Tentative Grammar Description

for the Gadsup [gaj] Language

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This grammar is very tentative. It has been written by Steven Pikus, Kennedy Berola and Inga Glissmann during the five-week long Discover Your Language Course at PILAT, the Pacific Institute of Languages, Arts and Translation, at Ukarumpa, EHP, PNG. At that course the two language speakers, Steven Pikus and Kennedy Berola, were participants. So the data from this grammar was collected, processed and written up very quickly and does not deal with all aspects of Gadsup grammar. This tentative analysis is based on just seven natural texts recorded and written by Steven Pikus and Kennedy Berola, and a selection of elicited sentences. Some other works about Gadsup grammar, *Gadsup Noun Phrases* by Chester Frantz and *Tone in Gadsup* by Ryan Pennington were helpful in providing grammatical background for the languages in this area.

There may well be errors due to the time pressure in producing this document, as well as some unfinished portions and inconsistencies in the analysis. Despite its tentative nature, we hope that this grammar will be helpful to speakers of the Gadsup language, to others who want to learn more about the language, and to those who would like to translate well in the language. Hopefully, this paper provides a foundation for others to build upon in the future.

Abbreviations and Symbols

	ations and Symbols		
ADJ	adjective		
1	first person(s), English: I, me, we		
2	second person(s), English: you, Tok Pisin: yu, yupela		
3	third person(s), English: he, she it, they, Tok Pisin: em, ol		
adj	adjective		
adv	adverb		
conn	connecting word		
dem	demonstrative		
DU	dual		
ЕМРН	emphasis		
EXCL	exclusive, excluding the listener		
INCL	inclusive, including the listener		
n	noun		
NEG /neg	negation, no, not		
NI	inalienable noun		
num	numerals, (numbers)		
pn	proper noun		
PL	plural (many)		
р	pronoun		
POSS	possessive, talking about who something belongs to		
post	postposition		
Q	question marker		

qant	quantifier
SBJ	subject
SG	singular (1)
v	verb

1 INTRODUCTION

By way of introduction to the Gadsup [gaj] language, the following list presents a quick summary of some things that are known about this language and its speakers. This quick list is followed by a map of where the language is spoken.

Language name: Gadsup

Classification: Trans New Guinea

Location of Language Group: Eastern Highlands Province

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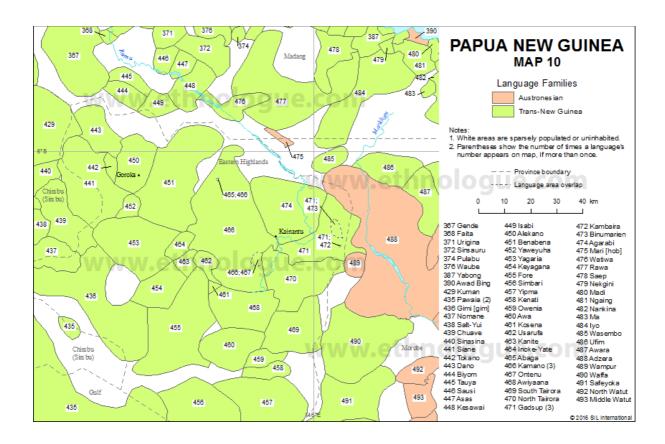
Lottery

Leaves and a Bilum

How to Make a Spear

Friday's Story

Fishing Story



Gadsup is spoken around Kainantu (see number 471).

Map of the Gadsup [gaj] language area, from www.ethnologue.com

2 WRITING SYSTEM AND SOUNDS

Gadsup has twenty-one letters: five vowels and sixteen consonants.

Consonants

The b is sometimes pronounced as w and s pronounced as t. The c is a glottal stop.

Vowels

a, e, i, o, u

In the currently used orthography tone is not written.

3 NOUNS AND NOUN PHRASES

3.1 Pronouns and Possessive Suffixes

The pronouns for the Gadsup [gaj] language are shown in the tables below. First the definitions of the terminology are given, then the tables, discussion of each type and examples of the pronouns in use. We have found subject pronouns, object pronouns, possessive pronouns and reflexive pronouns in Gadsup.

3.1.1 Pronouns

Pronouns are words like the English words, *I*, *you* and *they*, which stand in place of other noun phrases. We call these words "free pronouns" because they are words in their own right, and are not parts of other words. These pronouns are also referred to as "personal pronouns" because of their person properties. Some of the technical language used to talk about pronouns is set out here for reference along with examples in English and Tok Pisin.

1st person (1) = the speaker, English I, me, we

2nd person (2) = the listener, English you, Tok Pisin yu, yupela

3rd person (3) = neither the speaker nor the listener, English he/she/it/him/her/them/they

Singular (SG) = just one person/thing, English I/he/she/it/him/her

Dual (DU) = two people/things, Tok Pisin mitupela/yutupela/tupela

Plural (PL) = more than one, English we/they/them

1st person exclusive (1EXCL) = the speaker and some other people, but not the listener, Tok Pisin *mipela*

1st person inclusive (1INCL) = the speaker and the listener (and maybe other people too), Tok Pisin *yumi*

The free pronouns for the Gadsup language are given in the tables below with the appropriate English and Tok Pisin equivalents. Some languages have different pronouns for the subject and object of the sentence. For example, in English, <u>I</u> is used for the first person singular subject pronoun, and <u>me</u> is the first person singular object pronoun. Our language (does/does not) have different pronouns for subjects and objects.

3.1.1.1 Subject Pronouns

Here are some examples of subject pronouns in Gadsup.

		Pronoun	English / Tok Pisin equivalent
singular 1st person		tenu/i	I / mi
	2nd person	eno/i	you / yu
	3rd person	weni	he, she, it / em
dual	1st person inclusive	endekanda	we two/ yumitupela
	1st person exclusive	wendekanda	we two/ mitupela
	2nd person	ike kanda	you two / yutupela
	3rd person	ye kanda	they / tupela
plural	1st person inclusive	ікеипатас	we / yumi
	1st person exclusive	mayaunu/i	we / mipela
	2nd person	ikeno	you / yupela
	3rd person	yeni/o	they / ol

Where there is more than one form given the forms ending in -*i* are used if the answer is longer than one word, the from ending in -u/-o is used in one-word-answers (see example 1 below).

'Example 1

*Iyeci mac uwarena? Tenu.*Who house built.Q 1SG

'Who built the house? Answer: Me.'

Example 2

Teni wemi arecu.

I him him.hit

'I hit him.'

Example 3

Endekanda yenyic anayofac oreci yunanuc koyontecu. we.two their garden.to go.and food harvest.will

'We will go to their garden and harvest the food.'

Example 4

Weni wen on awicmaremi yen yinanon amapac She her small.sister took.and their big.sister her.house

wararani weno.

sleep.to they.went

'She took her small sister and they went to their older sister's house to sleep.'

3.1.1.2 Object Pronouns

The Gadsup language has free object pronouns as well. Here are some examples.

There does not seem to be a separate set of independent object pronouns that are only used in answers.

		Pronoun	English / Tok Pisin equivalent
singular	1st person	temi	me / mi
	2nd person	emi	you / yu
	3rd person	wemi	him, her, it / em
dual	1st person inclusive	endekandan	us two/ yumitupela
	1st person exclusive	wendekandan	us two/ mitupela
	2nd person	iken kandan	you two / yutupela
	3rd person	yen kandan	them / tupela
plural	1st person inclusive	ikeunamac	us / yumi
	1st person exclusive	mayaunu/i	us / mipela
	2nd person	ikemi you / yupela	
	3rd person	yemi them / ol	

Example 5

Jonin **temi** tiwiken wen amecpeci wemi. He me me.take his house.his.to went

'John took me to his house.'

Example 6

Teni emi bukun amecu.
I you book give
'I gave you the book.'

3.1.2 Possessive Pronouns

We have found that our language has three kinds of possessive pronouns. Here is a table that shows the possessive pronouns. Independent possessive pronouns appear only in the short answers to questions like "Whose is this?"

