

# **Fuyug texts**

(Southeast Papuan, Central Province, Papua New Guinea)

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## Conventions

Interlinear examples consist of three to four lines. The first line includes the orthographic representation, based on the phonological conventions of the language (cf. §3.1 and §3.2), as well as morpheme boundaries. However, if a fourth line is used, the morphemes are indicated in the second line. Pause breaks are normally marked with commas and sentences with full stops (.), or other punctuation as applicable. Ellipsis (...) is used to indicate an instance in which a complete sentence utterance is not given. In general, an exclamation point (!) is used to show raised or high intonation, particularly with interjections or imperatives. An interrogative is indicated by a question mark (?).

The hyphen (-) is used to separate affixes while clitics are indicated by the equal sign (=). The tilde (~) is used to indicate a reduplicating morpheme. Multi-word phrases or clauses are enclosed by square brackets, e.g. the noun phrase [*halond inog*]<sub>NP</sub> (garden big) ‘big garden’; cf. (13) below.

The second line (or third, according to total number of lines as discussed above) includes morpheme-level glosses. SMALL CAPS indicate grammatical glosses, while the full stop (.) indicates portmanteau correspondences (e.g. number and mood affixes on verbs, 1/2.IND) or where multiple word glosses correspond to a single morpheme. When one gloss is considered primary it may be set off by use of the colon (e.g. PROX2.above:LOC).

The third (or fourth) line provides a free English translation, which is marked with single ‘quotes’. When needed a literal translation is provided in brackets after or within the translation (lit. ‘like this’) to provide further necessary clarification.

## Abbreviations

Following are abbreviations used throughout the paper.

-	affix	IND	indicative
~	reduplicant	INE	inessive
+	morpheme boundary	INSTR	instrumental
=	clitic	IRR	irrealis
∅	null, zero	ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
σ	syllable	JCU	James Cook University
1	first person	LAT	Latin
2	second person	LINK	linker
3	third person	Lit.	literally
A	transitive subject	LOC	locative
ADV	adverb	MSC	Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
ALL	allative	NEG	negative
AVC	adjunct + verb combination	NOMZ	nominalisation
BEN	benefactive	NP	noun phrase
C	consonant	N/S U	North/South Udob (dialect)
CAUS	causative	O	transitive object
CC	complement clause	OBJ	object
CF	contrastive focus	OBL	oblique
CL	clause (number)	PL	plural
CLI	class I	PNG	Papua New Guinea
CLII	class II	POSB	possibilitative
CLIII	class III	POSS	possessive
COMP	completive	PROX	proximal (1 or 2)
COM	comitative	PURP	purposive
COND	conditional	Q	question word
CU	Central Udob (dialect)	RC	relative clause
DEM	demonstrative	REAL	realis
DESID	desiderative	REC	recipient
DGHM	The dictionary and grammar of Hiri Motu (cf. References)	RECIP	reciprocal
DIM	diminutive	REFL	reflexive
DIR	directional	REL	relativiser
DIST	distal (1 or 2)	S	intransitive subject
DISTR	distributive	SEQ	sequential
DL	dual	SG	singular
DS	different subject	SIM	simultaneous
DSM	differential subject marker	SS	same subject
E	extended argument	STAT	stative
ELEV	elevated	SVC	serial verb construction
EMPH	emphatic	TILP	Texts in the Indigenous Languages of the Pacific
ENG	English	TPI	Tok Pisin
EXCLM	exclamation	V	verb, vowel
FUT	future	VBR	verbaliser
HMO	Hiri Motu	VCC	verbless clause complement
HYPOTH	hypothetical	VCS	verbless clause subject
ILL	illative	VOC	vocative
IMP	imperative	W	West (dialect)
IMPERV	imperfective		
INCH	inchoative		

