

DP Positions in African Languages - version 3

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I. Introduction.

This questionnaire is designed to explore where Determiner Phrases (DPs) are permitted to appear in a string (i.e, where they can be pronounced), where they must appear, and where they must not appear.

In many of the tasks that follow, you will be asked not only for a translation of a model sentence, but for judgments about the scenarios in which the sentence can be appropriately uttered. Please be sure to indicate as clearly as possible which reading for any given sentence is the one you find acceptable and if you find that some examples are more acceptable than others, please use our acceptability scale to give graded judgments, if you feel that such gradations accurately capture your intuitions. The scale is as follows:

- * Unacceptable either at all or at least under the interpretation that you have been asked about.
- *? Very marginally possible, perhaps only by comparison with an example or interpretation that is clearly *
- ?? Very odd. You probably would not say this sentence this way or would not say it this way for the interpretation you have been asked about.
- ? Just a little off. Something not quite right about it.
- OK This sounds like a natural sentence and is an appropriate sentence to use for the interpretation that you have been asked about.

When providing a sentence in your language, whether it is based on a model sentence or is one that you formulate or add in a comment about the sentence you are eliciting, always use the following format (example from Lubukusu).

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| 1. | Yòháná éésònyá | ómwèènè |
| | Yòháná á-á-i-sòní-á | ó-mù-èènè |
| | Yohana SM.c1-PST-RFM-shame-fv | c1-c1-own |
| | John shamed himself. | |

The first line is a rendering in the latinized alphabet that is typically used for your language with tone marked accordingly. If your language has no latinized representation or certain diglosses are used for certain sounds (e.g., *-kh-* for the voiceless velar fricative, or *-sh-* for the voiceless palatal fricative) then please indicate this information in some explanatory commentary provided with your answers to the questionnaire. The glossing conventions we want you to use are available on the Afranaph site: Look at the lefthand margin of the homepage and click on glossing conventions.

Unless you are explicitly asked to use a particular word order or manner of translation, provide more than one translation if you think the sentence is ambiguous or might be said more than one way. Your comments about what you think might be factors in making the judgment that you do are always welcome and are very frequently useful, if you will be kind enough to provide them.

After we receive your responses to our questionnaire, we will think about the data you have given us and we will be contacting you again both to insure that we have everything we need and that the responses are clear and complete, as well as to ask follow-up questions, questions that involve asking you for new data, especially when an empirical pattern seems to be of particular rarity or serves a particular theoretical interest.

Specify the language into which you are translating here: Fe'efe'e

The Fe'efe'e alphabet follows the prescriptions of the General Alphabet of Cameroonian Languages (GACL) (see Tadadjeu & Sadembouo 1984). Therefore, the following correspondences will be considered as represented in the following table.

Phonetic representation	Orthographic representation
ɒɒ	ɑ
ɒ	ɑ
ɛ, e	e
ʏ	gh
tʃ	c
ʃ	sh
ʔ	'
dʒ	j

The low tone is not marked. Syllabic nasals bear a mid tone.

II. Base line questions.

This section is designed to give us an overview of how sentences are constructed in your language. Please translate them using the glossing conventions described above.

1. Māngāangaā kəkṵāt nkḥṅkhḥ ī ntám thḥ.

Māngāangaā kɑ-kṵāt nkḥṅkhḥ ī ntám t hḥ.

Spider PST2-tie web its inside tree

“A spider spun a web in the tree.”

2. Mḥnzhiē lá kálá'sī pōōnkhḥā n̄kḥ

Mḥ-nzhiē lá kɑ-lá'sī pɑ-ōōnkhḥā n̄-kḥ

C1-woman ADV PST2-show C2-children C4-basket

“The women showed the children the baskets.”

3. Nǎm fhǎndóm shi.

Nǎm fhǎndóm shi.

Sun P0-warm water

“The sun has warmed the water.”

4. Pǎh kǎlén mbí pǎmbā' má pō tié ngofāt.

Pǎh kǎ-lén mbí pǎ-mbā' má pō tié ngofāt

We PST2-ask to C2-man that they plant maize

“We asked the men to plant the maize.”

5. Please translate the sentence below. If your language has multiple complementizers (ways of saying ‘that’) please give us multiple translations. If there are varying shades of meaning associated with complementizer choice, please give us whatever information comes to mind about their usage and meanings.

Siāni kǎlén má pōngoo bê le imbǎ mǎnfǎ' wáha

Siāni kǎ-lén má pǎ-ōngoo bê le i-mbǎ mǎ-nfǎ' wáha

Siāni P1-say that C2-girl these ADV FUT0-be PROG-work tomorrow

“Mary said that these girls will be working tomorrow.”

In subsequent sections of the questionnaire we will be interested to learn whether complementizer choices are available and what shades of meaning are associated with the choices. It does not seem realistic for us to ask you to provide multiple translations of every single sentence containing an embedded clause, but we would appreciate your keeping complementizer options in mind and provide some representative samples and commentary where choices are available.

III. Checking for DP subjects of infinitives.

Please translate the following items literally, taking care to use the finite verb forms for the finite verb forms in the bracketed clauses, or infinitive verb forms for infinitive verb forms in the bracketed clauses (all the (b) examples below). The term ‘infinitive’ may not directly translate to your language, but we are particularly interested in verb forms that do not show agreement morphology and are not clearly associated with present, past or future tense. If you think there is more than one candidate verb form that meets this description, then please provide examples of both. Is the result well-formed? For these examples and throughout the questionnaire, please be sure to provide full translations and glosses etc. even for sentences we ask for that are not acceptable,

1. Ok a. Pó nkwá' má Tũko kwě' Siāni.

Pó ø-nkwá' má Tũko ø-kwě' Siāni

They PRES-think that Tũko PRES-love Siāni

“It is believed [that John likes Mary.]”