Independent Possessive Pronouns

		Possessive Pronouns	English / Tok Pisin equivalent
singular	1st person	temi	mine
	2nd person	emi	yours
	3rd person	wemi	his, her, its
dual	1st person inclusive	wendeka sinda	ours/ bilong yumitupela
	1st person exclusive	ikendeka yinda	ours/ bilong mitupela
	2nd person	ikenkanda yinda	yours / bilong yutupela
	3rd person	yenkanda yinda	theirs / bilong tupela
plural	1st person inclusive	mayau sinda	ours / bilong yumi
	1st person exclusive	ikeunamac tinda	ours / bilong mipela
	2nd person	ikemi	yours / bilong yupela
		ikenyinda	
	3rd person	yemi	theirs/ bilong ol
		yenyinda	

Example **7** (sample for one line of text)

Mecyan iyenic porafi? Wendeka tindai that whose pig.Q 2DU.EXCL

'Whose pig is that? Answer: Ours (dual)'

(The difference between tinda(i) in the example and sinda in the table is a dialect difference)

Possessive Pronouns for Alienable Nouns

		Possessive Pronouns	English / Tok Pisin equivalent
singular 1st person te		tentic kamami	my sweet potato
	2nd person	enic kamami	your sweet potato
	3rd person	wenic kamami	his, her, its sweet potato
dual	1st person inclusive	endekandasic kamami	our sweet potato (bilong yumitupela)
	1st person exclusive	endsic kamami	our sweet potato (bilong mitupela)
	2nd person	ikenkandayic kamami	your sweet potato (bilong yutupela)
	3rd person	yenkandayic kamami	their sweet potato (bilong tupela)
plural	1st person inclusive	ikeunamatic kamami	our sweet potato (bilong yumi)
	1st person exclusive	mayausic kamami	our sweet potato (bilong mipela)
	2nd person	ikenyic kamami	your sweet potato (bilong yupela)
	3rd person	yenyic kamami	their sweet potato

Possessive Pronouns for Inalienable Nouns

		Possessive Pronouns	English / Tok Pisin equivalent
singular	1st person	ten	my
	2nd person	en	your
	3rd person	wen	his, her, its
dual	1st person inclusive	endeka	our/ bilong yumitupela
	1st person exclusive	ikendeka	our/ bilong mitupela
	2nd person	ikekanda	your / bilong yutupela
	3rd person	yenkanda	their / bilong tupela
plural	1st person inclusive	тауаи	our / bilong yumi
	1st person exclusive	ikeunamac	our / bilong mipela
	2nd person	iken	your / bilong yupela
	3rd person	yen	their

Usually the possessive pronoun comes before the noun itself. Possessive pronouns are used in Gadsup to show ownership of items. Here are some examples below. In example 8 the pronoun, *wen*, is used to show ownership of *ano*. Notice that the pronoun comes before the noun.

Example 8

wen ano

his 2/3SG.mother

'his mother'

3.1.3 Possessive Prefixes

A possessive suffix is a part at the end of a word showing whose it is. These are often used with words for family relationships or body parts (such as *ear*, *eye*, *brother or father*), rather than using a separate word.

These are some examples of words with possessive suffixes in our language:

Example 9

tukami/ten tukami 'my eye'

en ano 'your mother'

wen ofemi 'his mouth'

yen yakami 'their ears'

ikeunamac tiyami 'our hand'

The next table shows the full set of possessive suffixes in our language.

Possessive Prefixes in Gadsup

		Possessive prefix	Word with possessive prefix and possessive pronoun	English / Tok Pisin equivalent
singular	1st person	ti-	ten tino	'my mother'
	2nd person	а-	en ano	'your mother'
	3rd person	а-	wen ano	'his/her mother'
dual	1st person inclusive	ti-	ikendekanda tinoi	'our mother' (bilong yumitupela)
	1st person exclusive	ti-	endekanda tinoi	'our mother' (bilong mitupela)
	2nd person	yi-	ikenkanda yinoi	'your mother' (bilong yutupela)
	3rd person	yi-	yenkanda yinoi	'their mother' (bilong tupela)
plural	1st person inclusive	ti-	ikeunamac tinoi	'our mother' (bilong yumi)
	1st person exclusive	ti-	mayau tinoi	'our mother' (bilong mipela)
	2nd person	yi-	iken yinoi	'your mother' (bilong yupela)
	3rd person	yi-	yen yinoi	'their mother' (bilong ol)

In our language, possessive prefixes are used to express a variety of things like body parts,

family relationships, and feelings (connected to bodyparts).

3.1.4 Reflexive Pronouns

Reflexive pronouns are words like *myself* and *himself*. They are used when the actor and patient refer to the same person. Below is a table that shows the reflexive pronouns for Gadsup. Sometime we found two kinds and we are not sure how to call the first one:

Reflexive Pronouns in Gadsup

		Reflexive Pronouns	English / Tok Pisin equivalent
singular	1st person	teyani/tenafoni	myself
	2nd person	eyani/enafoni	yourself
	3rd person	yeyani/wenafoni	himself, herself, itself
dual	1st person inclusive	ednekanda teyani/tenafoni	ourselves/ yumitupela yet
	1st person exclusive	ikendeka teyani/tenafoni	ourselves/ mitupela yet
	2nd person	ikekanda ikeyani/tenafoni	yourselves / yutupela yet
	3rd person	yekanda yenafoni	themselves / tupela yet
plural	1st person inclusive	ikeunamac tenafoni	ourselves / yumi yet
	1st person exclusive	mayau tenafoni	ourselves / mipela yet
	2nd person	ikenafoni	yourselves / yupela yet
	3rd person	yenafoni	themselves / ol yet

Example 10

Yenafoni mac uware**no**. themselves house made.they

'They built the house themselves.'

Example 11

Ikekanda ikenafoni ananka**yomino.** You.two yourselves destroyed.you

'You yourselves had destroyed it.'

3.1.5 Translation Issues for Pronouns

Sometimes Gasup uses pronouns directly following a noun phrase like in example 12. This is something that English does not usually allow.

Example 12

```
Okeke ukami Kocti weni inarun namac maka namac uwaremoni.
beginning very Kocti he heaven and land and made.he
'In the very beginning God created the heaven and the earth.'
```

Other times Gadsup does not need pronouns because the actor/patient/recipient are already marked in the verb, like in example 13.

Example 13

```
Bukun amecu.
book you.gave.I
'I gave you the book.'
```

3.2 Possession

3.2.1 Direct (Inalienable)

Direct possession is when a possessed noun has part of the word itself telling you who it belongs to, usually as a possessive suffix. Direct possession is usually used for nouns which *must* belong to someone, such as body parts and family members. These kind of nouns are said to be **inalienable**.

Example 14

```
ten tifo
my.POSS.NI my.father
'my father'

Example 15
en asici
your.POSS.NI your.nose
'your nose.'
```

When nouns or nouns or proper are the possessor of an inalienably noun they get marked by -n/-in:

Example 16

tisan aramumi teacher-poss 3sg.daughter

'the teacher's daughter'

Example 17

Koctin awayani God's word

'God's word'

Directly possessed nouns usually occur with a possessive pronoun in front of the possessed noun. They always have possessive prefix in front of the stem of the noun. This prefix changes according to the possessor. Inalienably possessed nouns are family terms and body parts as well as some others.

Here are some examples of words that are neither body parts nor blood relations but still are inalienably possessed:

Example 18

Verncular words	Free Translation
ten awici	my name
ten tinaci	my wife
ten tiwafui	my husband

endeka timaci his/her house (mac 'house' can also stand alone)

3.2.2 Indirect (Alienable)

Indirect possession is when you have one or more words that go with a possessed noun to show you who it belongs to. Often indirect possession is used for **alienable** nouns, which do not *have* to belong to someone (like *car*).

Example 19

TokPles words	Meanings/Free Translation		
anayo	garden		
tafura	cuscus		
kocnami	sweat		

Example 20

tentic poni 1SG.POSS.AL pig

'my pig'

Example 21

tenic eci 1SG.POSS.AL banana

'my banana'

The possessive suffix -ic/-nic also attaches to nouns:

Example 22

Koctinic awacwaci iken namaci wantemi. God's love you with 2PL stay.will

'God's love will be with you'

Indirectly possessed are most other nouns, that are not family terms or body parts. However, the word for house *maci* for example can stand alone without a possessive prefix in certain contexts (see example 23) but can also take the prefixes and possessive pronouns for inalienable nouns.

Example23

Iyena **maci** uwaraci yonecu. big house they.build I.saw.them

'I saw them building a big house'

Example 24

Ten tiwayani kasufu wayani. my.tokples Gadsuptokples

'My language is the Gadsup language'

Alienably possessed nouns take a different set of possessive pronouns in front of the possessed noun but no prefixes.

3.3 Nouns

3.3.1 Singular and Plural Nouns

In Gadsup there are several ways to indicate singular or plural. Plural can be marked to disambiguate if it is not clear from the context, but if it is clear then it does not need to be

marked. One way of marking plural is to add the suffix -uc to the stem of a noun as in example 25.

Example 25

windeyonuc

domesticated.animal-PL

'domesticated animals.'

Another way is to add a numeral in front of the noun as in example 26. Then the suffix is not needed.

Example 26

kan tafura two cuscus

'two cuscus'

Sometimes the numeral can be added to the end of the noun as in example 27.

Example 27

Afo Kocti iyena onkanda uwaremi so God big light.two 3SG.made

'So God made two big lights.'

The markers shown below are used to show that nouns are plural.

Example 28

-mmm (marker)	singular example	'gloss'	plural example	'gloss'
-uc/ -uci	tafura	'cuscus'	tafura uc	'cuscuses'
uci	yani	'tree'	yay uci	'trees'
ucmo	yani	'tree'	yay ucmo	'trees'
uci	iyami	dog	iyan uci	dogs
uci	anasi	woman	anasi uci	women
-na-	inini	woman	ini na mi	women

3.4 Adjectives

Adjectives are words which describe a noun. In our language there are many adjectives. They describe things like colour, size, shape and quality, age, weight, taste, temperature

and sound. In my language adjectives come before the noun. It is possible to use more than one adjective to describe a noun in my language. Some adjectives in Gadsup are marked with *-uci*.

Example 28

Mana iyena buku-uci these big books

'These are big books.'

Here are examples of adjectives in Gadsup.