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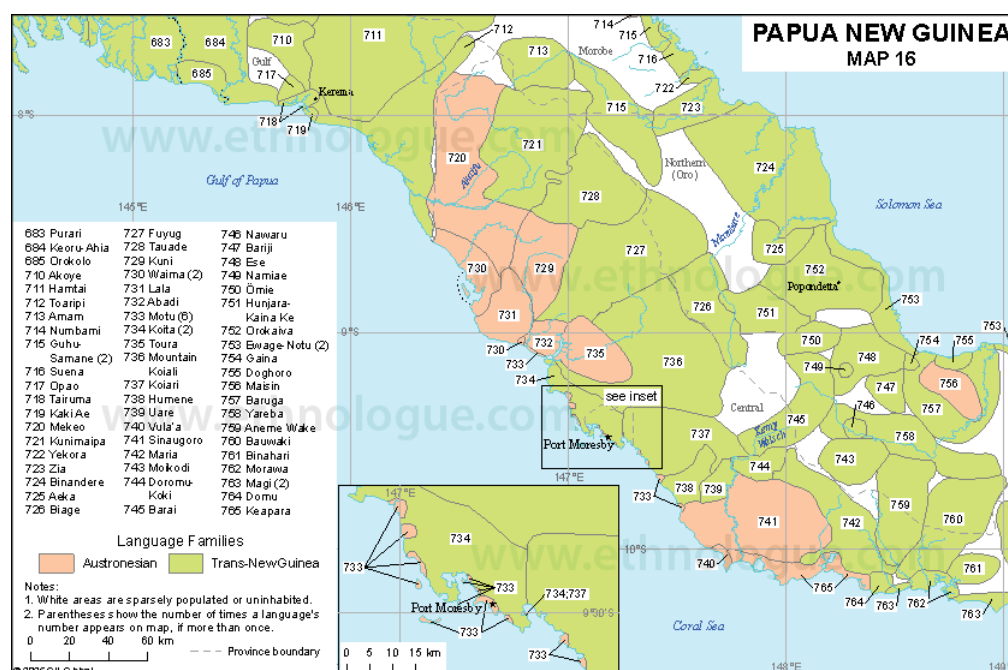
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## 1. Introduction

The Fuyug language of Papua New Guinea is spoken by over 26,000 people.<sup>1</sup> The language community is located in the Owen Stanley ranges, primarily in the Goilala District of Central Province, approximately 100 kilometres north of Port Moresby. The language area is bounded by the Tauade (Goilalan) language community to the north, Kuni (Oceanic) to the west, Mountain Koiali (Koiarian) to the south, and an uninhabited area to the northeast in Oro Province (cf. Figure 1 below).



**Figure 1: Location of Fuyug language community (#727, SIL Global, 2025)**

The language is classified as Papuan, Southeast Goilalan (Eberhard et al. 2025).<sup>2</sup> The ISO code is [fuy]. Alternate names include: Fuge, Fuyuge, Fuyughe, Mafufu, and Mafulu. The language consists of four dialects: Central Udab, Northeast Fuyug, North/South Udab, and West Fuyug. All four dialects are 90% cognate with each other (cf. Bradshaw 1994, 2007b).

## 2. Background

Language development under the auspices of SIL-PNG, involving language data collection,<sup>3</sup> linguistic analysis, literacy and translation work, took place in the Fuyug language

<sup>1</sup> As estimated in Bradshaw 2025:3.

<sup>2</sup> Other Goilalan languages include Tauade in Central Province, Kunimaipa in Central and Morobe provinces, as well as Biangai and Weri further north in Morobe Province.

<sup>3</sup> My own data collection was conducted in the following 42 villages: Belavis, Elevala, Esakum, Evesa, Fan(e), Gayva, Havel, Henend, Holo, Homal, (H)onong(e), Idiban, Idu, Ilid, Ilimowali, Iitimun, Kago, Kalam, Kambisi, Kase, Kaylap, Kodig, Kon, Kulama, Lolof, Mavo, Maymani, Miku, Mondo, Olu, Ombole, Siguf, Sing, Songaku, Tafad, Tivilo, Ulun, Visin, Yolibay, Yongai, Yulha, and Yuvenis.

community from 1988 to 1999, primarily in the villages of Lolof (in the Central Udab dialect) and Idiban (in the North/South Udab dialect). Others' previous research, as well as my own, includes ethnographies (Barthes n.d., Strong 1911, Williamson 1912, Dubuy 1931, Fastre 1939, Dupeyrat 1954, Delbos 1985, Hirsch 1985, 2025 and Bradshaw 1989); grammatical descriptions (Ray 1912b, Dutton 1973, 1975, Bradshaw 1992, 1998, 1999a, 2001, 2007a, 2007b); lexicons (Dictionnaire Fuyuge/Français (4 volumes) n.d., Ray 1912a, Bradshaw 2000, 2021); phonological and orthographic descriptions (Bradshaw 1991, 1996a, 1996b, 1997, 2011) and sociolinguistic studies (Fuyuge Central District area, Goilala (Woitape) wordlist 1961, Steinkraus and Pence 1964, Fuyuge language Chirima wordlist 1973, Fuyuge wordlist 1975, Purnell 1988a, 1988b, Bradshaw 1994). In addition, many literacy and translation materials were also produced (cf. Bradshaw 2025 for further details).

### 3. Grammatical sketch

The following brief grammatical sketch covers §3.1 Phonology and morphophonemics, §3.2 Orthography, §3.3 Word classes and §3.4 Clauses.

#### 3.1 Phonology and morphophonemics

The Fuyug language has a total of fourteen consonants<sup>4</sup> (occurring at five points of articulation: bilabial, labiodental, alveolar, palatal and velar), as shown in Table 1 and five vowels, as shown in Table 2.

