

Sentences in Madak

0. The Madak language is an Austronesian language located in the central part of the island of New Ireland located in the New Ireland Province of Papua New Guinea. More than 2600 people speak this language which consists of five separate dialects. Research for this paper was carried out in the Malom dialect from 1976 through 1988.

The spelling of the words in this paper does not represent the final conclusions for the Madak alphabet. This paper was written while the study of the phonology Madak was still in its preliminary stages.

Abbreviations

Adv	adverb
caus	causal
cft / cfut	certain future
cn	continuative
cpl	completive
dem	demonstrative
dl	dual
exc(ex)	exclusive
exl	exclamation
ft	future
ht	hortatory
inc	inclusive
md	modality
mod	modifier
mm	movement marker
neg	negative
nft/ifut	near / immediate future tense
nm	noun marker
nn	name determiner
pl	plural
pos	possessive
prp	near past progressive
psp	past progressive
pst / rpst	past tense / remote past tense
quan	quantifier
rec	reciprocal
rfut	remote future
rht	rhetorical
rs	resultative
tot	totality
ypst	yesterday past tense

1. Sentence Structure

A simple sentence is made up of a single clause. This may be expanded by the addition of one or more clauses or perhaps by the addition of peripheral items such as vocatives, exclamations, topicalisation, or question markers. The multiple clause complex will be discussed below under complex sentences as well as in sections 4.0 and 5.0.

The structure of the sentence itself consists of three peripheral slots and the nuclear slot.

CHART 1.

periphery 1	periphery 2	nucleus	periphery 3
exclamations	topicalisation	clause	vocatives
vocatives		complex	question markers

This chart also displays the order of the constituents of a sentence. Vocatives occur either at the beginning of a sentence or at the end, but they never occur in both places in the same sentence. Only the nucleus is obligatory. In any given sentence only one item per slot is allowed, although there can be any kind of combination of the items from each of the slots. The normal number of clauses in one sentence is about 3.

Sentence boundaries are determined mainly by intonation, falling intonation in declarative and imperative sentences and rising intonations in questions. Other boundary determiners include exclamations and vocatives in conjunction with falling intonation and pause, which indicate the beginning or termination of a sentence. Question markers only indicate the termination of a sentence.

1.1 Sentence Periphery Items

1.1.1 Exclamations

Exclamations are a response to an event that has just taken place. They encode surprise, pleasure, and agreement. The exclamation words are in a class of their own and do not carry any other function.

- (1) Ui, di-lok la-vanga sala i na?
exl they-do nm-thing what.kind it this

'Ui, what in the world are they doing?'

- (2) Aa, ba-vot bok uatno.
exl ft-come also in.two.days

'Yes she will come again in two days.'

- (3) Oo, la-vanga i-so avukat pologat.
exl nm-thing it-taste good exceedingly

'Oh, the thing tastes very good.'

- (4) Di-ga-valas le-ven-tingen di la ga-ra-ven i.
they-pst-open nm-pl-hand their and pst-psp-see it

Ga-lok, Oo, i-lok avukat nia mo a-na-onon
pst do exl it-do good I that I-nft-go

basinge manga nimi.
leave again you.pl

'They opened their hands and she looked at them. She
said, "Oh, it is good, I will leave you again."'

1.1.2 Vocatives

Vocatives occur at either the beginning or the end of a sentence. Intonation along with pause determine whether the vocative begins a sentence or terminates it.

Although vocatives normally consist of just one word, as in example (5), the most accurate description would be that a vocative is a noun phrase. Example (8) includes not only a noun, but also a location phrase.

- (5) Netak, a-na-xas mu li-sim taram.
brother.my I-nft-board follow nm-canoe your

'My brother, I am about to get into your canoe and
go with you.'

- (6) La-xa-lik, lu-vut-temen nimi mi lu-vut-nen nimi
nm-pl-girl nm-pl-father your with nm-pl-mother your

ua?
where

'Children, where are your fathers and mothers?'

- (7) Tamak, nia ba-lok a-roro nedi.
father.my I ft-do rs-live them

'Father, I will save them.'

- (8) I-lok avukat, li-mixin at na le-menemen Kadan.
it-do good nm-people at this nm-village Kadan

'It is good, people of this village, Kadan.'

- (9) La-xanimin avukat, netak.
nm-night good brother.my

'Good night, my brother.'

(10) Nu la-vasun at le-vem-panga axap at na
 you.sg nm-reason at nm-pl-thing all at this

lo-roro, tamak.
 nm-life father.my

'You are the meaning of all things in this life,
 father.'

1.1.3 Topicalisation

A topic of a sentence is a person or thing about which something is said. In Madak the topics are normally the subject of the sentence. However, occasionally a person or a thing which occurs later in the sentence is made into a topic and this is called topicalisation. Topicalisation occurs when the following four features are in place.

1. Forefronting: An NP as the object of a verb or the object of a preposition or the subject of a sentence (note example 17) is placed immediately preceding the subject. 2. A demonstrative occurs with the noun of the forefronted NP. 3. A placeholder then replaces the NP in the form of a pronoun. 4. There is a distinct intonation break between the forefronted NP and the rest of the sentence.

This forefronting is used to highlight or bring into focus a noun that is merely background information.

(11) Nom le-ve-linga rak, a-vase lolos i ti-nemi li-mixin.
 that nm-pl-word my I-speak strong it to-you(pl) nm-people

'Those words of mine, I spoke them strongly to you people.'

(12) Nema ba-ven i dola le-ve-luxa salai mi-anan i.
 we.exc will-see it that nm-pl-food what you(pl)-eat it

'We will see what kinds of food you eat.'

(13) Nom lo-roro axap teren, neni ga-soxepe gamasa i.
 that nm-life all his he pst-lose nothing it

'That whole life of his, he threw it away for
 nothing.'

In these examples (14) - (16) the object of a preposition is forefronted with the appropriate pronoun left in its place.

(14) Na la-vanga, nema ma anan teren
 this nm-thing we we eat of.it

'This thing, we are eating from it.'

- (15) Lem-panga anan la lem-panga ti-ngsiga, gavaman
 nm.pl-thing eat and nm.pl-thing to-put.on government

 ga-raba nama min
 pst-give us(exc) with.it

 'The things to eat and the things to wear, the government
 gave them to us.'
- (16) Na la-valaxun, ata-lok laa rin.
 this nm-turtle we(inc)-make mumu with.it

 'This turtle, let's make a mumu with it.'

The following examples illustrate the forefronting of a subject.