Example 29

 .ap.o =0			
Adjective	Meaning	Adjective in a Noun Phrase	Free Translation
inockam	'fat'	inockam poni	'(a/the) fat pig'
ayokum	'old'	ayokum wainta	'(an/the) old man'
ayokuc	'good'	ayokuc maci	A good house
yuron	'brown'	yuron unan	'(a/the) brown string bag'
wakac	'short'	wakac inini	'(a/the) short woman'
iyac	'tall'	iyac akinta	'(a/the) tall girl'
anon	'big'	anon kakani	'(a/the) big light'

Example 30

kan yanamana yay ana two green tree leaf

'two green tree leaves'

Example 31

kasicmona iyena poni black big pig 'big, black pig'

Example 32 Gen 1:16

Anon kakani wayankonkaci kakemifo ayufumi kipa on big light day.time shine.and night small light

kanowani demi. to.light 3.SG.put

'He put a big light to shine in the day time and a small light to shine in the night.'

3.4.1 Comparatives

We compare things in our language by using negation on one of the parts of the comparison as in example 33 or by using forms of *arurec* as in example 35. Here are some examples of how we compare things in our language.

Example 33

Iyeno masicden memani Kocti uwaremonifo yicwanapaci annecne God Lord every things made.he.but among.them snake uwaranimi mana tafurawac wenic indini marenoyo. iyem made.had one animal.also its knowledge get.they not

'God had made every thing but, among them not an animal can have knowledge like a snake.'

Example 34

Micnimukaci mana sikuruc mande ayokuficurec wayay anda therefore this school I.get good.very language meaning indikarac iranu.

listen.carefully do.

'Therefore I attended this course to get the very good knowledge to carefully translate.'

Example 35

Teni tentum maci arurec iyaci wecu
I I.my.younger.sister.also beat tall stay/live.

'I am taller than my younger sister.'

3.4.2 Words or Markers that Make Adjectives Stronger and Less Strong

The suffix -kami can be used to make an adjective stronger.

Example 36

```
mecayan yani iya-kukami
that tree long.very
'That tree is very long.'
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Example 37

Mana ayokuc maci uwarecumpo erarukami iyenemi.
one good house built.had.I.but strong.very not.was
'I had built a house but it was not very strong.'

3.5 Numerals and Quantifiers

3.5.1 Traditional Counting System

This is our traditional counting system.

The traditional counting system of the Gadsup [gaj] Language

Number	Gadsup Language	English meaning (if there is one)
1	mana	one
2	kantani	two
3	kandac manawaci	two and one
4	eriyewami	
5	mana yacmani	one hand
6	mana yacmar afac manai	
7	mana yacmar afac kantani	
8	mana yacmar afac kandac manawaci	
9	mana yacmar afac eriyewami	
10	tiyankani	two hands
11	tiyankar afac manai	
12	tiyankar afac kantani	
13	tiyankar afac kandac manawaci	

14	tiyankar afac eriyewami		
15	tiyankar afac mana tikani		
16	tiyankar afac mana tikan kumandem manai		
17	tiyankar afac mana tikan kumanden kantani		
18	tiyankar afac mana tikan kumaden kandac manawaci		
19	tiyankar afac mana tikan kumanden eriyewami		
20	mana waintai		
30	mana wainta tiyankani		
40	kam waintai	two men	
50	kam wainta tiyankani	two men two hands	
60	kandac manawac waintai	three men	
70	kandac manawac wainta tiyankani	three men two hands	
80	eriyewam wainta	four men	
90	eriyewam wainta tiyankani	four men two hands	
100	mana yacmam waintai	five men	

We usually use our traditional numbers for the following numbers: 1-5. For other numbers we use Tok Pisin / English numbers. In the Bible we use the tok ples numbers for 1-10 and for numbers above that we use number symbols (11,12, ..., 50...).

Numbers usually come before the main noun, but sometimes they can come after it (see noun section). Here is an example of the number in the noun phrase:

Example 38

Kar	ayokum	wainta
two	old	man

'two old men'

'two parrots'

Example 39

kan kaseci two parrot The word for 'two' comes in several different forms.

3.5.2 Quantity Words

There are other words which are not specific numbers, but express general quantities. We call these **quantifiers**. Our/my language has quantifier words as well. For example, the word *kamore*, 'a few', in my/our in Gadsup is talking about up to three-four people or other items.

Example 40

Amucnom makim weno many in.here they.stay

'There are many (people) in here.'

Example 41

Kocti umacden andandauc uwareninuc onami, ayokufi-kukam memi.

God all things he.made he.saw very.good

(Gen 1:31)

'God saw everything he had made was very good.'

Quantifiers can be intensified:

Example 42

Yunami amucna ukami wemi. food plenty very be.3sg

'There is very much food.'

Example 43

umacden all, every

kamore few (three or four)

amucno/a many

umacdeukan all of them

masicde every

3.5.3 Ordinal Numbers

Ordinal numbers are used to show the order in a group of items, like *first, second, third* in English. Gadsup does not use many ordinal numbers.

Example 44

TokPles words Meanings/Free Translation

oc inta firstborn

wen acnaimpatena After the firstborn

This can only be used for children.

Example 45

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mana tentic oc intai
this my first child
'this is my firstborn child.'
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Example 46

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Okaci wanici kauya areyomi... first.time fish kill.to
'My first time to fish [...].'
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3.5.3.1 Translation Application for Ordinal Numbers

This is how we would translate some ordinal numbers into our language. To talk about sequences/order of things the word *ena* 'next' can be used:

Example 47

Gen 1:5

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Micnuranimi ayufun kemi ena wayan kukac onimi oyam wayane temoni.

Then night appeared next day break happened new day he.called.
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'Then the night appeared and the next day dawned and he called it the new day '

3.6 Articles and Demonstratives

We have found no articles in the Gadsup language language, but sometimes the demonstratives *mini* 'this, the' and *mana* 'this, a, one' take the place of an article. In a story *mini* is referring backwards.

Example 48

Gen 2:21

```
Mifac
                            dukanimi
         mini wainta
                                         Kocti mana akayam
there
         this
                man
                            sleep.while
                                         God
                                                one
                                                      rib
mandemi yewaekem
                      wen
                            anda
                                   akac
                                         ankemi
take
          again
                      his
                            skin
                                   patch to.him
```

'While the man slept God took one of his bone and patched the flesh again.'

Example 49

Mini ten tiwayani
this my.story

'This is my story' (This comes at the end of a story).

A **demonstrative** (often called a "pointing" word) points you towards the place where the people or things are. They might be near the person speaking (for example **this** dog), or somewhere away from the person who is speaking (for example **that** man), or in some other direction or place. In Gadsup we have found several demonstratives.

Here are some examples and a table to show what demonstratives do in our language.

Demonstratives in Gadsup

Object is mentioned	Points without mentioning the object	English Equivalent
mana buku	manai	this book, one book, a book (close to speaker, but not touching it)
mana buku	manami	this book, (close to speaker, speaker is holding it)
тесуат вики	mecyani buku	that book, (speaker cannot reach the object)
mecyan anu	тесуаті	that mountain, (pointing at something like mountain/river which is far away)
mendan/ mendacni anu		That mountain (pointing to the top of the mountain, far away)
	mini	that
	miniuc	those things, or talking about yesterday
	тесуапіис	those things
	manauci	these things
	manauc	these things (close)
	manami	this/these here (when holding it)
	deyonuc	those (referring backward in a text)

Example 50

[M]iniuci ikemi yimunami ikenyic yunanuci wantemino. (Gen 1:29) all.these you I.give.you.and your food will.be

'All these (plants) I gave you and they will be your food.'

Example 51

Mana inini mana intan dukami mini intai yokemi one woman one boy she.have, this boy he.worked dukami anasiwaci wife.also/too he.have

'A woman had a son who worked and was also married.'

Example 52

Mecyan iyenic porafi? that whose pig.Q 'Whose pig is that?'

3.6.1 Translation Issues for Articles and Demonstratives

Gadsup does not use articles. Instead the demonstratives are used in some of the places where English uses articles:

Example 53

Gen 2:21

Mifac dukanimi mini wainta Kocti mana akayam there this sleep.while man God one rib mandemi yewaekem wen anda akac ankemi his patch to.him take again skin

'While the man slept God took one of his bone and patched the flesh again.'

3.7 Basic Noun Phrase Structure

A **noun phrase** is a group of words that together describe a particular object, such as 'those two big noisy dogs' in English. Usually there is a common order for the different parts of speech in a noun phrase. In Gadsup [gaj] we have tentatively analysed the most basic order of the noun phrase as follows.

1. DEMONSTRATIVE 2. POSSESSIVE 3. NUMBER 4. ADJECTIVE 5. NOUN

Here are some examples of noun phrases in the usual order in our language. There can only be one adjective in each sentence.

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Example 54
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```
tentic kandac manawac kasic poruci
1SG.POSS three black pig.PL
```

'my three black pigs'

Example 55

```
kantam poruci
two pig.PL
'two pigs'
```

However if we are talking about two things, the numeral can change position and move behind the noun:

Example 56

```
tentic kasic pon kandai
1SG.POSS black pig two
'my two black pigs'
```

When the adjective follows the noun, the noun phrase turns into a verbless clause like in example 57:

Example 57

```
Mana bukui iyenai.
this book big
'This book is big.'
```

Example 58

```
Mana iyena bukui
this big book
'this big book'
```

4 POSTPOSITIONS

In Gadsup we have found several postpositions. They express things like location, goal, direction, instrument and source. These are the postpositions in our language:

Postpositions in Gadsup

Postposition	Meanings	Work of the Postposition	Postpositional Phrase	Free Translation
-kac	on		makakac	'on.the.land/ground'
-im/ -kim/ -pim	in		nompim	'in the sea'
arafin	under		inarun arafin	'under the sky'
wapaci	towards	goal	tikanda wapaci	'to my friend'
-fate -pate -faten/ -paten	from	source	makufaten	'from home'
-pac/ -fac	to	destination	Ayukampac	'to Aiyura'
-p/f/soni	with	instrument	pakosoni	'with spear'
namaci	with		iken namaci	'with you.PL'
-sac	at	location	makusac	'at home'
-pinkena	inside of		unam pinkena	'in the bilum'

Example 59

Eni nafatec ye?
2sg where-from come

'Where do you come from?'