**Table 1: Consonant phonemes**

Point of articulation	Bilabial	Labiodental	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar
<b>Plosives</b>	p b		t d		k g
<b>Nasals</b>	m		n		
<b>Fricatives</b>		f v	s		
<b>Approximant</b>				j	
<b>Lateral approximant</b>			l		

Voiced labial-velar approximant /w/

<sup>4</sup> This analysis is based on the North/South Udab dialect. The West (W) Fuyug and Central Udab (CU) dialects also contain the voiceless glottal fricative /h/ (cf. Bradshaw 1997).

**Table 2: Vowel phonemes**

	Front	Back
<b>Close</b>	i	u
<b>Close-mid</b>		o
<b>Open-mid</b>	ɛ	
<b>Open</b>		ɑ

**3.1.1 Allophonic rules**

The five allophonic rules in the Fuyug language: 1) plosive aspiration, 2) nasal assimilation, 3) lateral approximant/tap fluctuation, 4) diphthongisation and 5) vowel nasalisation are described below.

**3.1.1.1 Plosive aspiration**

The voiceless plosives /p, t, k/ are aspirated word finally and before the high-front vowel /i/. In other environments they remain unaspirated.

[kɑ'pɑp <sup>h</sup> ]	/kɑpɑp/	<kɑpɑp>	'lame'
[ɑ'pud]	/ɑpud/	<ɑpud>	'beginning'
[ɑ'put <sup>h</sup> i]	/ɑputi/	<ɑputi>	'man's name'
[fi'dǎnt <sup>h</sup> i]	/fidanti/	<fidanti>	'quickly'
[tu'dul]	/tudul/	<tudul>	'breeze'
[ba'tǎn]	/batan/	<batan>	'pumpkin'
[ko'sav]	/kosav/	<kosav>	'shoulder'
[ɛ'jak <sup>h</sup> ]	/ɛjak/	<ɛyak>	'return'
[u'kas]	/ukas/	<ukas>	'many'
[ok <sup>h</sup> i]	/oki/	<oki>	'fire'

**3.1.1.2 Nasal assimilation**

The alveolar nasal /n/ assimilates to the point of articulation of a following velar plosive consonant.

[jǎŋ'gos]	/jangos/	<yangos>	'rain'
[susũŋgǎn]	/susungan/	<susungan>	'under'

### 3.1.1.3 Lateral approximant/tap fluctuation

The lateral approximant freely alternates between the lateral approximant [l] and the tap [ɾ] in all environments. <ɭ> was chosen for the orthography, except in cases of loan words in which the original language had an <r>. This is especially important in words which have both an <ɭ> and an <r> (cf. Bradshaw 1997 and footnote below).

[li'lĩn] ~ [ri'rĩn]	/lilin/	<lilin>	‘descend’
['akolog] ~ ['akorog]	/akolog/	<akolog>	‘now’
[ã'mul] ~ [ã'mur]	/amul/	<amul>	‘woman’
[pa'lapala] ~ [pa'rapara]	/palapala/	<palapala>	‘poinsettia’
[pa'lupalu] ~ [pa'ruparu]	/palupalu/	<paruparu>	‘frog’ <sup>5</sup>

### 3.1.1.4 Diphthongisation

The low-mid vowel is realised as [ɛ<sup>i</sup>] word finally and before a word-final consonant.

[a'tɛ <sup>i</sup> g]	/atɛg/	<ateg>	‘truth’
[a'fõmẽmɛ <sup>i</sup> ]	/afomɛmɛ/	<afomeme>	‘waiting’

### 3.1.1.5 Vowel nasalisation

All vowels are nasalised before nasal consonants and remain oral elsewhere.

[ĩn]	/in/	<in>	‘pandanus’
[is]	/is/	<is>	‘space’
[ĩm]	/ɛm/	<em>	‘house’
[ɛ <sup>i</sup> b]	/ɛb/	<eb>	‘(brother-)in-law’
[ũŋg]	/ung/	<ung>	‘nose’
[ud]	/ud/	<ud>	‘lip’
[õn]	/on/	<on>	‘moon’
[od]	/od/	<od>	‘skin’
[ãn]	/an/	<an>	‘man’
[ad]	/ad/	<ad>	‘hit’

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<sup>5</sup> The term /palapala/ ‘poinsettia’ is borrowed from the Hiri Motu *palaoapalaoa* ‘flower’ (DGHM 1976:59) and therefore spelled <palapala> while in contrast /palupalu/ ‘frog’, a loan from the Hiri Motu *paroparo* ‘frog’ (DGHM 1976:38), is accordingly spelled <paruparu>.