*?b. Pó nkwā Tũko kwě' Siāni

Pó n-kwā Tũko kwě' Siāni

They PRES-think Tũko love Siāni

“It is believed [John to like Mary.]”

2. Ok a. Mò'ntie' mα Siāni yí Tǔko.
 Mò'ntie' mα Siāni ø-yí Tǔko
 other time that Siāni PRES-see Tǔko
 "It is possible [that Mary sees John]."

Ok b. Mò'ntie' Siāni yí Tǔko.

Mò'ntie' Siāni yí Tǔko
 other time Siāni see Tǔko
 "It is possible [Mary to see John]."

3. a. Mvak Siāni kαyī Tǔko lá shαα ā
 Mvak Siāni kα-yī Tǔko lá ø-shαα ā
 Manner Siāni PST2-see Tǔko ADV PRS-surpass me
 "[That Mary saw John] surprises me."

*b. Siāni lah njī Tǔko inshāā ā
 Siāni lah njī Tǔko i-nshāā ā
 Siāni for see Tǔko FUT0-surprise me
 "[Mary to see John] would surprise me."

3. a. Mvak sēn yoh píá pen kαyū' yāā le lá ingátsí wen.
 Mvak ø-sēn yoh píá pen kα-yū' yāā le lá i-ñgátsí wen.
 Manner C3-friend we and you P1-hear it this ADV FUT0-embarrass us
 "[That our friends heard this] is embarrassing."

*b. Sēn yoh píá pen lah ñjū' yāā iñgátsí wen
 ø-sēn yoh píá pen lah ñjū' yāā i-ñgátsí wen
 C3-friend our and we to hear that FUT0-embarrass us
 "[Our friends to hear this] would be embarrassing."

5. OKa. Pō mαñdēn mα Siāni kwě' ndu' ndishāā'.
 Pō mα-ñdēn mα Siāni ø-kwě' ø-ndu' ndishāā'.
 They PROG-say that Siāni PRS-like C4-drink bitter
 "There is a rumor [that Mary likes beer]."

? b. Pō mαñdēn Siāni kwě' ø-ndu' ndishāā'.
 Pō mα-ñdēn Siāni kwě' ø-ndu' ndishāā'.
 They PROG-say Siāni like C3-drink bitter
 "There is a rumor [Mary to like beer]."

IV. Testing for NP-movement from embedded clauses.

IV. A. Raising.

Please translate the following items literally, taking care to use a tensed or infinitival verb form in the bracketed clauses to match the sentences you are translating. Are the results well-formed in the scenarios described? It may be possible in these instances to have a sentence that is well-formed, but seems odd to say in these circumstances. Please also tell us this, if the sentence is acceptable but if it seems inappropriate in some way in these particular circumstances. And if there are options vis-à-vis the complementizer involved, please indicate this and any correlating differences in grammaticality.

A. *You are a detective investigating a crime scene. You know that Mary wears shoes that leave a specific pattern on the ground. Upon seeing footprints with this pattern, can you say the following?*

1. Ok Yáá m̄fōh pá' Siāni kαcō sê lá.
 Yáá ø-m̄fōh pá' Siāni kα-cō sê lá.
 It PRES-seem as Siāni P1-fall here ADV
 “It seems [that Mary fell here].”

2. *Siāni m̄fōh kαcō sê.
 Siāni ø-m̄fōh kα-cō sê.
 Siāni PRES-seem P1-fall here
 “Mary seems [fell here].”

3. *Siāni m̄fōh pá' kαcō sê lá.
 Siāni m̄fōh pá' kα-cō sê lá
 Siāni ø-seem as P0-fall here ADV
 “Mary seems [that fell here].”

3. Ok Siāni m̄fōh mbūā ā fhū-ncō sê lá.
 Siāni ø-m̄fōh mbūā ā fhū-ncō sê lá.
 Siāni PRS-seem manner she PST1-fall here ADV
 “Mary seems [to have fallen here].”

B. *You are reading tomorrow's weather forecast in the newspaper. Can you say:*

1.ok Mbak i-ndō wáha.
 Mbak i-ndō wáha
 Rain FUT0-fall tomorrow
 “Rain will fall tomorrow.”

2. Yáá m̄fōh pá' mbāk i-ndō wáha lá.
 Yáá ø-m̄fōh pá' mbāk i-ndō wáha lá.
 It PRS-seem as rain FUT0-fall tomorrow ADV
 “It seems that rain will fall tomorrow.”

4. *Mbāk m̄fōh i-ndō wáha.

Mbăk ø-ṁfōh i-ñdō wáha.
 Rain PRES-seem FUT0-fall tomorrow
 “Rain seems [will fall tomorrow].”

5. **OK** Mbăk ṁfōh pǎ' ā iñdō wáha lǎ
 Mbăk ø-ṁfōh pǎ' ā i-ñdō wáha lǎ
 Rain PRS-seem as it FUT0-fall tomorrow ADV
 “Rain seems [that will fall tomorrow].”

6. Ok Mbăk ṁfōh mvak mbūā a kálō wáha lǎ.
 Mbăk ø-ṁfōh mvak mbūā a kálō wáha lǎ
 Rain PRS-seem as manner it FUT0-fall tomorrow ADV
 “Rain seems [to be going to fall tomorrow].”