Example 60

Esta unam**pinkena** kamami uwandemi.

Esta bilum.inside kaukau get

'Esta gets the kaukau inside the bilum.'

Example 61

Teni makufaten yecu 1sg home.from come.1sg

'I came from home.'

Example 62

Kandanda **arafin** kura manda table under pot get
'Get the pot under the table.'

Example 63

Poni kaman anayo **wapaci** wemi. pig kaukau garden towards went

'The pig went towards the kaukau garden.'

Example 64

Mana ayokum waintan atac namac wakac tarasisi namac one old man cap and short pants and uremi maku**sac** maka**kac** kumantemi pakoni payam wear.it.and at.home nothing gound.on he.sat spear oyemi. make.3SG

'An old man wearing a cap and short pants sits at home on the ground and makes a spear.'

Example 65

Tentic mukuta**foni** kauyan akecyecu. 1sg.poss knife.with fish 3sg.cut.1sg

'I cut the fish with my knife'

Example 66

Yuron unan**kimi** mana yanamana yay anam wacdukemi. brown in.the.bilum one green tree leaf placed.in.it

'A green leaf of a tree is in the brown bilum.'

Here are some other words that are used to talk about location, they might be nouns, because some of them take postposition suffixes.

word	Meanings	Work of the word
tefac tefac	sait sait/ next to	position
naro-paci	on top	position
acnakaci	close to	position
afendun-kaci	at the bottom	position
yicwana-paci	one in the middle	position

5 VERBS

5.1 Person and Number Marking

5.1.1 Subject Marking

Many languages have markers on the verb to show who or what the subject is. The following table shows the subject markers in our language.

The subject marking changes slightly depending on which tense is used. For paradigms of the different tenses see the tense section.

Subject Marking in Gasdup

The subject markers are taken from Foley (1986:254).

		Subject Markersr	Example of a verb with subject marker	English / Tok Pisin translation
singular	1st person	-u	arec u	'I kill it'
	2nd person	-ona	ar ona mi	'You kill it'
	3rd person	-i	aremi	'He kills it'
plural	1st person	-u	arec u	'We kill it'
	2nd person	-O	aromi	'You kill it'
	3rd person	-0	aren o	'They kill it'

Example 67

Mana	wainta	ı isandan	undukem i	kase	arirani		
one	man	bow	pull.the.string.and	parrot	to.shoot.and		
omaren indem i .							
he.is.thinl	king						

'A man pull the bow and thinking about killing the parrot.'

Example 68

K	Car	ayokur	n	wainta	m	mayan	atac	urukam i	enon	iye
t	wo	old		men		one	cap	wear.it	other	not
	urukan	ı	makak	ас	kuma n	te ni	pakoy	oyen o .		
	wear		ground	.on	sit.they	and.	spear	they.make		

^{&#}x27;The two old men sitting on the ground and making the spears.'

5.1.2 Object Marking

Many languages also have markers on the verb to show who or what the object is. We have found object markers on the verbs in Gadsup. The following table shows the object markers in our language.

Patient/Recipient Marking in Gadsup

		Object Markers	Example of a verb with object marker	English / Tok Pisin translation
singular	1st person	ti-	Te nafoni ti recu	I hit myself
	2nd person	a-	Teni (emi) a recu.	I hit you.
	3rd person	а-	Teni (wemi) a recu	I hit him.
plural	1st person	ti-	Weni (mayauni) tiremi	he hit us
	2nd person	yi-	Teni (ikemi) yi recu.	I hit you.
	3rd person	yi-	Teni (yemi) yi recu	I hit them.

Example 69

Weni tiremi. He me.hit.he

'He hit me.'

Example 70

Teni asecu.

I you.scold.I

'I scold you.'

Example 71

Teni **emi** bukun **a**mecu.

I you book give

'I gave you the book.'

Sometimes there is no object marker even though the clause is transitive:

Example 72

Okeke ukami Kocti weni inarun namac maka namac **uwaremoni**.

beginning very Kocti he heaven and land and made.he

'In the very beginning God created the heaven and the earth.'

If there is both, a patient and a recipient, the recipient is marked even if the patient is animate, however that might be because the girl is not specifically mentioned:

Example 73

Akinta	afomi wen	aramun	awafun	ankumi	yi memi.
girl	father his	daughter's	husband's	family	them.give

'The girl's father gave his daughter to her husband's family.

5.1.3 Beneficiary Marking

Some languages have markers on the verb to show who or what the beneficiary is, when somebody does something for someone else. These are called beneficiary markers. The following table shows the beneficiary markers in our language:

Beneficiary Markers in Gadsup

		Beneficiary Markers	Example of a verb with beneficiary marker	English / Tok Pisin translation
singular	1st person	-ti	uc ti nkemi	(it) dug for me
	2nd person	-а	uc a nkemi	(it) dug for you
	3rd person	-a	uc a nkemi	(it) dug for him/her
plural	1st person	-ti	uc ti nkemi	(it) dug for us
	2nd person	-yi	uc yi nkemi	(it) dug for you
	3rd person	-ye	uc ti nkemi	(it) dug for them

The beneficiary marked between the verb stem and the subject ending.

Example 74

Poni anayokimi ayanarurami on uc-tin-kemi. pig garden.in it.tied.in dig dig.for.me

'I tied the pig in the garden and it ploughed for me.'

Example 75

Tentifon amaci uwarankecu. my.father's house build.for.him

'I built my fathers house for him'

5.2 Tense

We found five different tenses in Gadsup: three different past tenses, present and future tense. It was hard to split up individual morphemes for tense, person and aspect as well as clause connection markers.

Num ber	Pers	on	Word	Past			Present	Future
				Far (1 year)	Near (1 month)	Recent (yesterday)		
SG	1st	I	play	iyaran <u>ecmokunami</u>	iyararec <u>moku</u>	iyarare <u>cu</u>	iyarane <u>cu</u>	iyaran <u>ontecu</u>
	2nd	you	play	iyaran <u>onami</u>	iyarar <u>onami</u>	iyaran <u>onami</u>	iyaran <u>naa</u> nami	iyaran <u>ninonami</u>
	3rd	he	play	iyarar <u>emoni</u>	iyarar <u>emi</u>	iyarar <u>emi</u>	iyaran <u>nemi</u>	iyaran <u>nintemi</u>
DU	1st	mitupela	play	iyaran <u>ecmokunami</u>	iyarar <u>ecmoku</u>	iyarar <u>ecu</u>	iyaran <u>ecu</u>	iyaran <u>nintemi</u>
	2nd	yutupela	play	iyarar <u>ecmokomi</u>	iyarar <u>okomi</u>	iyararo <u>mi</u>	iyaran <u>nami</u>	iyaran <u>ninakomi</u>
	3rd	ol	play	iyarar <u>enoyo</u>	iyarar <u>eno</u>	iyarar <u>eno</u>	iyaran <u>neno</u>	iyaran <u>inteno</u>
PL	1st	we	play	iyarar <u>ecmokunami</u>	iyarar <u>ecu</u>	iyarar <u>ecu</u>	iyaran <u>necu</u>	aran <u>nontecu</u>
	2nd	you	play	iyarar <u>okomi</u>	iyarar <u>okomi</u>	iyarar <u>omi</u>	iyaran <u>nami</u>	iyaran <u>ninakomi</u>
	3rd	they	play	iyarar <u>enoyo</u>	iyarar <u>eno</u>	iyarar <u>eno</u>	iyaran <u>neno</u>	iyaran <u>intenom</u>

Example 76

Okaci wanici	kauya	areyor	ni	iyen	onaked	ci	pani	
first.time	fish	kill		not	know		just/nothing	
yiwakurecump	0	yeni	wa		arure	nauni	weni	we noyo .
them.follow.b	ut	they	long.ta	aim	kill	eater	they.are	they.went

It was my first time and I just followed them, but they were the experienced fishermen so they went.

Pakoy oyirani mana andandauci mara**nonami.** spear make.to these things.are get.will

'In order to make a spear you will get these things.'

5.3 Aspect

Aspect has to do with the timing of an action or event itself. For example, it tells if the action is is continuing, completed, repeated, and so on. In Gadsup we have found several ways of marking aspects.