- (17) La-xan-gas axap at nom lu-buang, nedi axap
 nm-many-demon all in that nm-cave they all

 di-ga-ti at nom la-tni.
 they-pst-dance in that nm-dance

 'All the demons in that cave, all of them danced in
 that dance.'
- (18) Li-mixin me Tolai, buaang atnedi di-lok ka
 nm-people from Tolai many of.them they-do get

 mene nga leng-kon-basket kakao...
 only now nm.pl-part-basket cocoa

 'The Tolai people, many of them get now many baskets
 of cocoa...'
- (19) La lu-bung-kavus bok, nedi di-umsu at lataon.
 and nm-pl-Europeans also they they-full in nm-town

1.1.4 Question Markers

There are three words that are used as rhetorical question markers; do, la, and beava. All of these expect a positive response. When beava is used, the speaker seems more sure of an agreement with his audience. When the word do is used the speaker seems perhaps a bit less sure of his information. When la is used the speaker is attempting to get his audience to reply positively to him. Simple yes-no questions with a 'yes' bias have this same function but do not include a question word

- (20) Di-ba-ru pot at lu-uik ma vana, do?
 they-ft-stand come at nm-week beyond up rht

'They will come next week, right?'

- (21) La-xa-lik me de di-ga-puse sa i, beava?
nm-pl-girl from here they-pst-search find it rht

'The children from here found it, isn't that right?'

- (22) U-na-onon u-to xolonu, la?
you(sg)-nft-go mm-to home rht

'You are going home, aren't you?'

The following example is a simple yes-no question with a 'yes' bias.

- (23) Di-ba-vot kantamak?
they-ft-come tomorrow

'Are they coming tomorrow?'

1.2 Complex Sentences

Complex sentences are combinations of clauses in various relationships. Included in this are juxtaposed, relative, and coordinate/subordinate combinations. Juxtaposed are simply two or more clauses placed one after another without any conjunction. Each of these would be independent clauses capable of standing alone. The relative clauses are dependent clauses which modifies a noun giving further information about it. A relative clause introducer is commonly used but not obligatory. The third type consists of those clauses which are connected by conjunctions. These fall into one of two categories, coordinating and subordinating. The clauses that are coordinating are independent able to stand by themselves, while the subordinating consist of an independent clause and a dependent clause. A further discussion of clause combining strategies are discussed in section 4.0 later in this paper.

juxtaposed

- (24) Lagale tinotno le-menemen le-vem-panga axap
superb very nm-village nm-pl-thing all

ga-nunuan la-ra-ugu ga-nunuan.
pst-good nm-all-house pst-good

'It was a very excellent place, everything was good,
all the houses were good.'

relative

(25) Neni goxo-reven ne Bubuxalik mo ga-tu auret.
 he pst.neg-see nn Bubuxalik who pst-stand near

'He did not see Bubuxalik who was standing near.'

coordinate

(26) Di-ga-lok a-xap nom lu-vat-kua la
 they-pst-do rs-finish that nm.2-big-rope and

di-ga-ra-gagas ta ti le-axadap.
 they-pst-ppp-prepare now for nm-dance

'They finished making the two ropes and they
 then prepared for the dance.'

subordinate

(27) Nema ga-tong i ru dola a-ta-sep i
 we.ex pst-tell it to.you.sg that ht-we.inc-hit him

la a-ta-anan i la nu ga-ra-lok be
 and ht-we.inc-eat him and you.sg pst-ppp-do first

do a-ta-ngangais be lo-kpanga.
 that ht-we.inc-wait first nm-feast

'We told you that we should kill him and eat him and
 you said that we should first have a feast.'

2.0 Non Verbal Sentences

Non verbal sentences (NVS) in Madak consist of one clause that does not have a surface level verb. These are commonly used in Madak, especially so in conversation. They are divided into the following categories: location, equative, possession, questions, commands, goal, and direction. Some examples of ellipsis are included here to show that ellipsis is actually different from non verbal sentences.

Although very similar to noun phrases, these non verbal sentences occur as independent utterances whereas a noun phrase never could.

The following chart will help explain the differences between the types of non verbal sentences.

CHART 2.

type	position 1	position 2
location	noun phrase	demonstrative location word
equative	pronoun	noun phrase

	noun phrase	proper name
possession	noun phrase	possession phrase
questions	noun phrase or question word	question word or noun phrase
commands	movement marker and location word or noun phrase	pronoun and optional prep. phrase or movement marker and loc. word
goal	noun phrase or goal	goal or noun phrase
direction	directional word	pronoun and/or noun phrase

2.1 Location

This type of non verbal sentence contains a noun phrase and a demonstrative and/or location word. The demonstrative cites a location in that it points to the place where something is in relation to the speaker and the hearer. In Madak there are three demonstratives: na which indicates that a thing is closest to the speaker, nom which indicates that a thing is closest to the hearer, and mo which indicates that a thing is not near and probably out of sight of both the speaker and the hearer.

The noun phrase occurs first followed by the identifier and lastly by the demonstrative and/or location word.

(28) Lo-bo rada nom.
nm-pig masalai that

'That was a spirit pig.'

At this point it would be good if something were said about the noun phrase which is very similar in construction to the non verbal sentence. For example:

(29) nom lo-bo rada
that nm-pig spirit

'that spirit pig'

The noun phrase (29) differs in structure from the non verbal sentence only in the placement of the demonstrative. However, the NP would never be used in any context without a verb while the NVS is commonly used as an independent sentence without a verb. There are some examples where NVS

are embedded into another sentence but it is quite normal for a simple independent sentence (with a verb) to be embedded in this manner. One other minor difference in these two examples is that the focus of the NVS is on the location of the noun whereas the focus in the NP is on what the noun is doing.

The following pair of examples once again contrast the structure of the NP and the NVS

- (30) La-vanga avukat na.
nm-thing good this

'This is a good thing.'

- (31) na la-vanga avukat
this nm-thing good

'this good thing'

- (32) La-xan-buk tabu mo.
nm-many-book holy that

'There were many holy books.'

- (33) La-tlok atdi nom milango
nm-husband their that in.front

'That is their husband in front.'

- (34) Le-gesa soso mene nom tarak.
nm-one spear only that my

'That is my only spear.'

- (35) La-ban-tiriu uso kopok.
nm-part-leaves there down

'There are leaves down there.'

- (36) La-masa nga u mo.
nm-lord now you.sg that

'You are now a leader.'

2.2 Equative

The equative sentence consists of two positions. In the first position there may be either a pronoun or a noun phrase. The second consists of either a noun phrase or a proper name. Also each of the types in the first position may occur with either type in the second position.

- (37) La-asen teren ne Betok.
nm-name his nn Betok

'His name was Betok.'

- (38) Nia ne Mika.
I nn Mika

'I am Mika.'

- (39) La-ra ne Tengbo.
nm-one nn Tengbo

'One was Tengbo.'

- (40) Neni li-bibinat tino at ne Gaga.
he nm-clan true at nn Gaga

'He was a true clansman of Gaga.'

- (41) Neni la-vat-kon-una gamasa mene.
it nm-big-part-tree nothing only

'It was just an ordinary tree limb.'

- (42) Lagale tinotno le-menemen atnimi.
excellent very nm-village your.pl

'Your village is really great.'

- (43) Ni nom la-vatpas atnema.
it that nm-walk our.ex

'That was our trip.'

2.3 Possession

This type of non verbal sentence includes a noun phrase in the first position and a possession phrase in the second position. The possession phrase may either consist of a

prepositional phrase as in example (44) or a simple possessive pronoun as in example (45).