C. *You find that the watering hole the cows usually drink from is dry. Without seeing the cattle, can you say:*

1. Ok Yáá ṁfōh mbūā nənǎ' nū nkwe nshi lǎ.
 Yáá ø-ṁfōh mbūā nənǎ' nū nkwe nshi lǎ.
 It PRES-seem that cow drink all water ADV
 “It seems [that the cows have drunk all the water].”
2. *Něṅṅ ṁfōh pǎ' pō nū nkwe nshī lǎ.
 Něṅṅ ø-ṁfōh pǎ' lah nū nkwe nshī lǎ.
 Cows PRES-seem as they drink all water ADV
 “The cows seem [to have drunk all the water].”
3. *Něṅṅ ṁfōh pǎ' nū nkwe nshī lǎ.
 Něṅṅ ø-ṁfōh pǎ' nū nkwe nshī lǎ.
 Cow PRES-seem as drink all water ADV
 “The cows seem [have drunk all the water].”
4. *Něṅṅ ṁfōh má nū nkwe nshī lǎ.
 Něṅṅ ø-ṁfōh má ø-nū nkwe nshī lǎ.
 Cows PRES-seem that P0-drink all water ADV
 “The cows seem [that have drunk all the water].”

In English, *seem* is the verb most often used to illustrate raising constructions, but you might also try verbs like *appear*, your closest equivalent to English *be likely*, if there is no easy translation for *seem*. If any of these verbs take something other than what you would normally think of as an infinitive, but permit the paradigm in (B) or (C), then please provide the paradigm for that verb (i.e., provide sentences

with the verb in question corresponding to each of the examples in B.). If there are complementizer options (with or without differences in meaning) please provide some representative examples.

D. Below we test verbs that indicate inception/duration/cessation of events. This test only works if these semantic notions are represented in your language as separate verbs (some languages just treat them as affixes). Compare the translation of the paradigm below to otherwise identical sentences with other such verbs, particularly translations of verbs like *begin*, and *continue*. See if they take the same sort of complement as your *start* translation. (In English, *stop* takes a gerundive complement, but still acts like a raising predicate, e.g., ‘John stopped eating/*to eat’, and we are interested in knowing about cases like these, if your language has them).

You are looking out of the window at the weather. Can you say:

Ok 1a. Mbāk tō’ lah n̄dō ntiě’.

Mbāk tō’ lah n̄dō ntiě’

Rain start to fall now

“It is starting to rain now.”

Ok b. Mbāk tén lah n̄dō ntiě’.

Mbāk tén lah n̄dō ntiě’

Rain stop to fall now

“It has stopped raining now.”

Ok 2a. Mbăk tó’ mbúá lah n̄dō

Mbăk tó’ mbúá lah n̄dō

rain start that to fall

“ It is starting (that) it rains.”

OKb. Mbăk tén mbúá lō.

Mbăk tén mbúá lō

rain start that fall

“It has stopped (that) it rains.”

3a. Nənă m̄ntō’ lah m̄fāt mvēnā

Nənă m̄-ntō’ lah m̄fāt mvēnā

Cows PROG-start to eat grass

“The cow is starting to eat the grass.”

Ok b. Nənă’ tén lah m̄fāt mvēnā.

Nənă’ ø-tén lah m̄fāt mvēnā.

cow PST0-stop to eat grass

“The cow has stopped eating the grass.”

E. Can you think of expressions with idiomatic subjects? English has a few listed below:

Not to my knowledge

1. The cat is out of the bag (meaning the secret has been revealed).
2. All hell broke loose (meaning suddenly there was a big commotion or chaos ensued).
3. The shit hit the fan (meaning there was trouble)

If you can think of expressions like this, we would be very interested to know if they can participate in raising constructions. Please try to insert them in the paradigms in above, such as “All hell seemed to break lose,” and “all hell started to break lose,” “The cat seems to be out of the bag”, etc. Do they retain their idiomatic meaning, or has it changed in some way?

Part IV.B Passive raising.

Please provide literal translations and grammaticality judgments. As above, please consider whether choice of complementizer is significant and indicate this where relevant.

1. Ok Pó zhī má Siāni kwě' kafī
Pó ø-zhī má Siāni ø-kwě' kafī
They PRS-know that Siāni PRS-like kafī
“It is known that Mary likes coffee.”

2. * Siāni zhī kwě' kafī.
Siāni ø-zhī kwě' kafī
Siāni PRS-know like kafī

“Mary is known [likes coffee].”

3. * Siāni mā zhī má kwě' kafī
Siāni mā zhī má kwě' kafī
Siāni is know that like kafī
“Mary is known that [likes coffee].”

- ok 4. Siāni mā zhī kwě' kafī.
Siāni mā zhī kwě' kafī
Siāni be know like kafī
“Siāni is known [to like coffee].”

- Ok 5. Pǎh zhī má Siāni kwě' kafī.
Pǎh ø-zhī má Siāni ø-kwě' kafī.
we PRS-know that Siāni PRS-like kafī
“We know that Siāni likes coffee.”

Ok 1. Pó zhī má Tũko iñshĕá.

Pó zhī má Tũko i-ñshĕá

They know that Tũko FUT0-leave

“It is known that Tũko will leave.”

2.*Tũko zhī inshĕá

Tũko ø-zhī i-ñshĕá

Tũko PRS-know FUT0-leave

“Tũko is known [will leave].”

3. *Tũko mā zhī má iñshĕá.

Tũko mā zhī má i-ñshĕá.

Tũko be know that FUT0-leave

“John is known [that will leave].”

4. *Tũko mā zhī iñgĕn shĕá.

Tũko mā zhī i-ñgĕn shĕá

Tũko be know FUT0-go leave

“Tũko is known [to be going to leave].”

5. Ok Pĕh zhī má Tũkō inshĕá.

Pĕh ø-zhī má Tũkō i-nshĕá

We PRS-know that Tũko FUT0-leave

“We know that John will leave.”