5.3.1 Continuous aspect

Continuous aspect (———) describes an action or event that is viewed as carrying on at some point in time. For example, in Tok Pisin, *mi ritim buk i stap* or *mi wok long ritim buk*.

Example 78

Bukun yandec weko. book read stay.I

'I am reading a book.'

Continuous aspect can also be expressed my using pani:

Example 79

Pani mac uwarecu. still house build.I

'I am still building the house.'

5.3.2 Habitual aspect

Habitual aspect (—————) describes an action or event that happens several times, whether in the past or the present. For example, in Tok Pisin, *em i save ritim buk*, or in English *he used to read books* or *he often reads books*.

Example 80

Monic manden nan nokemi ayufumi ye onan money he.get eat went.about night he.came he.saw yunan iyewami, mini kafani wen anac aruremi andandauc food not.there this for his wife hit.her.and things anankayewami.

he.destroyed

'When he got the money he went of and used all the money and when he returned to the house and saw that there was no food, he hit his wife and destroyed the eating and cooking utensils.'

In the sentence above -wami marks habitual aspect.

5.3.3 Repeated aspect

Repetition can be expressed the same way as continous aspect.

Example 81

Teni memani arac weco.

I snake it.hit stay

'I keep hitting the snake.'

Another way to express repeated aspect is to repeat the stem of the word:

Mini acnaimpaci wakakanuna ayamponi ofekananinkin ufecde waecwaec this after scrap.have palm.tree.with hole.to.which. place turn.turn mikinkena amakuc yankainami ayanic biakakin ecwanami continue.till inside.from meat/flesh come.out palm.tree pitpit.in ofekananinkac imanu akacdemi mikin awekarami kikic pakantemi tip.that.goes.inside glue put in.it push tight.fit

'After this, with the tip of the spear you put the pitpit and spin it in order to get rid of the flesh and then put the glue on the tip and place it inside and it will fit tight.'

5.3.4 Beginning aspect

Beginning aspect () describes an action or event that is viewed as just beginning. For example, in Tok Pisin, *em i stat long wok*.

Beginning aspect is marked in a serial verb canstruction:

Example 82

Kukanden icdemi

start sing.he

'He is starting to sing.'

5.3.5 Completed aspect

Completed aspect (describes an action or event that is viewed as having finished. For example, in Tok Pisin, *em i ritim buk pinis*, or in English 'he read a book'.

Completed aspect may be marked by aci:

Example 83

Aci makufac wecu. finished home.to go.I

'I went home.'

5.4 Serial Verbs

The wording "serial verbs" means that two or more verbs words occur together and show closely related actions. Often both (or all) the verbs keep at least some of their basic meaning, but the whole group of verbs acts as one unit. Often the verbs in the group all have the same subject (and object). For example, the meaning of the English verb *bring* is expressed in many PNG languages with a serial verb meaning '(go) get come'. Another example is Tok Pisin, *kisim ikam*.

This is a serial verb because it talks about one action and only the second verb has the imperative marker *-no*.

Example 84

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Tentic unam mare yeno!

my bilum take come.SG!

'Bring my bilum!'
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Example 85

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Stiveni tentic unami marem beno.
Steve my bilum take went.
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'Steven took my bilum (and) went.'

Here is another serial verb we found in a text:

Example 86

Anayokimi popo akan narani kasen **ye kumantami** mana wainta in.a.gardenpawpaw fruit eat.to parrot came.and.sat one man

arirani isandan uyemi. to.shoot.and bow pull.he

'There is a pawpaw tree in the garden. The parrot is on it to eat the fruit. The man wants to kill it and pull the bow with an arrow on the string

6 CLAUSES

A clause expresses a whole thought. It usually contains a verb and its noun phrases. In our language we have found these types of clauses: verbless clauses, intransitive clauses, transitive clauses, and di-transitive clauses.

6.1 Verbless Clauses

A clause usually contains a verb, but verbless clauses tell us something about a noun phrase without using a verb.

Example 87

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Mini ten tiwayani.
this 1.SG.POSS 1SG.story
'This is my story.'
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Example 88

```
Iyena iyanai.
big dog.NEG
'The dog is big.'
```

6.2 Transitive clauses

Transitive clauses include a subject, a verb and an object. The usual word order for transitive clauses in Gadsup is (SOV/APV). Here are some examples of transitive clauses in Gadsup.

Example 89

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Mana waintan kan kaseci pakoni arurami makapaci kumeno.
one man two parrots spear shot.and to.the.ground they.fell
'A man shot two parrots and they fell to the ground.'
```

Example 90

```
Israiliuc Yodan nonkac kacdeno.

Israel Jordan river they.crossed.

'The Israelites crossed the Jordan River'
```

In transitive clauses the agent (subject) can be marked with a -i/-n/-m suffix. The first letter of the word that comes before determines the last letter of the word. The suffix is also

determined by the last letter of the stem.

The -i suffix appears after a name ending in -n. The -n suffix appears after a stem ending in -a. Before a bilabial this changes to -m.

The patient of a transitive clause can be marked with -mi.

Example 91

Yon-i Pita-mi aremi.

John Peter hit

'John hit Peter'

Example 92

Pita-n Yoni-mi aremi.

Peter John hit

'Peter hit John'

Example 93

Aremi.

he.hit.him

'He hit him.'

6.3 Intransitive clauses

Intransitive clauses contain a verb that usually cannot take an object. For example, *he walked, he laughed, he jumped* in English. In Gadsup verbs of movement come in intransitive clauses.

Here are some examples of intransitive clauses with verbs of movement.

Example 94

Fararec ayinkac Sikuruc tirec ayinkaci makufaci kum warecu Friday afternoon after.school afternoon home go.down.and I.slept.

'On Friday afternoon, after the class I will go down to the village and sleep.'

Sandec wanuram mantirec ayinkaci kumbeke urontecu. Sunday morning attend church afternoon come.back.up

'On Sunday after the service I will return.'

Here are some examples of intransitive clauses with other kinds of intransitive verbs.

Example 96

Mana waintam pukemi. one man die.3SG

'The man died.'

Example 97

Anasin ayufumi warukemi. woman night slept.she

'The woman slept in the night.'

6.4 Di-transitive clauses

Clauses that have both an object and a recipient are called di-transitive. An English example is: *I gave the book to him.* In Gadsup our usual word order for di-transitive clauses is Actor/Recipient/Patient if all the arguments are represented by a noun phrase as in example 98. Here are some examples of di-transitive clauses in Gadsup in the usual order. If the agent is marked only on the verb then the order is recipient/patient as in example 99.

Example 98

Wen ano nanku wayani tamemi. 3SG.POSS 3SG.mother visitor story tell.3SG

'His mother told the visitor a story.'

Example 99

Kamore kauyam makuyindam pakecu. some fish village.their.for caught.1SG

'I caught some fish for the villagers.'

Example 100

Bukun amecu. book you.gave.I

'I gave you the book.'

6.5 Semantic roles / Noun roles

6.5.1 Agent

An agent deliberately makes an action or event happen. E.g. 'Cain murdered his brother'.

The agent is the first noun phrase in a sentence. There are no special agent markers on nouns. However, the agent of a transitive or di-transitive clause is marked with the subject marker on the verb.

Example 101

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Mana wainta poni aremi.
One man pig killed
'One man killed a pig.'
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6.5.2 Force

A force makes an action happen but not deliberately. E.g. 'the wind blew down Job's house'. There is no marker on nouns of force but if the force is the subject of a clause it is marked on the verb.

Example 102

```
Sisowani yani ukaremi.
Wind tree broke.it
'The wind broke the tree.'
```

6.5.3 Possessor

A possessor is someone who has something. E.g. 'Joseph has a coat'. There are no special markers on possessors, if they are the subject of a clause, but they are marked on the verb.

Example 103

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Yoni poruci dukemi.
John pigs have
'John has pigs.'
```

Example 104

```
Mana inini mana intan dukami.
one woman one boy had.she
'A woman had a son.'
```

6.5.4 Experiencer

An experiencer does not control what happens, and they are not changed by what happens. They feel what happens with their senses or emotions. E.g. 'Samuel heard the sheep', 'Jonah felt angry'. There is no special marking on experiencers, but if they are the subject of a clause they are marked on the verb with a subject marker.

Example 105

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Pita yirueyomi indemi.
Peter fighting he.heard
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'Peter heard the fighting.'

6.5.5 Stimulus

A stimulus is something that is seen, thought about, or felt. E.g. 'I saw a dog', 'The man thought about his daughter'. The stimulus can be prefixed on the verb. The set of prefixes used seems to be slightly different then the object and recipient prefixes listed above.¹

If the stimulus is a noun it can get marked with -mi.