These possession NVS are identical in structure with noun phrases. However, two differences should be noted. First of all the NVS functions independently and its intonation would be the same as that of an independent sentence. Secondly, it is extremely rare to have an NP with as many constituents as the examples below. See the paper "Madak Noun Phrases" under section 1.1.2 for a fuller description of this phenomenon.

- (44) Langsangan la-balamu at ne Iesu.
great nm-love of nn Jesus

'Jesus has great love.'

- (45) Buaang la-xa-lik atnama.
many nm-pl-girl ours.ex

'We have many children.'

- (46) La-van-uti le-veng-kom-pene atnama.
nm-pl-seven nm-pl-part-shell.money ours.ex

'We have seven pieces of shell money.'

- (47) Le-ven-gugu buaang teren.
nm-pl-work much his

'He has much work.'

- (48) Le-vem-panga axap at ne Moroa.
nm-pl-thing all at nn God

'God owns all things.'

2.4 Questions

Non verbal question sentences consist of a noun phrase and a question word. Ordering of these constituents depends on which word class the question word is a member of, since the question word fills the same position that a non-question word of the same function would normally occupy. For example, a locational question word (49) would occur finally whereas a noun question word ordinarily comes first. (55)

- (50) Lu-vut-temen nimi mi lu-vut-nen nimi ua?
nm-pl-father your.pl with nm-pl-mother your.pl where

'Where are your fathers and your mothers?'

- (51) La-xavus meava?
nm-white.man from.where

'Where is the white man from?'

- (52) Le-veng-kon-kao sala i na?
nm-pl-part-fire which it this

'What kind of hot coals are these?'

- (53) Nege u nom?
who you.sg that

'Who are you there?'

- (54) Kereva lo-roro ram dom?
how nm-life your there

'How is your life there?'

- (55) La i mo?
what it that

'What is that?'

2.5 Commands

Non verbal sentences in the form of commands are a request for someone to move from one location to another or for someone to move something from one place to another. The normal placement of the constituents are as follows: in the first position a location word occurs with a movement prefix u- attached. The second position consists of a pronoun and an optional prepositional phrase. These two positions may be flip flopped as in example (56) where the focus is on the hot coal rather than on the listener.

- (56) U-de be numu keneng.
mm-here first you.dl inside

'Come inside here you two.'

Commands that use sentences including verbs are longer and have a different structure. The main difference is the person(s) being commanded. In the NVS they are placed later on in the sentence with an object pronoun while in the the

full verbal sentence, they are placed at the beginning. One reason for this might be the focus. In the NVS the ones commanded are already in focus. Compare the full verbal command below (57) with the NVS above (56).

(57) Mu-na-t-pas be u-de xeneng.
 you.dl-ift-cn-walk first mm-here inside

'You two walk now inside here.'

(58) To-xong-kao u-de.
 nm-part-hot.coal mm-here

'Bring a hot coal here.'

(59) U-to-u da at la-xaamat.
 mm-to-north we.dl at nm-reef

'Let's the two of us go out on the reef.'

(60) U-kamang ba dik.
 mm-outside then we.inc

'Then let's go outside.'

(61) U-de u mi nom la-mdak.
 mm-here you.sg with that nm-boy

'Come here with that child.'

2.6 Goal

In the non verbal sentence with goal as the feature, there is a noun phrase in the first position and a prepositional phrase with the preposition ti - goal. Normal word order has the noun phrase first but the propositional phrase may be first in order to put it in focus.

(62) Lo-gu nga ti-da.
 nm-house now for-us.2

'There is now a house for us two.'

(63) Le-ve-linga loklok tooro ti-nemi.
 nm-pl-word doings help for-you.pl

'The helpful words are for you.'

(64) La-xalaxan ti-a.
nm- betlenut for-me

'Give me a betlenut.'

(65) Ti-a na lo-soso.
for-me this nm-spear

'Give me this spear.'

2.7 Direction

Directions are commonly given with non verbal sentences, usually in answer to the question as to where someone is or as a statement by the speaker telling someone where he is going. The first position consists of the direction word and the second position consists of a pronoun and/or a noun phrase.

(66) U-to-is ia kolonu.
mm-to-west me home

'I am going home.'

(67) No nga di at la-xairing.
there now them in nm-bush

'They are now in the bush.'

(68) To-nak i Kantubu
to east he Kantubu

'He has gone to Kantubu.'

(69) No-xun i vana ka-tamang.
there-south him up place.of-garden

'He is up there in the gardens.'

Although an ellipsis is not a non verbal sentence it is important to include examples to show that the above non verbal sentences are not ellipsis. In an ellipsis an element of a clause such as the verb is missing but occurs in the preceding clause.

(70) La-var-os teren i-bras la le-vem-panga singsiga
nm-big-horse his it-metal and nm-pl-thing wear

bok teren.
also his

'His horse was metal and also his clothes (were
metal).'

(71) La-xaxak ga-xis to milango la la-ba to
nm-chicken pst-sit to in.front and nm-wallaby to

melemu.
back.

'The chicken sat in the front and the wallaby (sat)
behind.'

3. Questions

In Madak there are two types of questions. The first type is information questions and includes those that have a question word. Ordering of these constituents depends on which word class the question word is a member of, since the question word fills the same position that a non-question word of the same function would normally occupy in a statement.

The second type are yes-no questions and there is no question word. The only factor distinguishing this type of question from a statement is that the question has rising intonation.

3.1 Information Questions

The following is a list of question words in Madak plus the identification of their class as well as examples of each.

nege - who pronoun

(72) Nege i-raba u mi na?
who he-give you with this

'Who gave this to you?'

(73) Dik ta-ba ronga nege?
we.inc we.inc-ft hear who?

'Who will we listen to?'

la - what noun

(74) La-vanga avukat ba na la?

nm-thing good then this what
'What then is this good thing?'

(75) U-ng-tingis la?
you.sg-cn-cry.at what
'What is making you cry?'

sala - which modifier

(76) Le-ve-luxa sala mi-anan i?
nm-pl-food which you.pl-eat it
'What kind of food do you eat?'

(77) U-ga-o tup at la-vanga sala i?
you.sg-pst-flee into at nm-thing which it
'What kind of thing did you flee into?'

kereva - how manner

(78) Kereva u kopmen na-gugu to ka-tamang?
how you.sg neg nft-work to place.of-garden
'How is it that you don't work in the gardens?'

(79) Le-veng-kot tarak i-plivi kereva?
nm-pl-part my it-hot how
'How is it that my body is hot?'

lingisa - when temporal

(80) Lingisa di-ba-ru pot?
when they-ft-stand come
'When will they arrive?'

(81) La-mdak tarām ba-mlong kolonu lingisa?
nm-boy your ft-return home when
'When will your son return home?'

ua - where location

(82) A-ta-ba-lok ka le-ve-luxa ua?
 ht-we.inc-ft-do get nm-pl-food where

 'Where will we get food?'