1. Ok Pó ñkwá’sí má mbāñdōm lĕ nā i tam.

Pó ñkwá’sí má mbāñdōm ñdĕ nā i tam.

They believe that rabbit hide body its forest

“It is believed that the rabbit is hiding in the forest.”

2. *Mbāñdōm mā ñkwá’sí mā lĕ nā i tam.

Mbāñdōm mā ñkwá’sí mā lĕ nā i tam

Rabbit be think be hide body its forest

“The rabbit is believed is hiding in the forest.”

3.*Mbāñdōm mā ñkwá’sí má mā lĕ nā i tam.

Mbāñdōm mā ñkwá’sí má mā lĕ nā i tam

rabbit be think that be hide body its forest

“The rabbit is believed that is hiding in the forest.”

4- * Mbāñdōm mā ñkwá’sí mā lĕ nā i tam.

Mbαāndōm mα nkwā'sī mō lē nā i tam
 rabbit be think that hide body its forest
 “The rabbit is believed to be hiding in the forest.”

3. Ok Pǎh nkwá'sí má mbαāndōm lē nā i tam.
 Pǎh nkwá' má mbαāndōm lē nā i tam.
 We think that rabbit hide body its forest
 “We believe that the rabbit is hiding in the forest.”

Part V. Objects of passive verbs.

Are these sentences licit? Please translate and comment. It is possible that your language will not have any overt ‘dummy subject’ like “there” – if it does have a ‘dummy subject’, please include the data and discuss, but if not, are there possible analogous sentences with no overt subject?

- 1a.Ok Pō lαyí tα' ndē' sē wáha.
 Pō lα-yí tα' ø-ndē' sē wáha
 They PST2-see one C1-car here yesterday
 “(There) was seen a car here yesterday.”

Note: The word for the third person plural pronoun also stands for the dummy subject in Fe'efe'e.

- b. Siāni kαyí tα' ndē' wáha.
 Siāni kα-yí tα' ndē' wáha
 Siāni PST2-see one car yesterday
 “Siāni saw a car here yesterday.”

- Ok 2a. pō lαkwát tα' pe'e dom sii
 pō lα-kwát tα' ø-pe'e dom sii
 they PST2-build one C3-house on field
 “(There) was built a house in the field.”

- Ok b. Pǎh kαkwát tα' pe'e fī dom sii.
 Pǎh kα-kwát tα' pe'e fī dom sii.
 We P2-build one house new on field
 “We built a new house in the field.”

- 3a. Pó iñhā laksī mbí ghǎ'ηwα'ni wáha.
 Pó i-ñhā laksī mbí ghǎ'ηwα'ni wáha.
 They FUT0-give test to student tomorrow
 “(There) will be given the students a test tomorrow.”

- Ok b. Pǎh iñhā laksī mbí ghǎ'ηwα'ni wáha.

Pǎh i-nhǎ laksī mbí ghǎ'ŋwǎ'ni wáha
We FUT0-give test to students tomorrow
“We will give the students a test tomorrow.”

Ok 4a. Tǎ' thǎ kǎcō.
Tǎ' thǎ kǎ-cō.
One tree P2-fall
“(There) fell a tree.”

b. Tǎ' thǎ kǎcō.
Tǎ' thǎ kǎ-cō.
One tree P2-fall
“A tree fell.”

(a) And (b) have exactly the same translation and meaning in Fe'efe'e.

Ok 5a. Pǎnzhwiē pǎ́ kǎghǎ nǔ tǎ́nshu.
Pǎ-ǎnzhwiē pǎ́ kǎ-ghǎ nǔ tǎ́nshu.
C2-woman two P2-speak think conference
“(There) spoke two women at the conference.”

Ok b. Pǎnzhwiē pǎ́ kǎghǎ nǔ tǎ́nshu.
Pǎ-ǎnzhwiē pǎ́ kǎ-ghǎ nǔ tǎ́nshu.
C2-woman two PST2-speak thing conference
“Two women spoke at the conference.”

We notice that in some cases (see 4a & 5a), the dummy subject is not translatable in Fe'efe'e.

Part VI. Multiple subject agreement

1. Ok Pǎnzhǎnǎ́ imbǎ mǎ nǎhǎ' ngofǎt wáha.
Pǎ-nzhǎnǎ́ i-mbǎ mǎ-nǎhǎ' ngofǎt wáha.
C2-farmer FUT0-be PROG-harvest maize tomorrow
“The farmers will be harvesting the maize tomorrow.”

2. Ok Nzhǎnǎ́ imbǎ mǎnǎhǎ' ngofǎt wáha.
Ø-zhǎnǎ́ i-mbǎ mǎ-nǎhǎ' ngofǎt wáha.
C1-farmer FUT0-be PROG-harvest maize tomorrow
“The farmer will be harvesting the maize tomorrow.”

3. Ok Sǎk kǎbǎ́ mǎnǎjōh nshǎ ntám thǎ wáha.
sǎk kǎ-bǎ́ mǎ-nǎjōh nshǎ ntám thǎ wáha.
bird P2-be PROG-sing song in tree yesterday
“The bird was singing in the tree yesterday.”

4. Ok Nsāk kabá mǎnjōh nshǐ ntám thē wáha.
 nsāk kα-bá mǎ-ñjōh nshǐ ntám thē wáha.
 Bird P2-be PROG-sing song in tree yesterday
 “The birds were singing in the tree yesterday.”
5. Ok Ŏ indǐ kwēn mbe mǎ pǎh yá’ zā wúzā.
 Ŏ i-ndǐ-kwēn mbe mǎ pǎh yá’ zā wúzā.
 You FUT0-ASP-arrive home that we already eat food
 “We will have eaten already when you get home.”
6. Ok A kabā mǎ à yá’ ’ nam páá.
 A kα-bā mǎ à yá’ nam páá.
 She P1-be that she already hour two
 “She **had** been working for 2 hours.”

