do not seem to have any particular words used as aperture unless semantically pertinent.

Stage seems to be pertinent to narrative and expository discourse, though one narrative which is a reported hortatory discourse had none. The others all either had a separate sentence or paragraph to lay the background, or something in the opening of the first episode which gave a clue to the setting, eg. 'as I was going I...' In the case of the expository discourse, the theme or introduction may be non-linguistic. I have a note on one that my language helper's wife brought a cicada over while he was giving me paradigms (more or less) and this set off a series of short discourses on bugs, worms and birds of the area. Without this context I would be at a loss to know why he started off with 'It sheds.' The examples of hortatory and procedural discourses that I have to handle do not occur with any kind of introductory material, but just plunge into the body of the discourse.

All types have a body consisting of at least one episode, procedure or point. In the present corpus the largest number of such segments, 13, occurs in a procedural discourse. Since I did not analyze the longest texts available I may find some narrative discourses with an equally large or larger number of episodes.

Closure is optional and may occur as a separate sentence or paragraph or as the last sentence or clause of the final episode.

Finis is probably obligatory though I do have some early written material (dictated) in which the finis does

not occur. It is possible that at that time I did not realize the significance of these words and did not record them. Or, perhaps, it is the presence of the recorder that prompts them, though I am sure that I have heard the same formulas used in non-recorded speech.

As a general comment on verb tenses, I must say that, at this point, I do not find that they have any significance on the discourse level. Neutral tense occurs most often in all types and this seems to indicate that time is not relevant. Perhaps shifts from this to more specific tenses will be useful, but I haven't seen anything yet to support this. Past and future tenses occur where semantically appropriate, but no grammatical significance has been found. Aspect and mode seem to be more productive at this point. Narrative discourses exhibit the most freedom in tense, aspect and mode. Procedural discourses are less apt to have future tenses; but that is understandable since none of my texts refer to future procedures. They are all of traditional activities. Procedural discourses have frequent alternation of neutral tense, narrative aspect and completive aspect. Hortatory discourse, as one would expect, depends heavily on the imperative mode; but many interrogative and permissives are also used. The interrogatives may prove to be mainly rhetorical questions (which may be signalled by intonation). The only expository texts I have are all the same in general topic - animals that do or do not live in the area - and this may be restricting what occurs. These occur mainly with stative verbs or other verbs in the habitative aspect.

#### Distinguishing features separating types

##### Narrative discourse:

Narrative discourses tend to have at least one extra

long paragraph. This occurs either in the middle or at the end and may indicate a peak or climax in the discourse. If the discourse has more than one topic it may also have more than one peak and, thus, more than one long paragraph.

Narrative discourses are usually told in the third person unless it is an account of a specific event in the life of the speaker in which case it is told in the first person. If the main subject of a narrative is plural, and the speaker is included in the group, he may still choose to give the account in the third person - first person plurals are relatively rare. There are fewer free subjects occurring in narrative discourses than in other types. These occur only where a new subject needs to be specified. Verbal suffixes most often indicate the subject and change of subject where pronominal identification is sufficient for understanding.

Tail-head linkage with either the same verb or a pro-verb repeated in a different form are common between paragraphs in this type of discourse. They are not as frequent in some of the other types.

#### Procedural discourse:

Procedural discourses tend to have shorter clauses, often the predicate only, which seldom, if ever, occurs in a narrative discourse. The longest paragraphs may be near the beginning and may consist of two dozen or so sentences which is much longer than any available narrative discourse. One such paragraph had 24 short sentences with over 100 dependent verbs before a predicate occurred with an independent verb which closed the paragraph. There seem to be two types of procedural discourses. One views the procedure as a whole on the discourse level, thus having only one procedure. It is this



type in which the long paragraphs occur.

The other type divides the procedures grammatically in places semantically analogous to paragraph breaks in narrative discourses. The clauses tend to be short with, perhaps, less possibility for expansion than those which occur in narrative discourses.

I have one example with very short paragraphs, each one with the tail-head linkage that is usually more common to the narrative discourse. In this case the whole final clause is repeated and not merely the final verb. I am not sure if this puts this discourse in a different category.

The continuative aspect occurs frequently in these texts as well as the narrative and completive aspects mentioned earlier.

Another feature common to the procedural discourses is the division somewhere in the middle when the actual process being described goes out of focus and the use made of the product or the result of the action is detailed. For example, after relating the process of making salt, the discourse continues to mention that the salt is used in the initiation of boys. In the discourse relating the making of a love potion, the story is carried past the point where the girl succumbs to it, to tell about the couple getting married, having children and making a settlement feast after she has children.

Procedural discourses are usually told in the third person with no specific subject mentioned. If it is as general a procedure as salt-making in which many people had a hand, no specific free subject may be mentioned even at the beginning. In the discourse about the love potion, the first sentence identifies (in the second clause) that it is a young man who does this. Thereafter

the subject is identified only by verbal suffixes.

### Hortatory discourse:

Hortatory discourses have no title or aperture and may have no introduction either. My only examples at present are reported hortatory discourses set in a framework of 'he said' or 'I said'. I don't know if this influences the discourses in any way.

First and second person subjects are used, sometimes in contrast; i.e. 'You come down! Yesterday I went up. In return today you come down!' Contrasts also occur between second and third persons. 'The people of ... place do ... you are doing this!'

Imperative, interrogative and permissive modes are common.

Major breaks are more often signaled by the occurrence of an independent verb followed by a new paragraph in which a free subject is stated in the first sentence than by tail-head linkage. A hortatory discourse may have several major "chunks", each of which is a separate exhortation, and these may be much more unrelated semantically than the separate parts of other types of discourse. In other words, I would expect closure and finis in other types when the subject matter is so different.

The short exhortation in my data has a reason followed by an exhortation. 'You will die soon, take it quickly (baptism)!' This is followed by something which might be labeled alternation: 'I am young, I'll take it later,' and then a repetition of the first reason and exhortation in almost the same words. The other discourses may follow a similar pattern; but, being much longer and more complicated, I haven't been able to sort them out.

### Expository discourse:

The few expository discourses in my data exhibit fre-

quent occurrence of short stative sentences and frequent verbs with habitative aspect suffixes (not on the stative verbs usually). The formulaic clause 'it's like that' occurs more frequently in this type than in the others and tail-head linkage less often. More free noun subjects occur and less material is in each sentence. Longer paragraphs, when they occur, tend to be parallel, with new subjects but the same verb. Compound paragraphs are also fairly common.

## SUMMARY CHART

Distinctive Features	Narrative	Procedural	Hortatory	Expository
stage/setting	+	-	-	-
aspect/mode	all kinds	cont,narr, cpl,habit	impv,int, perm	stative, habit
person subject	1st, 3rd	3rd (im- personal)	2nd pre- dominates	3rd
noun subject	infrequent	infrequent	frequent	frequent
clause length	long	short	varied	short
sentence length	long	varied	varied	short
paragraph length	varied	long	varied	short
tail-head linkage	frequent	infrequent	infrequent	infrequent
formulaic linkage	infrequent	occasional	infrequent	frequent

## FOOTNOTES

1. The Agarabi language has a two tone system; high tone is marked by an acute accent. I do not guarantee the accuracy of the notation as I do not hear tone accurately. For the same reason I have not taken into account any grammatical differences indicated by tonal changes.
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