(83) Di-ba-gugu ua?
 they-ft-work where

 'Where will they work?'

tila - for why preposition

(84) Tila ga-lok a-xap pam i nom?
 why pst-do rs-finish cpl it that

 'Why did he quit that?'

(85) Tila ga-balamu nedik?
 why pst-love us.inc

 'Why did he love us?'

meava - from where preposition

(86) Meava na le-ve-sinem?
 from.where this nm-pl-wild.sweet.potato

 'Where are these wild sweet potatoes from?'

(87) Meava nom la-xavus?
 from-where that nm-white.man
 'Where is that white man from?'

3.2 Yes-No Questions

Each of the following examples could be either statements or questions. Only with rising intonation would these questions distinguished from statements.

(88) Mi-ra-an axap pam?
 you.pl-psp-eat finish cpl

 'Have you finished eating?'

(89) Neni ba-ru pot bok mo?
 she ft-stand come also that

'Will she come again?'

(90) Lu-una i-lok kapmek?
nm-tree it-do bad

'Is the tree bad?'

(91) U-ra-sep pam la-pka?
you.sg-psp-hit cpl nm-bird

'Have you killed the bird?'

(92) I-epovo u-na-lok kepe na la-vanga?
it-enough you.sg-nft-do remove this nm-thing

'Is it all right that you remove this thing?'

4.0 Clause Combining Strategies

This section on clause combining strategies is divided into three parts, juxtaposed clauses, relative clauses, and other clause combining strategies which are those clauses related by conjunctions.

4.1 Juxtaposed Clauses

Juxtaposed clauses are simply those that have been placed one after another. It appears that these are obvious connections or the level of knowness is so high there does not need to be a conjunction to show that they are separate events.

This type of construction differs from serial verbs. Serial verbs consist of a string of two or more verbs but only the first one is marked for tense, aspect, and person and number marker. Sequential clauses on the other hand are each marked for tense and/or person and number as in example (94) where all the verbs are marked for tense. In example (88) the second clause has the verb marked for durative aspect. ga-ra-lok 'was doing'

Another feature of serial verb constructions is that an object or a prepositional phrase may only occur after the final serial verb. Note the following example:

(93) Mi-na-ronga mumu avukat le-ve-linga ren
you(pl)-nft-hear follow good nm-pl-word his

'You must listen closely to his words.'

In contrast to the serial verb constructions, the juxtaposed

clauses may have objects or prepositional phrases following each verb as in example (89) below.

Juxtaposed clauses are divided into two groups. In the sequential group the actions or the events are manifested by actions or events that occur in chronological manner. The non-sequential clauses are simultaneous events, clarifications, or repetitions.

4.1.1 Sequential

The sequential clauses differ from the non-sequential clauses in that the juxtaposed clauses are chronological and the subjects of each clause are the same.

- (85) Li-misis ga-ra-aus ga-t-kis ga-anan.
nm-white.woman pst-pp-wake pst-cn-sit pst-eat

'The white woman got up, sat, ate.'

- (86) Maxantamak subu ni ga-t-pas ga-kuk a-mda
morning early he pst-cn-walk pst-cook rs-ripe

le-vem-panga anan ga-t-pas ga-saren la-var-os
nm-pl-thing eat pst-cn-walk pst-saddle nm-big-horse

teren ga-lok li at lata.
her pst-do put at ladder

'In the early morning he walked, cooked the food, walked, saddled the horse, put it by the ladder.'

- (87) La-tkin ga-ra-renan ga-ra-visik
nm-woman pst-pp-pregnant pst-pp-give.birth.to

lu-pu-kisang.
nm-2-twins

'The woman was pregnant, she gave birth to twins.'

- (88) Neni ga-vot ga-ra-lok kaka bok le-gupu un.
he pst-come pst-pp-do take also nm-two banana

'He came, he took again two bananas.'

- (89) Du-ga-ru pot du-ga-lok laa se
they.2-pst-stand come they.2-pst-do mumu when

du-ga-rang li laa ga-toro ti ne Bubuxalik
they.2-pst-hold put mumu pst-call to nn Bubuxalik

ga-lok kaka ba le-vem-panga anan u-to
pst-do take then nm-pl-thing eat mm-to

ka-ntin.
place.of-men's.area

'They two arrived, they made a mumu, when they took
out the mumu, she called to Bubuxalik, she took the
food to the men's area.'

4.1.2 Non-sequential

Within the environment of a non-sequential sentence two adjunct clauses either occur simultaneously, or the second is a clarification of the first or there is a repetition of an event.

4.1.2.1 Simultaneous Events

Two events occurring at the same time may simply be juxtaposed.

- (90) Lu-tkin teren du-ga-onon Bubuxalik
nm.2-woman his they.2-pst-go Bubuxalik

ga-nem tup lipe la-xairing.
pst-sneak into hide nm-bush

'His two wives went, Bubuxalik stealthily hid in
the bush.'

- (91) La-vanga di-ga-marat di-ga-xip ka
nm-thing they-pst-afraid they-pst-carry get

le-ven-aben atnedi.
nm-pl-canoes their

'They all were afraid, they got their canoes.'

- (92) Di-ga-k-puk to-u la-ras di-ga-ven nom
they-pst-cn-slap to-north nm-ocean they-pst-see that

li-xiringo ga-xobok pampan di.
nm-tree pst-swim toward them

'They were fishing on the ocean, they saw that tree
floating up to them.'

- (93) Di-ga-vas su nga di-ga-ven lo-roboro.

they-pst-walk out now they-pst-saw nm-fence

'They walked out, they saw the fence.'

4.1.2.2 Clarification

Clarification takes place when a clause further describes the clause preceding it. These are very much like a generic-specific relationship between two clauses.

- (94) Melemu ba a-ba-an bok ba u, a-naba-anan axap
later then I-ft-eat also then you I-cft-eat all

nom la-baxin taram.
that nm-insides your

'Afterwards I will also eat you, I will eat all of
your insides.'

- (95) Di-ga-lok tong pen nom lu-nu di-ga-raba
they-pst-do say see that nm-coconut they-pst-give

avot la-xalavun min.
first nm-dog with.it

'They tried that coconut, they gave it first to a
dog.'

- (96) Di-ga-ra-lok le-luxa di-ga-vit la-vala ti
they-pst-ppsp-do nm-food they-pst-cut nm-bark for

nom le-luxa.
that nm-food

'They made a feast, they cut bark for that feast.'

- (97) Lara la-aleng ba ni ga-ra-midi to ka-tamang
one nm-day then he pst-ppsp-lay to place.of-garden

ga-k-midi kukuxut ba ti no lo-bo.
pst-cn-lay guard then for that nm-pig

'One day later he lay in the gardens, he lay guarding
for that pig.'

- (98) Di-ga-ra-gugu to ka-tamang lu-tkin
they-pst-ppsp-work to place.of-garden nm.2-woman

du-ga-ra-kit.

they.2-pst-psp-weed

'They worked in the garden, the two women weeded.'