Part VII. Looking for Exceptional Case Marking (ECM)/Raising to Object.

Please translate as many of these as possible, even if they are very unacceptable. If your language has a subjunctive, try it in these embedded clauses. If there are complementizer option please give us some representative examples.

- 1a. ? Ngǎ kwe’ Tǔko shǎá.
 Ngǎ ø-kwe’ Tǔko shǎá.
 I PRS-want Tǔko leave
 “I want Tǔko to leave.”
- Ok 2a. Ngǎ kwe’ má Tǔko shǎá.
 Ngǎ ø-kwe’ má Tǔko shǎá.
 I PRS-want that Tǔko leave
 “I want that Tǔko to leave.”
- Ok 3a. Ngǎ kwe’ má Tǔko yáá pe’ shǎá
 Ngǎ kwe’ má Tǔko yáá pe’ shǎá
 I want that Tǔko it good leave
 “I want that Tǔko should leave.”
- Ok 4a. Ngǎ kwe’ ta kēmbāá má Tǔko shǎá
 Ngǎ kwe’ ta kēmbāá má Tǔko shǎá
 I want very much that Tǔko leave
 “I want very much John to leave.”

? 5b. Ngǎ kwe' Tũko ta kēmbūā má á shǎα

Ngǎ kwe' Tũko ta kēmbūā má á shǎα

I want Tũko very much that he leave

“I want Tũko very much to leave.”

Ok 6a. Ngǎ kwe' ta kēmbūā má yáá pe' má Tũko shūā

Ngǎ kwe' ta kēmbūā má yáá pe' má Tũko shūā

I want very much that it good that Tũko leave

“I want very much that Tũko should leave.”

??7a. Ngǎ kwē' Tũko ta kēmbūā má yáá pe' shūā.

Ngǎ kwē' Tũko ta kēmbūā má yáá pe' shūā

I want Tũko very much that it good leave

“I want John very much (that) should leave.”

Ok 8a. Ngǎ kwe' ta kēmbūā má Tũko shūá

Ngǎ kwe' ta kēmbūā má Tũko shūá

I want very much that Tũko leave

“I want very much that Tũko leave.”

9a. ? Ngǎ kwē' Tũko ta kēmbūā má á shūá.

Ngǎ kwē' Tũko ta kēmbūā má á shūá.

I want Tũko very much that he leave

“I want Tũko very much that to leave [where it is understood that John is the leaver]”

*10a. Ngǎ kwe' a shǎα.

Ngǎ ø-kwe' a shǎα.

I PRES-want that he leave

“I want-him to leave.” [OM on matrix verb]

11a. ok Ngǎ kwe' má á shǎα.

Ngǎ ø-kwe' má á shǎα.

I PRS-want that he leave

“I want-him that to leave.” [OM on matrix verb]

?*12a. Ngǎ kwe' ī ta kēmbūā má á shǎα.

Ngǎ ø-kwe' ī ta kēmbūā má á shǎα

I PRS-want him very much that he leave

“I want-him very much that to leave.” [OM on matrix verb]

*13a. Ngǎ kwe' ta kémbā́ má yáá pě' shǎ.

Ngǎ kwe' ta kémbā́ má yáá pě' shǎ.

I like very much that it good leave

“I want-him very much that should leave. [OM on matrix verb, subordinate verb SM = him]

*14a. Ngǎ kwe' má yáá pe' á shǎ.

Ngǎ kwe' má yáá pe' á shǎ.

I want that it good he leave

“I want him that he should leave.”

*15. Tũko kwe' lah nshǎ

Tũko ø-kwe' lah nshǎ

Tũko PRS-like to go

“John wants to leave.”

??1b. Ngǎ yí Tũko lah nshǎ.

Ngǎ yí Tũko lah nshǎ

I see Tũko to leave

“I saw John to leave.”

Ok 2b. Ngǎ yí má Tũko shǎ.

Ngǎ yí má Tũko shǎ.

I see that Tũko leave

“I saw that Tũko to leave.”

Ok 3b. N kayí má mó' Tũko shǎ

N kayí má mó' Tũko shǎ

I P2-see that perhaps Tũko leave

“I saw that Tũko would leave.”

*4b. N kayí ndīndē Tũko shǎ.

N kayí ndīndē Tũko shǎ

I P2-see clearly Tũko leave

“I saw clearly Tũko to leave.”

5b. * N kayí Tũko ndīndē shǎ

N kayí Tũko ndīndē shǎ

I P1-see Tũko clearly shǎ

“I saw John clearly to leave.”