Example 106

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Yonakunani...
them.saw.I.and
'I saw them and [...]'
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Example 107

```
Emi onecu
you (you).saw.I
'I saw you.'
```

Example 108

```
Joni Pitami indemi.

John Pita heard.he

'John heard Pita.'
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¹ This would need more research. A similar set of prefixes also seems to be used for the person being helped by someone. Is this a separate set of prefixes or morphophonemic changes?

6.5.6 Location

A location is where an action or event takes place. E.g. 'Eli slept in his bed', 'She found the coin under the table'.

The location is usually marked with a postpostion suffix.

Example 109

Yay	anan	kantar	ıi	yanamana	nam	ac uwomana	namac	i yuron
tree	leaf	two		green	and	red	with	brown
unan	narop	oci	wemi.					
bilum	top.on		is.there	e .				

'The two, red and green leaves are on the brown bilum.'

Example 110

Kar	ayoku	m	waintam	mayaı	ı atac	urukar	ni	enon	iye
two	old		men	one	cap	wear.i	t	other	not
uruk	am	maka-	kac	kumai	nteni	pakoy	oyeno		
wear	•	ground	d-on	they.s	at.and	spear	they.n	nake	

'The two old men sitting on the ground and making the spears.'

6.5.7 Source / Destination

A source is where something moves from, a destination is where something moves to. E.g. 'Abraham travelled from Ur (source) to Haran (destination)'.

Source and destination are marked with postposition suffixes.

Example 111

Fararec	ayinkac	sikuruc tirec	ayinkaci	maku fac	kum	warantecu.
Friday	afternoon	after.school	afternoon	home go.	.down.and	I.will.sleep

'On Friday afternoon after the class I will go home and sleep.'

Example 112

Kainantum**patem** makufac kumecu
Kainantu.from village/home went.down.1SG
'I went down to the village from Kainantu.'

6.5.8 Instrument

An instrument is used by someone to make something happen. E.g. 'Jael killed Sisera with a tent peg', 'Saul attacked David with a spear'.

Sometimes the instrument is not marked:

Example 113

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Mana waintan kan kaseci pakoni yirurani maka-paci kumeno.
one man two parrots spear them.shot.and ground-to fell.3PL
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'A man shot two parrots with a spear and they fell to the ground.'

But sometimes it is marked with -foni:

Example 114

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Tentic mukutafoni kauyan akecyecu.
1sg.poss knife.with fish 3SG.cut.1SG
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'I cut the fish with my knife'

6.5.9 Accompaniment

An accompaniment is someone who does something with someone else. E.g. 'Moses went to Pharaoh with his brother'. Usually there is no special marking on the nouns for accompaniment.

Example 115

Mini	onareci	timoyureci	minikanda	yunkecwanam	i ena
this	saw.I.and I.happy.an		this.two	cook.them.and	d another
yakan	kandawac	kun	aruren arafen	n marondaci	wendekanda kan
big	two.with	go.down.and	it.kill bite	bring.up.and	we.two two
kamar	namac mana	kauya nama l	kic ureci wende	kanda namar	nan timucdareci
kauka	u with one	fish with	we.two	o eat	satisfy.and
	c timoyin happy	namaci with	kan kauya two fish	namac with/and	owekec tikona return my.friends
intauc	namac	makufac	уеси.		
boys	with/and	village.to	come.I		

'I saw this and I was very happy and put these fish in the fire and roasted them. While I was happily cooking, it went down and caught another two big fish. We ate the previous ones with the two kaukau until we satisfied and returned home with the two big fish.'

6.5.10 Recipient

A recipient receives something from someone else. E.g. 'The angel gave food to Elijah'.

The recipient is marked with a prefix on the verb, the recipient itself does not have special marking:

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Bukun amecu.
book you.gave.I
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'I gave you the book.'

6.5.11 Beneficiary

A beneficiary is someone who benefits from an action done by someone else. E.g. 'Dorcas made clothes for the children'.

The beneficiary is marked on the verb, between the stem and the subject ending.

Example 116

Ten tikona amaci uwarankecu. My friend house built.for.him.I

'I built the house for my friend.'

Here the actor is first, the beneficiary is second and the patient is third:

Example 117

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Joni wen ano afonyic wacdoyuci ayacuyinkemi.

John his parents' clothes buy.he.for.them
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'John bought clothes for his parents.'

Note that in the example below the beneficiary is not marked on the verb:

Example 118

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Kamore kauyam makuyindam pakecu.
some fish village.their.for caught.1SG
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'I caught some fish for the villagers.'

6.5.12 Patient

A patient is someone or something an action happens to. E.g. 'John ate a locust'.

Sometimes the patient is marked on the verb (see section on object marker 5.2.), but not always, here the bow is the patient, but it is not marked:

Anayokimi popo akan narani kasen ye kumantami mana wainta in.a.garden pawpaw fruit eat.to parrot came.and.sat one man

arirani isandan uyemi. to.shoot.and bow pull.he

'There is a pawpaw tree in the garden. The parrot is on it to eat the fruit. The man wants to kill it and pull the bow with an arrow on the string.'

6.6 Adverbs and time

6.6.1 Time

Example 120

nurami	yesterday
make	now
kakanami	tomorrow
icnaemi	later
make/mana nuram	today/ this day
wani	long time

Example 121

Yeni nurami yeno. they yesterday came.

'They came yesterday.'

6.6.2 Place

Example 122

makim	in here
mikac	there
mikake	from there
makake	from here

Afo	teni	mikac	Kanag	gendeka	kumantec	weci
Then	I	there	Kanag	e.two.and.I	sit.and stay,	and
aci	timint	enon	tirec	wanani	iyewaci	mayawac
that's.all	give.n	ne.say.that	said	expecting	not	one.also
mana	kauya	timemi.				
one	fish	me.give				

'My dog and I sat there expecting that someone would give us some but no one make an attempt to do so.'

6.6.3 Manner

Example 124

dacidake	slowly
nananuke	carefully
emami	secretly
manaoc	igo, repeatedly

Example 125

Wanta kari nananuken anu amami marem wemi. man car carfully mountain along drive go.he

'The man drives the car carefully along the mountain.'

6.6.4 Degree

Example 126

-ukami/ukami	very		
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Example 127

Mana ayokuc maci uwarecumpo erar iye**ukami ukami.**one good house built.had.I.but strong not.very very

'I had built a house but it was not very strong.'

6.7 Negative Clauses and Negation

Negative clauses are those which include a meaning like 'no' or 'not' in English.

Example 128

waino	no
iyei	no!
iye/ iyen/iyem	no
-ai	suffix to nouns, proper nouns or pronouns
Joni-naino	It is not John's.
Joni-waino	It is not John.
ye-naino	not theirs
acao	no
iyewaci	not

If the negator is negating a verb, it comes before this verb.

Example 129

[K]amore and and auc wenic and auc iyen kayudec indikecu. some things its meaning no sure undrstand.I

'Some of the meaning of these things I don't understand.'

Example 130

Weyai.

him.not

'It is not him.'

Example 131

Mana ayokuk maci uwarecumpo erar **iyeukami** ukami. one good house built.had.I.but strong not.was very

'I had built a house but it was not very strong.'

Iyami iyena waino.
dog big he.NEG
'The dog is not big.'

Example 133

Iyena iyan**ai.**big dog.NEG

'The dog is not big.'

Example 134

pani	just, 'nating'				
iyen andanda	not something' ; nothing				
payam	bare, 'nating'				
iyewami	It is not there.				
iyewaci mayawac	nobody				

Example 135

Okaci wanici kauya areyomi onakeci pani iyen first.time kill.to fish not look.I.to just/nothing yiwakurecumpo yeni wa arure nauni weni wenoyo. them.follow.but they long.taim kill eater they.are they.went

'It was my first time and I just followed them, but they were the experienced fishermen so they went.'

Example 136

Payam makakac kumantemi.
bare ground he.sit
'He sits on the bare ground.'

Example 137

Acaon-te-ko! no-say-I

'I'm saying no!'

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Example 138
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Pani іуауеси. just run

'I am just running.'

Here are some ways to make negations stronger:

Example 139

Iyewakac yeno!

NEG.true come

'Do not come!'

Example 140

Iyeukanac yeno! NEG.EMPH

'Do not come!!! (Or else....).'

come

7 SENTENCES

A sentence only needs to have a single clause. Sometimes several clauses may be combined to form a sentence.

1.1 Verbal suffixes connecting clauses

Example 141

n	nonic	manden	nan	nokemi		ayufun	ıi	ye		onan
n	noney	he.get	eat	went.a	bout	night		he.cam	e	he.saw
у	unan	iyewami	mini	kafani	wen	anac	arurem	i	andand	lauc
f	ood	not.there	this	for	his	wife	hit.her.	and	things	
а	nankayev	vami.								

he.destroyed.

'When he got the money he went off and used all the money and when he returned to the house and saw that there was no food, he hit his wife and destroyed the eating and cooking utensils.'

The morpheme -ur in aruremi means that there are two things happening at the same time.

To express contrast between clauses the suffix -umpo can be used:

Example 142

Okaci	wanici	kauya	areyor	ni	iyen	onake	ci	pani	yiwakurec umpo
first.ti	me	fish	kill		not	know		just/nothing	them.follow.but
yeni	wa		arure	nauni	weni		wenoy	70.	
they	long.ta	nim	kill	eater	they.a	re	they.w	vent	

'It was my first time and I just followed them, but they were the experienced fishermen [so] they went.'

The 'so' is implied but not spelled out in the Gadsup text.

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Afo
                 mikac Kanagendeka
          teni
                                              kumantec
                                                            weci
Then
          Ι
                  there Kanage.two.and.I
                                              sit.and stay,
                                                            and
aci
          timintenon
                                tirec
                                       wanani
                                                     iyewaci
                                                                    mayawac
that's.all
          give.me.say.that
                                       expecting
                                                                    one.also
                                said
                                                     not
          kauya timemi.
mana
          fish
                  give.me
one
```

'My dog and I sat there expecting that someone would give us some but no one make an attempt to do so.'