4.1.2.3 Repetition

Repetition rarely occurs in Madak texts but it is a device to tell the audience that the particular activity went on for a length of time longer than usual.

(99) Di-ga-eka i nom la di-ga-t-pas
 they-pst-get it that and they-pst-cn-walk

di-ga-t-pas di-ga-ven la-xasep at
they-pst-cn-walk they-pst-see nm-clear at

le-ven-tamang at ne Solarala.
nm-pl-garden at nn Solarala

'They noted it and they walked, they walked,
they saw the clearing of Solarala's gardens.'

(100) Ni ga-sixit ga-sixit ga-sixit ga-sixit
 he pst-run pst-run pst-run pst-run

ga-sixit pot manga to at loxot at leepilae.
pst-run come again to at nm-place at nm-play

'He ran, he ran, he ran, he ran, he arrived again at
the place of the game.'

4.2 Relative Clauses

Relative clauses can be divided up into three separate types based on the grammatical function of the copy which occurs in the relative clause. The three types include that of subject, object, and oblique. The oblique examples would include location, accompaniment, and instrument.

Gapping occurs when the copy is an object or oblique. Note example (110) where there is distance between the "greens" and the "it" which is the object of the relative clause.

An introducer is not obligatory, but is commonly used with all types. These introducers include the three Madak demonstratives, na - 'this', nom - 'that', and mo - 'that (at a distance)'. The fourth is an existential location marker, no - 'there'. These set the relative proximity between the speaker and the item that he is talking about. It is probably also true that the absence of an introducer shows that proximity is either already known to the hearers or of no consequence to the speaker. For more information on levels of proximity or familiarity, see the

author's paper on "Levels of Familiarity."

Type 1 - subject

(101) Mi-na-lok kaka manga ta-vanga at na
 you.pl-nft-do get again nm-thing at this

 le-ven-asen panga na i-nemen at la-bantuxu tarak
 nm-pl-name thing this it-remain in nm-body my

 'You must take a thing of the various things that
 remain on my body.'

(102) Ga-ra-ven lenget kaka lu-un ga-mada.
 pst-psp-see notice get nm-banana pst-ripe

 'He noticed the bananas that were ripe.'

(103) La-xarun ga-vara kusu na-mu asu li-mixin
 nm-orphan pst-want that nft-follow after nm-people

 di-ga-t-pas to lo-kpanga.
 they-pst-cn-walk to nm-feast

 'The orphan wanted to follow the people who went
 to the feast.'

(104) Na lo-xon-terepi at nom lo-bo rada ga-an
 this nm-part-stroy of that nm-pig spirit pst-eat

 avot ne Betok.
 first nn Betok

 'This was the story of that spirit pig that ate
 Betok first.'

(105) Di-ga-xoxo lo-bo mi la-xan-oos mo i-k-lok
 they-pst-tie nm-pig with nm-many-vine which it-cn-do

 go Losu.
 there Losu

 'They tied the pig with the vines which are there in
 Losu.'

(106) Neni goxo-reven ne Bubuxalik mo ga-tu auret.
 he pst.neg-see nn Bubuxalik who pst-stand near

 'He did not see Bubuxalik who was standing near.'

(107) Di-ga-kleklen la-radi nom ga-klen la-ndok.
they-pxt-know nm-man who pst-know nm-magic

'They knew that man that knew magic.'

(108) Nom la-tkin no ga-ronga a-ves teren, le-belen
that nm-woman who pst-hear rs-admire of.him nm-stomach.her

ga-ra-ru nga nom la-xarun.
pst-psp-stand now that nm-orphan

'That woman who had heard and admired him, she was in
Love with that orphan.'

Type 2 - object

(109) Di-ga-tong nom le-gesa lo-xo-linga
they-pst-tell that nm-one nm-part-talk

di-ga-pase avot bok be i rin.
they-pst-speak first also first it to.him

'They told that same talk that they had said to him
at first.'

(110) Na le-ven-bi nenen da i-k-lok i ti-da
this nm-pl-greens mother our.2 she-cn-do it for-us.2

i-xo-so avukat.
it-neg-taste good

'These greens that our mother made for us does not
taste good.'

(111) Du-ga-t-pas to at la-sa kopok la-dan ut
they.2-pst-cn-walk to at nm-valley down nm-water all

ga-p-kip ka i.
pst-cn-carry get it

'They two walked down in a valley that a flood had
made.'

(112) Ga-ven la-nat-pixa nom dik di tong i....
pst-see nm-baby-bird which we.inc they speak it

'He saw a small bird that we call a....'

Type 3 - oblique

- (113) Di-ga-lok kaka le-vem-panga axap ga-lok taba du
 they-pst-do get nm-pl-thing all pst-do give they.2

min.
with.it

'They took all the things that he had given them.'

- (114) Ga-ra-oso to lo-xon at nom le-menemen lo-kpanga
 pst-psp-land to nm-beach at that nm-village nm-feast

ga-k-lok teren.
pst-cn-do at.it

'He landed at the beach of the village where the
feast was being held.'

- (115) Ma-anan teren no la-tkin i-t-pot pasa
 we.ex-eat of.it which nm-woman she-cn-come to

nema mi-n.
us.ex with-it

'We ate from that which the woman came to us with.'

4.3 Other Clause Combining Strategies - Conjunctions

Madak conjunctions can be divided into two groups, coordinating and subordinating. The relationships between the clauses marked by coordinating conjunctions consist of additive, contrast, and alternation. The subordinating conjunctions mark the relationships between clauses as reason, purpose, condition, content, indirect quotation, temporal, result, direct quotation, and manner.

4.3.1 Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions consist of three types, additive, contrast, and alternation. The diagram below shows the position of the clauses and the conjunctions.

Additive = clause 1 + and + clause 2
Contrast = clause 1 + but + clause 2
Alternation = clause 1 + or + clause 2

4.3.1.1 Additive

The conjunction *la* - 'and' binds two clauses in a sentence. These sentences have some type of association between them whether it be verbs in the same semantic domain or same subject or some concept similar in both clauses.

- (116) *La-xa-lik di-ra-an tong le-ven-asen luxa axap*
nm-pl-girl they-1pst-eat say nm-pl-name food all
- la di-ga-ra-lok kaka manga la-vas la di-ga-*
and they-2pst-1pst-do get again nm-taro and they-2pst-
- ra-kavut ka i la di-ga-ra-rin i at la-xao.*
1pst-pull get it and they-2pst-1pst-roast it on nm-fire
- 'The children tried all the kinds of food and they took again taro and they pulled it out and they roasted it on the fire.'

- (117) *Du-ga -mu asu la-dan u-to-xun pana la*
they-2pst-follow along nm-water mm-to-south up and
- du-ga-ra-vas pot to at la-vatlak dan la*
they-2pst-1pst-walk come to at nm-head water and
- ne Tengbo ga-lok ti ne Sisida, "....*
nm Tengbo 1pst-do to nm Sisida
- The two of them followed the river up south and they came to the head of the river and Tengbo said to Sisida, "....