- *6b. N kɔyíí ndíndē má Tũko yáá pe' shǎ́.
 N kɔyíí ndíndē má Tũko yáá pe' shǎ́.
 I P1-see clearly that Tũko it good leave
 “I saw clearly that Tũko would leave.”
- 7b. N kɔyíí Tũko ndíndē má yáá pe' shǎ́.
 N kɔ-yíí Tũko ndíndē má yáá pǎ' shǎ́.
 I PST2-see Tũko clearly that it good leave
 “I saw Tũko clearly (that) would leave.”
- 8b. *N kɔyíí ndíndē má Tũko lah shǎ́
 N kɔ-yíí ndíndē má Tũko lah shǎ́
 I PST2-see clearly that Tũko to leave
 “I saw clearly that John to leave?”
- 9b. *N kɔyíí Tũko ndíndē má lah shǎ́.
 N kɔyíí Tũko ndíndē má lah shǎ́
 I PST2-see Tũko clearly that to leave
 “I saw Tũko clearly that to leave [where it is understood that John is the leaver]”
- *10b. N kɔyíí nī shǎ́.
 N kɔ-yíí nī shǎ́
 I PST2-see him leave
 “I saw-him to leave” [OM on matrix verb]
- *11b. N kɔyíí nī má shǎ́.
 N kɔ-yíí nī má shǎ́
 I PST2-see him that leave
 “I saw-him that to leave” [OM on matrix verb]
- 12b. N kɔyíí nī ndíndē má lah nshǎ́.
 N kɔ-yíí nī ndíndē má lah nshǎ́
 I PST2-see him clearly that to leave
 “I saw-him clearly that to leave” [OM on matrix verb]
- ?13b. N kɔyíí nī ndíndē má yáá pǎ' lah nshǎ́.
 N kɔ-yíí nī ndíndē má yáá pe' lah nshǎ́
 I PST2-see him clearly that it good to leave
 “I saw-him clearly that would leave. [OM on matrix verb, subordinate verb SM = him]
- 14b. N kɔyíí nī má yáá pe' má á shǎ́.
 N kɔ-yíí nī má yáá pe' má á shǎ́

I PST2-see him that it good that he leave
“I saw him that he would leave.”

Part IIX. Wh-agreement in source clause of subject raising.

Consider first the form of subject agreement on the verb in 1 versus 2 below, and 3 versus 4.

Ok 1. Tũko kcaló ngāp.
Tũko ka-ló ngāp
Tũko PST2-cook chicken
“Tũko cooked the chicken.”

Ok 2. Wā kcaló ngāp lā ?
Wā ka-ló ngāp lā
who P1-cook chicken ADV
“Who cooked the chicken?”

Ok 3. Nga'ņwā'ni kacéh ŋwā'ni.
Nga'ņwā'ni ka-céh ŋwā'ni
Student PST2-read book
“The student read the book. “

Ok 4. Wā kacēh ŋwā'ni?
wā ka-cēh ŋwā'ni?
who PST2-read book
“Who read the book?”

Is there any special subject agreement form that appears in 2 and 4 that does not appear in 1 and 3? If not, move on to the next section.

Comment: No special subject agreement form.

Part XI. Super-raising.

A. Subject of deeply embedded clause.

Please translate the sentences in (1) and (2) below. If you had to use a different verb for section IVA in place of *seem*, then use that verb here. Additional question: If you can say a sentence like (2), can you use this in a context where you are not actually looking at the teacher, for example, if you have deduced from what the students say that they know the teacher is sick? Or is it only appropriate if you are actually looking at the teacher and observing his remarks and behavior?

1. **Ok** Yáá m̄fōh pá' ghǎ'ņwā'ni zhí ma nsiesi ma ngōō lá.

Yáá ø-mfōh pá' ghǎŋwǎnǐ ø-zhí má nsiesi mā ngōō lá.
 It PRS-resemble as students PRS-know that teacher is sick ADV
 “It seems like the students know that the teacher is sick.”

2. Ok Nsiesi māndáh pá' ghǎŋwǎnǐ zhí má á mā ngōō lá.
 ø-nsiesi mā-ndáh pá' ghǎŋwǎnǐ ø-zhí má á mā ngōō lá
 C1-teacher is look like students PRS-know that he is sick ADV
 “The teacher seems like the students know he is sick.”

The example in (A2), is only appropriate if you are actually looking at the teacher and observing his remarks and behavior? Nevertheless, we can also have the following example (see A2') where the same meaning could be obtained but which does not require the looking at the teacher. This example is little off

? 2' Nsiesi mfōh pá' ghǎŋwǎnǐ zhí má á mā ngōō lá.
 ø-nsiesi ø-mfōh pá' ghǎŋwǎnǐ ø-zhí má á mā ngōō lá.
 C1-teacher PRS-resemble like students PRS-know that he is sick ADV
 “The teacher seems like the students know he is sick.”

Additional question, like above: If you can say a sentence such as (4), can you use this in all the same contexts as (3)? Could you use it where you are simply reporting what you have gathered from or about the husband? Or is it only appropriate in reaction to the woman or evidence of her behavior?

Ok 3. Yáá mfōh pá' ø-ndū i kwe' má mǎnzhiwē lá shúá lá.
 Yáá ø-mfōh pá' ø-ndū i ø-kwe' má mā-ǎnzhiwē lá shúá lá.
 It PRS-seem like C1-husband her PRS-like that C1-woman the leave ADV
 “It seems like her husband wants the woman to leave.”
 In (3), the information could have essentially be gathered from the husband.

Ok 4. Mǎnzhiwē lá mfōh pá' ndū i kwe' má ā ghená lá.
 mā-ǎnzhiwē lá ø-mfōh pá' ø-ndū i ø-kwe' má ā ghená lá
 C1-woman ADV PRS-seem like C1-husband her PRS-like that she go ADV
 “The woman seems like her husband wants her to go.”

In (4), the reaction of the reaction of the woman, her behavior or looking at her could make the sentence appropriate.

B. Object super-raising

Please translate (1) (with and without an object marker. Indicate whether or not each result is acceptable.

1. ? Wūzā mfōh pá' Siāni kǎlǎ lá.
 Wūzā ø-mfōh pá' Siāni kǎ-lǎ lá.
 Food PRS-seem like Siāni PST2-cook ADV
 “The food seems that Siāni cooked (it).”

If you have judged (1) to be acceptable, please consider what would be a felicitous context for this utterance. For the situations described in A-C below, answer for each one (Yes or No) whether or not (1) could be uttered in that context.