In example 144 the morphemes -i and -ni combine clauses:

Example 144

Mini	intauc	yenare	m	woyoci	i	Nonor	арас	undec i		
these	boys	they.fi	rst	go.they	y.and	Wopep	a	went.u	p.and	
yonakı	ına ni		away	ore ni	ukin		ofekaro	ат		
them.s	saw.I.ar	ıd	valley	go.and	l bush.iı	n	go.abo	ut.into		
weway	roc i	yonare	eci	mikake	2	Kanag	endeka		iyayuk	am manaoc
went.they.and them.saw.I			saw.I	from.there		Kanage.two.and.I		contin	ue.run.fast	
weci	orokun	ıani,	yenare	n	oreni	nompii	ı	kumbe	ni	kauyauc
go	go.the	re.and	they.fi	rst	go.and	l water.	in	down.	in	fish
areway	arewayoc i orecmokunami.									
kill.the	kill.they.and went.there.I									

'These boys left early and went a long way before us. We went up to Wopepa and saw them, they went in a valley and were about to get into the bush. From there we saw them and ran faster to meet them, but they were already in the dam and caught some fish while we got there.'

A conjunction is a connecting word, joining words together or joining clauses together. In our language we have a few conjunctions.

-wac/ -waci	and	joins nouns or numbers or clauses	
fonowa	or	always in a question	
namac namac	and	connects two nouns	
weci	and		

Example 146

Mini intai yokemi anasi**waci** dukami this boy he.worked wife.also/too he.have.

'The son worked and also had a wife.'

Example 147

Okeke ukami Kocti weni inarun **namac** maka **namac** uwaremoni. beginning very Kocti he heaven and land and made.he
'In the very beginning God created the heaven and the earth.'

Example 148

Eni tic nante **fono** kopic nante **wa**?

you tea drink or coffee drink Q?

'Do you drink tea or coffee?'

7.1 Commands (Imperative Sentences)

Here are some examples of commands in Gadsup. We know it is a command by the tone of voice of the person speaking. Often the suffix -no for singular and -ko for plural is added to the end of the stem but not always.

Example 149

Yi! come

'Come!

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Example 150
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Yeko!

come.PL

'Come!

Example 151

Ecano!

Lusim.SG!

'Leave that alone! No!' (talking to a child)

For a negative command iyewac is put in front of the command:

Example 152

Iyewac nano!

not eat.SG

'Don't eat!'

Gadsup also has ways to give commands to the 1st or 3rd person:

Example 153

Ece mareyic wo!

let us go

'Let's go!'

Example 154

Taminan ukukano!

tell.him stand.SG

'Tell him to stand!'

Here are some more ways to give commands:

Example 155

Narac nano!

eat.must eat.SG

'You must eat!'

Example 156

Naric manawac ono!
eat must EMPH

'You must eat!'

Polite commands/suggestions are made like this:

Example 157

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Pafo kamami marec yecumpo mande na.
my.grandfather sweet potato bring come.I get eat.
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'Grandpa, I bring you sweet potato you can eat'

7.2 Questions (Interrogative Sentences)

7.2.1 Yes-No Questions

Are there some questions where the speaker just wants 'yes' or 'no' as an answer? Is there a word or morpheme in the sentence that shows it is a question? These two questions are yesno questions.

Questions can be marked by -fi:

Example 158

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aninta sikurupaci yintenafi?
boy school.to come.Q
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'Will the boy come to school?'

Or they can be marked by -wa.

Example 159

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Eni arintewa poni?
you kill.Q pig
'Will you kill the pig?'
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7.2.2 WH Questions

When we want to find out more than just 'yes' or 'no', in English we ask questions using question words such as *Who? What? Which? How many? When? Where? How? Why?* (Linguists call these WH questions because most of these English question words start with WH.)

There are several different question words in Gadsup for asking content questions:

Iyec/i	who	Iyeci nenafi?	Who ate it?
iyenic	whose	Iyenic monikafic?	Whose money is it?
nafakac/nefakac	where?	Nafakac wena?	Where did he go?
inkecniurec	how?	Inkecniurec uwarewa?	How did you build it?
ne yamukac ne yamukafi	when?	Ne yamukac yintewa? Mana ne yaukafi?	When will you come? When is this?
nec/i nefi	what?	Nec dukewa? Mana nefi?	What did you have? What is this?
Iyenindawa/fi	whose?	Mana iyenindawa?	Whose is this?
Nacdec Nacdewa/fi	how many?	Nacdec dukewa?	How many do you have?
iyenac	to whom?	Iyenac amenu?	Whom will I give?

Example **161** Gen 3:9

Nafakac we-fono?

where go.SG?

'Where are you(SG)going?'

Example 162

Nafakac we-ka-fono?

where go.PL?

'Where are you (PL) going?'

Example 163

Nafakac we-fono? where go.SG

'Where are you (SG) going?'

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Example 164
   Nefi?
   what
        'What? (Tell me more...)'
Example 165
   Neci
              eni
                    nantewa?
   what
                    eat.will.Q
             you
        'What will you eat?'
Example 166
              iyenic porafi?
   Mecyan
   that
              whose pig.Q
        'Whose pig is that?'
Example 167
   Iyenac
             moinc amewa?
   whom
              money give.to.Q
        'Whom did you give the money to?'
Here God is asking a question but he already knows the answer:
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Iye nano tekuna yayakami namanduka nonamino?

'Did I not tell you to not eat the fruit of the tree?'

maybe

no eat said.I tree.fruit eat.from

Example **168** Gen 3:11

7.3 Reason, Result, Purpose

7.3.1 Reason and Result

Here are some sentences that show a reason and a result in our language. Usually, the result comes before the reason.

Example 169

Newarafi	timonecu	Koctin tofaurukaci				
therefore	I.happy.am	God	me.helped			

Example 170

Teni	Ukara	трас	sikurud		tirani		urekun	ıa	andai	
I	Ukaru	mpa.to	school		to.lear	n	I.came		reason	
macnimuk	:emi:	Ten tiv	vayani	kasufu		wayan	i waci	tecump	00,	kamore
is.this		my.tol	kples	Gadsu	p	tokple	s so	I.use.to	o.say.but	few/some
andandau	c wenic	andau	с	iyen	kayuca	le	indiked	cu.		
things	its	meani	ng	not	sure		know.	[

'The reason that I came to DYL is: I speak Gadsup but I did not know the structure the words that I am speaking.'

7.3.2 Purpose and Result

Here are some sentences that show a purpose and a result in our language. Usually, the purpose comes before the result.

Example 171 _PURPOSE____ Pakoy oyirani mana andandauci maranonami. make.to these things.are spear get.will 'In order to make a spear you will get these things.' Example 172 _PURPOSE___ Kauya ayacira**ni** Kainantumpac wecu. ana buy.I.to fish tin Kainantu.to go.I 'I went to Kainantu to buy tin fish.'

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9 APPENDIX

This appendix includes two stories that have been displayed in interlinear style. The first story, *Kam waintam pakoni oyeno*, is about men making spears, and the second story, *Kauya arim wayani*, is about a fishing adventure.

9.1 Kam waintam pakoni oyeno, 'Two men making spears'

1	Word	Mana	ayokur	n	wainta	n	atac	namac		wakac
	Word Gloss	one	old		man		cap	with/a	ınd	short
	Word Cat.	num	adj		n		n	post		adj
	tarasisi	namac		uremi		makus	ас	payam	makak	ac
	pants	with/a	ınd	wear.i	t.and	at.hon	ne	bare	ground	d
	n	post		v		n		adj	n	
	kumantemi	pakoni	oyemi.							
	he.sat	spear	make							
	v	n	v							

Free An old man is wearing a cap and a pants, sitting on the bare ground and making a spear.

2	Word		Kar	ayokur	n	wainta	m	mayan	atac	urukami
	Word	Gloss	two	old		men		one	cap	wear.it
	Word	Cat.	num	adj		n		num	n	v
	enon iye		urukan	n	makak	ас	kuman	teni	pakoy	oyeno.
	other	not	wear		ground	d.on	they.sa	it.and	spear	they.make
	adj	neg	v		n		v		n	v

Free The two old men are sitting on the ground and making spears.

3	Word		Kandac manawac	ayokum	waintauci	makakac
	Word (Gloss	three	old	men	ground.on
	Word (Cat.	num	adj	n	n
kuman	teni	pakoni	oyeno.			
they.sa	it.and	spear	they.make			

v n v

Free The three old man are sitting on the ground and making spears.

4 kandan tefac tefac Word Atac urukeyon kumantami Word Gloss cap wear the.two next.to they.sat.and Word Cat. v num n urukenin acwanakimi kumantemifo acnantapac kumanteni-i iye middle he.sat.and in.front who.sat not wear neg n pakoy oyeyomi yocyikemi. spear how.to.make show.them

n

Free The man without the cap sitting in the middle of the two wearing the cap and the one sitting infront of them teaching them how to make the spear.