- (118) *Neni ga-ra-m-nem pot la ga-ra-k-lok kaka*
he 1pst-1pst-cn-sneak come and 1pst-1pst-cn-do get
- le-gepura ren la ga-m-lomlong u-to la-xairing.*
nm-two of.it and 1pst-cn-return mm-to nm-bush
- 'He sneaked up and took two of them and returned to the bush.'

- (119) *Nemi mo mi-na-kleklen ka nga na la-tni*
you.pl that you.pl-nft-know get now this nm-dance
- la mi-na-k-lok ta tu-vat-kua silok.*
and you.pl-nft-cn-do now nm.2-big-rope big
- 'You learn this dance now and then you make two big ropes.'

4.3.1.2 Contrast

The contrast construction consists of two clauses with the conjunction *ketla* - 'but' between them.

- (120) Ga-k-lok le-ven-bi tidu ketla kopmen
pst-cn-do nm-pl-greens for.them.2 but neg

goxo-tes i mi la-xakures.
pst.neg-flavor it with nm-salt

'She made green vegetables for them, but didn't
flavor it with salt.'

- (121) Ga-lok do ni na-lok le-menemen tin e
pst-do that he nft-do nm-village for.him there

ketla ni ga-reven tu amisik at la-ras.
but he pst-watch stand always at nm-ocean

'He thought that he might make a village for himself
there but he always stood watching the ocean.'

- (122) Di-ga-nua i dola ga-sep di ketla ga-suxa
nm-pst-thought it that pst-hit them but pst-store

mene di at le-belen.
only them at nm-stomach.his

'They thought that he killed them but he only stored
them in his stomach.'

- (123) Buaang nedi di-xip ka le-ven-mani silok ketla
many they they-carry get nm-pl-money big but

buaang atnedi di-lu kepe gamasa min.
many of.them they-throw remove nothing with.it

'Many get big money but they just throw it away on
nothing.'

- (124) Buaang la-xan-aleng a-vase le-ven-gugu ketla
many nm-much-day I-speak nm-pl-work but

nemi kopmen na-ronga i.
you.pl neg nft-hear it

'Many days I speak about the work but you don't pay

any attention to it.'

4.3.1.3 Alternation

The alternation construction consists of two clauses with the alternation word *kopla* - 'or' between them.

(125) I-a-mlong *kopla* i-k-lok at le-gepu uik.
he-*psp*-return or he-cn-do at nm-two week

'He returns or he stays for two weeks.'

(126) I-lok avukat *kopla* kopmen na-lok avukat?
it-do good or neg nft-do good

'Is it good or is it not good?'

(127) Di-ga-gugu tino xa i *kopla* di-lok i kereva?
they-*pst*-work truly themselves it or they-do it how

'They truly worked it or how did they do it?'

(128) U-na-ng-tonga avukat kaka i *kopla*
you.sg-nft-cn-hear good get it or

u-na-sok li i to xeneng at lu-buk taram.
you.sg-nft-sew put it to inside at nm-book your

'Listen carefully to get it or write it inside your book.'

4.3.2 Subordinating Conjunctions

The following diagram shows each type of conjunction and the positions of the main clause (clause m), the subordinating clause (clause s), and the conjunction.

Reason = clause m + because + clause s
Purpose = clause m + so that + clause s
Condition = if + clause s + clause m
Content = clause m + that + clause s
Indirect Quote = clause m + that + clause s
Temporal = when + clause s + clause m
Result = clause s + therefore + clause m
Direct Quotation = clause m + like this + clause s
Manner = clause m + like + clause s

4.3.2.1 Reason

In this type of construction, the main clause precedes the subordinate clause which gives the reason with the conjunction in between. In Madak there are several conjunctions which occur in this construction. They have the same meaning but are used by various dialects. They are mila, atla, mumula, and kusula.

- (129) U-na-vase a-mu bok i mila neni
2sg-nft-speak res-follow also it because he

noxo-mlong bok ba nom le-ve-linga.
ngft-return also then those nm-pl-word

'Say it again because he will not repeat those words.'

- (130) Nia goxo-k-lok ase mi lu-ruturun mila ne
I neg.pst-cn-do show with nm-truth because nn

tamak ga-k-meres.
father.my pst-cn-sick

'I did not truly go to school because my father was sick.'

- (131) Moroa kopmen goxo-lok momo mila limixin axap
God neg neg.pst-do happy because people all

di-ga-lok la-xakapmek.
they-pst-do nm-evil

'God was not happy because the people did evil.'

- (132) Mitiel ga-ra-mas mo la-xao ti-nama ti xis
Mitiel pst-psp-blow that nm-fire for us.ex to sit

mamain mila len-kot at-nama ga-mudut aleng.
by because pl-part of-us.ex pst-cold very

'Mitiel made a fire for us to sit by because our bodies were very cold.'

- (133) La-valaxun ga-lok momo aleng mila neni
nm-turtle pst-do happy very because he

ga-anan te-ve-un mada.
pst-eat nrm-pl-banana ripe

'The turtle was very happy because he ate a

ripe banana.'

- (134) Neni kopmen goxo-lok kaka te-ve-un mila
he neg neg.pst-do get nm-pl-banana because

ga-kaxao mene to xopok.
pst-crawl only to down

'He was not able to get a banana because he only
crawled down low.'

- (135) La-ragam ga-ra-bulu nga mila le-mat ga-an i.
nm-bird pst-ppp-sad now because nm-fish pst-eat it

'The bird was now sad because the fish ate it.'

- (136) Kopmen di-goxo-epovo atla lu-vat-oos
neg they-neg.pst-able because nm.2-big-vine

no ga-ekat at le-ven-kabinim atdi.
there pst-tie in nm-pl-hair their

'They were not able because the two vines were tied
in their hair.'

- (137) Ga-lok nunuan aleng atla kovisi nia goxo-ven
pst-do good very because not.yet I neg.pst-see

te-vem-panga kerepmo to atnema e.
nm-pl-thing like.that to our.ex there

'It was very good because I had not yet seen
anything like that there at our place.'

- (138) Ni ga-ra-mlong bok nga u-to atla ni ga-gugu
he pst-ppp-return also now mm-to because he-pst-work

to at le-peles balus.
to at nm-place airplane

'He returned again now because he worked at the
airport.'

- (139) Kopmen to-gu susu atla ma-susu mun to
neg nrm-house bathe because we.ex-bathe only to

xa-tas.
place.of-ocean

'There is no house for bathing because we bathe in the ocean.'

4.3.2.2 Purpose

The construction including purpose has the main clause preceding the subordinate clause with the conjunction in between. There are three types of constructions that show purpose. The first includes two entire clauses with the conjunction kusu 'so that' preceding the latter. In the second type the conjunction is kusu with ti - 'in order to'. In some instances the case marker for goal plus a pronoun may occur between kusu and ti as in example (145). With this type of construction there is no subject or tense marker preceding the verb of the second clause. The third conjunction is similar to the second except that there is only a ti 'to' instead of kusu ti 'in order to'. If a case marker plus pronoun is present it also precedes the ti as in example (152).

kusu purpose

- (140) Ni ga-sing ne temen kusu na-lok kepe mo
he pst-beg nn father so.that nft-do remove that

la-vanga.
nm-thing

'He begged his father so that he might remove that thing.'