- A. You taste the food and recognize her favorite ingredient. **NO**
- B. You see Mary in an apron and deduce from this that she did the cooking. **NO**
- C. Mary is an incredibly messy cook, and from the state of the kitchen you can't imagine anyone else being responsible. **YES**

Part XII. DP/CP Contrasts. Are DPs licit in the same range of positions as CPs? Please translate and provide judgments. Does it make a difference what complementizer you use in the CPs?

1. **Ok** Pǎnōk lá kapén má Tǔko lashǎǎ.
 Pǎ-ǎnōk lá kǎ-pén má Tǔko lǎ-shǎǎ
 C2-people ADV PST2-believe that Tǔko PST2-leave
 "The people believed that John left."
2. **Ok** Pǎ-ǎnok kapén cwe' Tǔko.
 Pǎ-ǎnok kǎ-pén cwe' Tǔko.
 C2-people PST2-believe story Tǔko
 "The people believed John's story."
3. **OK** Pō nkwá'sí má Tǔko lǎshǎǎ.
 Pō nkwá'sí má Tǔko lǎ-shǎǎ
 They think that Tǔko PST2-go
 "It is believed that John left."
4. **Ok** Pō mbēn cwe' Tǔko.
 Pō mbēn cwe' Tǔko.
 They believe story Tǔko
 "It is believed Tǔko's story."
5. **Ok** Pō lǎpén cwe' Tǔko.
 Pō lǎ-pén cwe' Tǔko
 They P1-believe story Tǔko
 "Tǔko's story was believed (by the people)."
6. *Má Tǔko lǎshǎǎ lá pǎnok lǎpén
 Má Tǔko lǎ-shǎǎ lá pǎ-ǎnok lǎ-pén
 That Tǔko P1-leave ADV C2-people P1-believe
 "That Tǔko left was believed (by the people)."

7. **Ok** Tũko kazá tok lá.
 Tũko ka-zá ø- tok lá
 Tũko PST2-eat C5-banana
 “Tũko ate the banana.
8. ***** Tok lálá' n̄zā
 ø-tok lálá'-n̄zā
 C5-banan PST4-eat
 “The banana was eaten.”
9. **Ok** Pō lálá'n̄zā tok
 Pō lálá'-n̄zā ø-tok
 They PST4-eat C5-banana
 “(there) was eaten a banana. (with or without overt ‘dummy subject’).”
10. **Ok** Tũko kolēn má panzũ'n̄n̄a kahá' ngofat.
 Tũko ka-lēn má pa-nzũ'n̄n̄a kahá' ngofat
 Tũko PST1-say that C2-farmer PST1-harvest
 “Tũko said that the farmers harvested the maize.”
11. ***** Má panzũ'n̄n̄a kahá' ngofāt pō lálén.
 Má pa-nzũ'n̄n̄a ka-há' ngofāt pō la-lén.
 That C2-farmer PST1-harvest maize they PST2-say
 “That the farmers harvested the maize was said.”
12. **Ok** Tũko kolén mbí Siāni má panzũ'n̄n̄a kahá' ngofāt wáha.
 Tũko ka-lén mbí Siāni má pa-nzũ'n̄n̄a ka-há' ngofāt wáha.
 Tũko P1-say to Siāni that C2-farmer P1-give maize yesterday
 “John told Mary that the farmers harvested the maize yesterday.”
13. **OK** Pō lasók Siāni má panzũ'n̄n̄a lahá' ngofāt.
 Pō la-sók Siāni má pa-nzũ'n̄n̄a la-há' ngofāt.
 They PST1-tell Siāni that C2-farmer PST1-harvest maize
 “Mary was told that the farmers harvested the maize.”
14. ***** Má panzũ'n̄n̄a lahá' ngofāt lasók Siāni.
 Má panzũ'n̄n̄a lahá' ngofāt lasók Siāni
 That C2-farmer PST2-harvest maize PST2-tell Siāni
 “That the farmers harvested the maize was told Mary.”

15. *Má Ngǎ'ndō kashuā m̄fōh.
 Má Ngǎ'ndō kα-shuā m̄fōh.
 That Ngǎ'ndō PST2-leave seem
 “That Ngǎ'ndō left seems.”
- OK** Yáá m̄fōh pǎ' Tũko kashuā lá.
 Yáá ø-m̄fōh pǎ' Tũko kα-shuā lá
 It PRS-seem like Tũko PST2-leave ADV
 “It seems that Lewis left.”
16. ? Tũko m̄fōh pǎ' a kashuā lá.
 Tũko ø-m̄fōh pǎ' a kα-shuā lá.
 Tũko PRS-seem like he PST1-leave ADV
 Tũko seems that (he) left.
17. Ok Má Tũko kashuā, pǎ' yāā bā ndíndē.
 Má Tũko kα-shuā, pǎ' yāā bā ndíndē.
 that Tũko PST2-leave like that be true
 “That Tũko left is possible.”
 Without the presence of the comma, this sentence cannot be acceptable.
18. **Ok** Pǎ' yāā bā ndíndē má Tũko kashuā.
 Pǎ' yāā bā ndíndē má Tũko kα-shuā
 Like it be true that Tũko PST2-leave
 “It is possible that Lewis left.”
19. Ok Pɸ lá kayíí má Tũko lαshuā.
 Pα-ɸ lá kα-yíí má Tũko lα-shuā
 C2-people ADV PST2-see that Tũko PST2-leave
 “The people discovered/found out that Lewis left.”
20. **Ok** Pɸ lá layíí ndíndē.
 Pα-ɸ lá lα-yíí ndíndē
 C2-people ADV PST2-see truth
 “The people discovered/found out the truth.”
21. **OK** Pō lαzhī ndíndē.
 Pα-ɸ lα-zhī ndíndē
 C2-people PST1-know truth
 “It was discovered/found out the truth.”