5 Word Mana wainta isandan undukemi kase arirani Word Gloss one man bow pull.the.string.and parrot to.shoot.and Word Cat. v num n n n omaren indemi. he.is.thinking

Free A man pull the bow and thinking about killing the parrot.

6 Word Anayokimi akan narani kasen ye kumantami popo Word Gloss to.eat parrot came.and.sat in.a.garden pawpaw fruit Word Cat. n n v n mana wainta arirani isandan uyemi. to.shoot.and one man bow he.pull num n

Free There is a pawpaw tree in the garden. The parrot is on it to eat the fruit. The man wants to kill it and pull the bow with an arrow on the string.

7 Word Mana waintam pakoni kasec arurami makapaci Word Gloss to.the.ground one men spear parrot shot.and Word Cat. num n n kumemi. fell.down

Free One man shot a parrot with a spear and it fell down on the ground.

8 Word Mana waintan kaseci pakoni yirurani kan **Word Gloss** shot.them one man two parrots spear Word Cat. num n num n makapaci kumeno. to.the.ground they.fell

Free A man shot two parrots and they fell to the ground.

9.2 Kauya arim wayani, 'Fishing Story'

1.1	Word	Acnani	i ackewaninkim <u>ı</u>	mana	ayinkaci		nom	mantenipac		
	Word Gloss	past	sunny.season.	one	afterno	oon	water	dam.to		
	Word Cat.	adv	n		num	n		n	n	
kauya	arintac	wirani	uyewayoci	emami		0	indirec	i	паитрас	
fish	kill.to	go.to	dicuss.they	secretl	y	go	heard.	it	house.to	
n	v	v	V	adv		v	v		n	
owarec	-mokunami.									
go.slee	ep									
V										

Free During the sunny period, one afernoon the boys discussed about going to the dam for fishing and I secretly heard them and went to sleep.

1.2	Word	Wanur	ami	ac	ayokud	:	karicev	vanici	ukukeci
	Word Gloss	morni	ng	sun	good		shine.i	s+ing	wake.up
	Word Cat.	n		n	adj		v		v
iyena	kamanuc	eriyew	ат	manar		eman		ипатр	im
big	kaukau	four		take		secretl	.y	bilum.	in
adj	n	num		v		adv		n	
wacdu	mareci	tentic i	yam	wen		awic	Kanage	em	wemi
put		my	dog	its		name	Kanage	e	is
v		p	n	p		n	n		v
tafura	arewanim	wanici	awicm	areci	wecmo	kunami			
anima	l killer	is	take.it		go.pas	t			
n	n	V	v		v				

Free In the morning the sky was clear, the sun shone and it was a very good day. I woke up got four big kaukau and put them in my bilum and took my dog. Its name was Kanage it was a very good hunter and we set off.

1.3 Word Okaci wanici kauya areyomi onakeci iyen pani Word Gloss first.time fish kill know just/nothing not Word Cat. num n v neg neg yiwakurec-umpo yeni arure nauni weni wa them.follow.but they long.taim kill eater they.are adv n n v p wenoyo. they.went v

Free It was my first time and I just followed them, but they were the experienced fishermen so they went.

3	.1 Word		Mini	intauc	yenarei	า	woyoci		Nonora	рас	undeci
	Word (Gloss	these	boys	they.fi	rst	go.they	and.	Wopep	a	went.up.and
	Word (Cat.	dem	n	num		v		pn		V
y	onakunan		away	oreni	ukin		ofekara	ım	wewayo	oci	
tl	nem.saw.I.an	d	valley	go.and	bush.ir	ı	go.abo	ut.into	went.tl	ney.and	
V		n		v	n		v		v		
y	onareci		mikake		Kanage	endeka		iyayuka	am man	аос	weci
tl	nem.saw.I.an	d	from.tl	nere	Kanage	e.two.ar	nd.I	continu	ıe.run.f	ast	go
V			adv		pn			v			v
0	rokunani,		yenarei	1	oreni	nompin	!	kumber	ıi	kauyau	c
g	o.there.and		they.fi	rst	go.and	water.i	n	down.i	n	fish	
V			num		v	n		v		n	
а	rewayoci	orecmo	kunami								
k	ill.they.and	went.th	nere.I								
V		v									

Free These boys left early and went a long way before us. We went up to Wopepa and saw them, they went in a valley and were about to get into the the bush. From there we saw them and ran faster to meet them, but they were already in the dam and caught some fish while we got there.

3.2 Nompim Word weyona kauya areyonuc iyen onakeci Word Gloss water.in go.and fish fish kill.PL did.not know Word Cat. n neg akofac o kumanteci arewayomi yonec-mokunami pani just/nothing beside go sitdown.I kill.they them.saw

Free I don't know how to catch fish and swim so I just sat beside the bank and saw them catching fish.

3.3 Word Aro wami iyon yirini ika maron anon Word Gloss kill.they.still cold they.kill fire come.up big Word Cat. adj adj n tandeni kaneni arueke deyonuc yunkare neno. cookmake.they warm.and kill put.those eat.they dem

Free They took quiet a long time in the water and they felt cold, so they came out of the water and made the big fire. They warm their body and cooked the fish they caught and ate.

5.1 Word Afo mikac Kanagendeka kumantec teni weci Word Gloss Then I there Kanage.two.and.I sit.and stay, and Word Cat. adv conn n n v conn aci timintenon tirec wanani iyewaci mayawac that's.all one.also give.me.say.that said expecting not neg

mana kauya timemi .

one fish give.me

num n v

Free My dog and I sat their expecting that if any one could give us some but no one make an attempt to do so.

5.2 Yunkare namandeni arirani kumeno. Word ena Word Gloss kill.to.and fell.they.and cook eat.they.and another Word Cat. adj v v

Free After eating they return to the water.

5.3 Word Kunde okaniceni arowami iyon **Word Gloss** went.down same.did.they.and kill.they.still.yet.and cold Word Cat. kumbeke ika kaneni yunkare yirini maron areyonuc they.kill.and return.back fire kill.fish cook come.up warm.and v v namandeni yewekec umacdeukan kumoci Kanagendeka eat.they.and once.more all.of.them went.down.and Kanage.two.and.I *** v quant n ikakac wacu. manam mini alone this fire.to stayed adv dem v n

Free Again they caught some fish until they felt cold. They came out of the water to the fire and warm themselves and cooked the fish and ate them. After eating everyone of them returned to the water accept us.

An empty paragraph

7.1 Word icnaimi marec wekuna kamanuci Afo Word Gloss Then later.and take go.I. kaukaus Word Cat. conn adv v v n ikakimi unampinkena uwandeci mini yunkecu. bilum.in.from take.out. this fire.in.and cook.I dem n v n

Free I took out the kaukau and cooked them.

7.2 Word Kamanuc yunkanuna wanana eci Kanange nompin Kanage Word Gloss kaukau very.busy.cooking.I water.in Word Cat. n v n n kumenimi iyen onecu. it.had.gone did.notsee.I neg

Free While I was busy with the kaukau I did not see Kanage went into the water.

7.3	Word		Icnaimi		mana	andana	la	ticnaim	рас	payayici	
	Word (Gloss	later.and		one	thing	back.a		į	it.moves	
	Word Cat.		adv		num	n	n			v	
yowecn	nar	onami	mana	iyena	kauya	waci	onareci		iyec	mararenafin	tireci
turn.ar	ound	I.saw	one	big	fish	so	saw.I.a	nd	who	bring.it	say.I
v		v	num	adj	n	conn	v		Q	v	v
tukam	makac	nonami		ena		kauya	yakam	ас	arafen	uremi.	
eye look.around		another		fish	big.with		bite	come.up			
n	v			adj		n	adj		v	v	

Free All of a sudden I felt something moving at my back. I turned around and saw a big fish, felt uncomfortable out of the water and was jumping here and there. Looked around to see who brought the fish, but when I looked towards the water, I saw Kanage with another big one in its mouth coming up.

7.4 V	Word		Mini	onareci	į	timoyu	reci	minikanda		yunkecwanami	
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7	Word (Cat.	dem	v		v		dem		v	
ena		yakan	kandav	wac kun			aruren arafen		n marondaci		wendekanda
another	•	big	two.wi	th	go.dov	vn.and	it.kill	bite	bring.u	ıp.and	we.two
adj		adj	num		v		v	v	v		p
kan k	kaman		namac	mana	kauya	namak	ic ureci	wendek	anda	naman	an
two k	kaukau	1	with	one	fish	with		we.two)	eat	
num r	n		post	num	n	post		num		v	
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satisfy.a	and	return		happy		with		two	fish	with/a	nd
adj		v		v		post		num	n	post	
owekec		tikona		intauc	namac		makufa	ис	уеси.		
return		my.frie	ends	boys	with/a	nd	village	.to	come.I		
v		n		n	post		n		v		

Free I saw this and I was very happy and put these fish in the fire and roasted them. While I was happily cooking, it went down and caught another two big fish. We ate the previous ones with the two kaukau until we satisfied and returned home with the two big fish.