- (141) Di-ga-si kusu di-na-lok abese le-eme
they-pst-down so.that they-nft-do farewell nm-big.man

Livingko.
Livingko

'They went down so that they might say farewell to the people from Livingko.'

- (142) U-na-lok aus i kusu neni ba-lok a-mila
you.sg-nft-do awaken him so.that he rft-do rs-peace

la-manman.
nm-wind

'Awaken him so that he will calm the wind.'

- (143) Ni ga-riki la-mno kusu na-kling le-menemen.
he pst-sent nm-dove so.that nft-check nm-place

'He sent a dove so that it would check the place.'

- (144) Neni ga-vas su u-to at la-ras kusu na-susu.
he pst-walk out mm-to at nm-ocean so.that nft-bathe

'He walked out to the ocean so that he might bathe.'

kusu ti purpose

- (145) Ni ga-lok ka lo-xon-una kusu tin ti sep
he pst-do get nm-part-tree so.that for.him to hit

nom la-pka to-vana.
that nm-bird to-up

'He got the branch for himself to hit the bird
up above.'

- (146) Mi-na-gugu lolos kusu ti lok tooro
you.pl-nft-work strong so.that to do help

li-xitkis atnimi
nm-sitting your

'Work hard in order to help your livelihood.'

- (147) La nom le-ven-tabu di-ga-ra-raba a-mpana nga
and those nm-pl-some they-pst-psp-give rs-enough now

la-ra-menemen min kusu ti-di ti anan
nm-all-village it so.that for-them to eat

'And those ones were giving an adequate amount now
to all the villages for the purpose of eating.'

- (148) Di-ga-lok lo-gu to-nak Namatanai kusu ti
They-pst-do nm-house at-east Namatanai so.that to

lok le-vene.
do nm-shell money

'They made a house in Namatanai in order to make
shell money.'

- (149) Ga-met kusu ti lok a-mlong nema basinge
he.pst-die so.that to do rs-return us.ex leave

le-ve-loklok atnama.
nm-pl-doings our

'He died in order to take us back from our doings.'

ti purpose

- (150) La-kar mo i-k-lok ti lok tooro nedi u-to at
 nm-car that it-cn-do to do help them mm-to at

 lo-gu anmeres.
 nm-house sick

'The car is there to help them get to the hospital.'

- (151) Ma-ga-gagas le-vem-panga ti-t-pas at la-xairing.
 we.ex-pst-prepare nm-pl-thing to-cn-walk in nm-bush

'We prepared things for walking in the bush.'

- (152) A-ga-lok ka la-kar tia ti lok li bubua mo
 I-pst-do get nm-car for.me to do put gather that

 la-ra-una ti vaxa-ru kaxat lo-gu rak.
 nm-all-tree to caus-stand begin nm-house my

'I got the car for me to gather the timber to begin
standing up my house.'

- (153) A-ga-momo ti exip tangarang mi-nu to Port
 I-pst-happy to carry meet with-you in Port

 Moresby.
 Moresby

'I was happy (that I might go) to meet you in Port Moresby.'

- (154) Ma-tuntu mun to at la-dan sen
 we.ex-draw.water only to at nm-water flow

 ti inin.
 to drink

'We only draw water at the river for drinking.'

4.3.2.3 Condition/Content

The conjunction *do* in Madak covers two types of constructions. The first type is the conditional. The following formula illustrates this: conjunction +

subordinate clause + main clause = conditional sentence.

The second type of construction is content in which the main clause contains a verb of cognition or perception, which is followed then by the conjunction and the subordinate clause. main clause + conjunction + subordinate clause = content sentence.

Condition

- (155) Do nedik ta-gugu lolos teren, nedik
if we.inc we.inc-work strong in.it, we.inc

ta-epovo ta-ba-ven li-vipisik teren.
we.inc-able we.inc-ft-see nm-bearing its

'If we work strongly at it, we are able to see its fruit.'

- (156) La-xangking do ga-ra-urut, lagale li-plivi
nm-sun if pst-psp-go.up excellent nm-hot

ga-ra-nemen at mo le-menemen.
pst-psp-remain at that nm-village

'If the sun came up, there was good warmth remaining in the village.'

- (157) Do la-masa ga-met, la-mdak mo ren ba-lok kaka
if nm-lord pst-die nm-son that his ft-do get

li-xitkis teren.
nm-sitting his

'If a leader died, his son would get his position.'

- (158) Do nia a-na-raba di min, di-noxo-minu bok
if I I-nft-give them it they-ft.neg-thirsty also

ba.
then

'If I will give it to them, they will not be thirsty again.'

- (159) Do ta-gu to kopok at la-sa, la-xan-bet
if we.inc-work to down at nm-valley nm-much-rain

ba-vot a-met i.
ft-come rs-die it

'If we work down in the valley, much rain will come killing it.'

Content

- (160) A-vara i do u-ba-sep ne Gaga.
I-want it that you.sg-ft-hit nn Gaga

'I want you to kill Gaga.'

- (161) Nia a-ga-xarang di do a-ga-an pam.
I I-pst-lie them that I-pst-eat cpl

'I lied to them that I had already eaten.'

- (162) Ni ga-lok manga do na-onon.
he pst-do again that nft-go

'He said again that he would go.'

- (163) Di-ga-klen i do la-tkin mo at la-masa.
they-pst-know it that nm-woman that of nm-lord

'They knew that that one was the wife of the leader.'

- (164) Nia a-ng-tonga mun i do lo-gu mo di-sesep
I I-cn-hear only it that nm-house that they-sell

le-vem-pene ren.
nm-pl-shell.money in.it

'I heard that there is a house where they sell shell money.'

4.3.2.4 Temporal

The temporal construction occurs with the subordinate clause first and the main clause second. The conjunction *se* when precedes the subordinate clause. A variation occurs when the subordinate clause follows the main clause. In this situation the conjunction has the meaning *until*.

In some cases the conjunction has a tense marker and it would appear to be a verb. However, its role as a conjunction would still be the same. See examples (175) and (176).

se - when

- (165) Se at lo-xon-aleng ni ga-vara le-menemen kopok

when at nm-part-day he pst-want nm-village down

la di-ga-si basinge nom lo-xot.
and they-pst-go.down leave that nm-place

'When at the time he wanted the lower village, they
went down leaving that area.'

- (166) Se ni ga-ulet taba du mi le-ven-kaka di
when he pst-present give them.2 with nm-pl-food they

ga-lok kaka le-vem-panga.
pst-do get nm-pl-thing

'When he gave them the food, they took the things.'