22. ?Má Tũko lashá, pō lazhī. (the presence of the comma renders the sentence acceptable)
 Má Tũko lα-shá pō lα-zhī.
 That Tũko PST2-leave they PST2-know
 That Tũko left was discovered/found out.

Part XIII. Inversion Constructions.

A. Locative Inversion. In addition to the canonical neutral word orders that would translate to the (a) examples, are the (b) examples well-formed? Please translate and evaluate.

OK1a. Thā kαcō tam.

ø-thā kα-cō tam
 C5-tree PST2-fall forest

“A tree fell in the forest.”

*b. Ko kαcō thā.

Ko kα-cō thā.
 Forest PST2-fall tree

“In the forest fell a tree.”

(1b) is not well-formed nor grammatically acceptable.

Ok 2a. Mōō kαlát n̄cō siī.

Mα-ōō kα-lát n̄cō siī.
 C2-child PST2-jump fall field

“A child jumped into the field.”

*b. Ndom siī kαlát mōō.

Ndom siī kα-lát mōō
 On field PST1-jump child

“Into the field jumped a child.”

Ok 3a. Sāk kαyǎ nshi ndom thā.

ø-sāk kα-yǎ nshi ndom thā.
 C3-bird PST2-sing song on tree

“A bird sang on the tree.”

* b. Ndom thā sāk kαyǎ nshi.

Ndom thā ø-sāk kα-yǎ nshi
 On tree C3-bird PST2-sing song

“On the tree sang a bird.”

OK4a. Sā kácā' zúnḡā ndom sii.

sā kα-cā' zúnḡā ndǒm sii.

Elephant PST2-trample crop on field
“Elephants trampled the crops in the field.”

Ok b. Ndom sii kácá' sā zúnḡā.

Ndom sii kα-cá' sā zúnḡā.

On field PST2-trample elephant crop
“In the field trampled elephants the crops (perhaps as opposed to COWS trampling them).”

*5. Pō kasíésí nsiesi nglisi cā.

There taught the teacher English trample (impossible)

*6. pō kasíésí nglisi nsiesi.

pō kα-síésí nglisi nsiesi.

They PST2-teach English teacher

“There taught English the teacher.”

OK 7. Pō kasíésí ghǎḡwα'ni nsiesi. (meaning the teacher of the students has been taught)

There taught the students the teacher.

8. Pō kasíésí nsiesi ghǎḡwα'ni.

Pō kα-síésí nsiesi ghǎḡwα'ni.

They PST2-teach teacher students

“There taught the teacher the students.”

*9. Pō kasíésí nsiesi pōñkhḡā nglisi.

Pō kα-síésí nsiesi pα-ōñkhḡā nglisi

They PST2-teach teacher c2-child English

There taught the teacher the children English.

Ok 10. Móó māñzā wū pí lū.

Mα-óó mā-ñzā wū pí ø-lū.

C1-child PROG-eat thing with C5-spoon

“The child is eating with a spoon.”

*11. Lú' māñzā mōō.

Ø-lú' mā-ñzā mōō.

C5-spoon PROG6-eat child

“The spoon is eating the child.”

Although (11) is grammatically acceptable, the sentence is semantically incorrect because the verb does not require the selection of the first argument of the sentence which is “*lū*”.

(Try 9-11 with and without an applicative morpheme).

(For all of these inversions, can the verb subject-agree with the fronted locative or expletive? Can it subject-agree with the postverbal logical subject?)

B. Subject-Object Inversion (OVS). Does your language permit the word orders in the (b) sentences? Please translate the questions below and give judgments on them.

1. **Ok** a. Pōñkhḁā kanú mbén lá.
 Pα-ōñkhḁā kα-nú ø-mbén lá
 C2-child PST1-drink C4-milk ADV
 “Children drank the milk.”

- *b. Mbēn kanū pōō.
 ø-mbēn kα-nū pōō.
 C4-milk PST2-drink child
 “The milk drank **the children** (not the parents).”

Same interpretation like in (11) above because the verb does not accept the subject-argument in this case. That is the subject does not bear the semantic features required to eat.

2. **Ok** a. Tūko kacéh ηwα’ni.
 Tūko kα-céh ηwα’ni.
 Tūko PST2-read book
 “Tūko read the books.”

- *b. ηwα’ni kacéh Tūko.
 ηwα’ni kα-céh Tūko
 book PST2-read Tūko
 “The books read **Tūko** (not Peter).”

3. *a. pōñkhḁā kacéh Tūko ηwα’ni.
 Pα-ōñkhḁā kacéh Tūko ηwα’ni.
 C2-child PST1-read Tūko book
 “The children read John the books, (not Peter; i.e. it was John who read the children books, not Peter)”

- Ok** b. Pōñkhḁā kacéh ηwα’ni Tūko.
 Pα-ōñkhḁā kα-céh ηwα’ni Tūko.
 C2-child PST2-read book Tūko
 “The children read the books Tūko (not Peter; as above)”

Note: It rather means “the children read Tũko’s book.”

c. ηωα’ni kacéh Tũko pōnkhũā.

ηωα’ni ka-céh Tũko pa-ōnkhũā

book PST2-read Tũko C2-child

“The books read Tũko the children (not Peter) i.e. It was John who read the children books, not Peter.”

*d. ηωα’ni kacéh pōnkhũā Tũko

ηωα’ni ka-céh pa-ōnkhũā Tũko

Book PST2-read C2-child Tũko

“The books read the children Tũko, (not Peter; as above).”

Note: **ADV** is known as adverbial reinforcer.