- (167) Se manga li-visil ga-reng, di-ga-ru pot
when again nm-whistle pst-cry they-pst-stand come

eburu.
together

'When the whistle blew again, they came together.'

- (168) Se ma-ga-ven axap i nom, a-ga vubeles bok
when we.ex-pst-see all it this I-pst enter also

at mo lo-xot bok.
at that nm-place also

'When we saw all of that, I went into another
place.'

- (169) Se nenu na-silok u-na-ronga kaka
when you.sg nft-big you.sg-nft-hear get

le-ve-linga at ne tamam.
nm-pl-word of nn father.your

'When you are big, give heed to the words of your
father.'

se - until

- (170) Ga-k-midi-kukuxut ba ti mo lo-bo se
pst-cn-lay-guard then for that nm-pig until

ni ga-ronga lo-bo ga-vot manga.
he pst-hear nm-pig pst-come again

'He lay guarding then for the pig until he heard the

pig coming again.'

- (171) Di-ga-ra-k-lok ta e se di-ga-visik
 they-pst-psp-cn-do now there until they-ps-bear

la-mdak.
nm-son

'They were remaining there until they gave birth to
a son.'

- (172) Ni ga-ra-anan maxat le-ven-um se ni
 he pst-psp-eat new nm-pl-prawn until he

ga-ra-sen su to at nom la-dan.
pst-psp-flow out to at that nm-water

'He had been eating raw prawns until he floated out
of the river.'

- (173) U-na-t-kis mulus ba se neni xa
 you.sg-nft-cn-sit quietly then until he himself

ba-tong i do na-xap.
ft-tell it that nft-finish

'Sit quietly then until he himself tells that it
will finish.'

- (174) A-ga-m-suma kepe i nom se nedi
 I-pst-cn-feel remove it this until they

di-ga-ra-an a-xap.
they-pst-psp-eat rs-finish

'I disregarded it until they finished eating.'

se - with tense

- (175) Ga-se ga-lok manga do na-onon ga-sue manga di.
 pst-when pst-do again that nft-go pst-ask again them

'When she was about to go, she asked them again.'

- (176) Nenia a-ga-ra-nemen ta at loklok ase ga-se
 I I-pst-psp-remain now at do show pst-until

Salot ga-xap at lugugu ren.
Salot pst-finish at nm-work his

'I remained now in school until Salot finished his work.'

4.3.2.5 Result

The result construction is a combination of two clauses the first of which is the reason clause and the second is the result.

- (177) Nedi migomgo di-goxo-k-len lu-gugu tamang
they go.ahead they-neg.pst-cn-know nm-work garden

kuren la di-ga-anan mene le-vem-pevem una.
like.that and they-pst-eat only nm-pl-fruit tree

'Those from before they did not know garden work,
therefore they ate only the produce from trees.'

- (178) I-ra-lok la-xao la i-ra-singi i kuren la
she-psp-do nm-fire and she-psp-burn.up it like.that and

le-veng-kot tarak i-ra-p-livi.
nm-pl-part my it-psp-cn-hot

'She has made a fire and she has burned it up,
therefore my body is hot.'

- (179) La-xa-mdak mi la-xa-lik di-ga-lok i kuren
nm-pl-boy with nm-pl-girl they-pst-do it like.that

la nedi di-ga-anan i nom.
and they they-pst-eat it that

'The boys and they girl did it and therefore they
ate that.'

- (180) Neni ga-ven loklok atdi goxo-lok orong bok ba,
he pst-see custom their pst.neg-do good also then

kuren la ne Moroa ga-lok, "A-na-sep axap....
like.that and nn God pst-do I-nft-hit all

'He saw that their habits were not at all good,
therefore God said, 'I will entirely kill....'

- (181) ...u-ba-k-mit la-vatlak tarak." Kuren la
you.sg-ft-cn-bury nm-head my like.that and

neton ga-ronga res teren....
his.brother pst-hear obey him

'...you will bury my head." Therefore his brother
obeyed him....'

4.3.2.6 Direct Quotation

The direct quotation construction is a combination of a quote introducer composed of a clause and a manner word followed by the quote. The introducer always contains a verb of speaking and usually the manner word *keretna* - 'like this' and also the one spoken to.

- (182) Betok ga-lok ti nom lo-bo keretna, "U-ra-vot
Betok pst-do to that nm-pig like.this you.sg-psp-come
manga....
again

'Betok said to the pig like this, "You have come
again....'

- (183) A-ga-vorang i tin keretna, "Nedi ga-musak....
I-pst-answer it to him like.this they pst-angry

'I answered him like this, "They were angry....'

- (184) La-xa-lik di-ga-lok, "Ni ba-ru pot....
nm-pl-girl they-pst-do she ft-stand come

'The children said, "She will come....'

- (185) Lu-vut-temen di mi lu-vut-nen di
nm-pl-father their with nm-pl-mother their

di-ga-ra-sue di keretna, "Ba-vot bok mo?"
they-pst-psp-ask them like.this ft-come also that

'Their fathers and mothers asked them like this,
"Will she come again?"

- (186) La-va-kin ga-lok keretna, "La-tlok atnama nom
nm-pl-woman pst-do like.this nm-husband our that

melemu."
behind

'The women said like this, "That is our husband in

the back."

4.3.2.7 Manner

There are two manner words in Madak that act as conjunctions between clauses. kerekngan - 'like, as'
ngan - 'like, as'

kerekngan

(187) Di-na-mu asu i kerekngan no Rabaul
 they-nft-follow after it like in Rabaul

di-ga-lok i kuren.
they-pst-do it like that

'They should follow after it like in Rabaul they do
it like that.'

(188) Noa ga-mu asu i kerekngan ne Moroa ga-tong
 Noah pst-follow after it like nn God pst-tell

i rin
it to.him

'Noah followed it like God told him.'

(189) Mi-na-ng-tonga res at le-ve-linga at
 you.pl-nft-cn-hear obey at nm-pl-word of

la-va-tlok atnemi kerekngan mi-ng-tonga res
nm-pl-husband your.pl like you.pl-cn-hear obey

at levelinga at Le-eme Silok.
at nm-pl-word of nm-man big

'You must obey the words of your husbands like you
obey the words of the Lord.'

ngan

(190) A-ga-nemen at nom li-sikul ngan a-ga-t-kis
 I-pst-remain at that nm-school as I-pst-cn-sit

at li-xitkis pa-sik.
at nm-sit pl-nine

'I remained at that school as I sat in grade nine.'

(191) Kopmen dik ta-p-novos aleng ngan nedi
neg we.inc we.inc-cn-wealthy much like they

di-nemen to vana at le-menemen mumudut.
they-remain to up at nm-place cold

'We are not very wealthy like those that remain up in
the cold place.'

(192) Do u-na-ronga res la u-na-k-lok le-ven-gugu
if you.sg-nft-hear obey and you.sg-nft-do nm-pl-work

ngan la-radi loklok ase ram i tong i ru,
like nm-man do show your he tell it to.you

'If you obey and you do the work like your teacher
tells you,...'