### 3.1.2 Syllable patterns

There are six syllable types: three vowel-initial syllables (v, VC, and VCC) and three consonant-initial syllables (CV, CVC, and CVCC). Examples of each are shown in the following list.

v	['i]	/i/	<i>	‘tree’
VC	['ãŋ]	/an/	<an>	‘man’
VCC	['ãmb]	/amb/	<amb>	‘banana’
CV	['da]	/da/	<da>	‘we two’
CVC	['bãŋ]	/ban/	<ban>	‘back’
CVCC	['nẽmb]	/nemb/	<nemb>	‘bird’

Final CC syllables always consist of a sequence of a nasal and a homorganic voiced plosive (i.e. [mb, nd, ŋg]); no other consonant clusters are permissible. Vowel sequences are not permissible. The language has between one- and five-syllable words.

### 3.1.3 Prosody

Stress is predictable; it occurs on the ultimate syllable in two-syllable words (before affixation) and on the antepenultimate in three- and four-syllable words (again, before affixation). Therefore, it is not written. Affixation does not change stress, as noted in the final example.

'σ	['gɛ <sup>i</sup> ]	/gɛ/	<ge>	‘go/went’
σ'σ	[a'lim]	/alim/	<alim>	‘yesterday’
'σσ	['gɛ.gɛ <sup>i</sup> ]	/gɛgɛ/	<gege>	‘going’
'σσσ	[sũŋ.gu.lũm]	/sungulum/	<sungulum>	‘fly’
σ'σσσ	[ɛ'le.va.la]	/elevala/	<Elevala>	‘place name’
'σσσσ	['ĩn.dɛ.lɛ.lɛ <sup>i</sup> ]	/indelel+ɛl+ɛ/	<indelele>	‘coming out’

### 3.1.4 Morphophonemics

Fuyug has five morphophonemic alternations: 1) nasal assimilation, 2) consonant cluster simplification, 3) consonant devoicing, 4) vowel epenthesis and 5) vowel cluster elision; they are further discussed below.

#### 3.1.4.1 Nasal assimilation

The bilabial nasal /m/ assimilates to the alveolar nasal /n/ when it precedes the voiceless alveolar plosive /t/ at a morpheme boundary, as shown in the following two examples:

im+ti	→	[ĩnt <sup>h</sup> i]	/inti/	<inti>	‘in the eye’
em+dam+ti	→	[ẽndãnt <sup>h</sup> i]	/endanti/	<endanti>	‘outside’

### 3.1.4.2 Consonant cluster simplification

The lateral approximant /l/ is elided when it precedes the voiceless alveolar plosive /t/ at a morpheme boundary, as shown in the following two examples.

bul+ti	→	[ˈbutʰi]	/buti/	<buti>	‘to the land’
ombol+ti	→	[õmˈbotʰi]	/omboti/	<omboti>	‘in the stomach’

### 3.1.4.3 Consonant devoicing

The voiced plosives /b, d, g/ are devoiced (and then subsequently aspirated), when followed by a vowel or a voiceless consonant at a word boundary.

enamb + fidan	→	[ẽnˈãmpʰ fiˈdãn]	/ɛnamp fidan/	<enamp fidan>	‘one road’
and + alu	→	[ˈãntʰ aˈlu]	/ant alu/	<ant alu>	‘all things’
asang + ukas	→	[aˈsãŋkʰ uˈkas]	/asank ukas/	<asank ukas>	‘much sand’

### 3.1.4.4 Vowel epenthesis

The high front unrounded vowel /i/ is inserted between two consonants at a morpheme boundary, the first of which must not be a nasal or a lateral approximant. This is especially prevalent with the allative clitic =ti, as seen in the following two examples.

alund+ti	→	[aˈlũnditʰi]	/alunditi/	<alunditi>	‘in the garden’
sikul+ti	→	[siˈkʰulitʰi]	/sikuliti/	<sikuliti>	‘at school’

Note in the final example that loanwords with final /l/ (or nasal) also appear to activate epenthesis (e.g., *tesen=iti* ‘on the station’). Epenthesis also occurs in loanwords in order to break up initial consonant clusters, as in *spun* > *sipun* ‘spoon’.

‘Vowel epenthesis’ also occurs in conjunction with some verbal suffixes. However, in such instances the open-mid front vowel /ɛ/ is inserted, rather than the front close vowel /i/. This type of epenthesis occurs between a consonant-final root and the stative suffix -ngo, and also with reduplication marking imperfective aspect. Currently this form is analysed as an occurrence of the sequential morpheme -e.

yu+ngo	→	[ˈjũŋgo]	/jungo/	<yungo>	‘is standing’
id+SEQ+ngo	→	[iˈdẽŋgo]	/idɛngo/	<idɛngo>	‘is sleeping’
ne+IMPERV	→	[ˈnẽnɛː]	/nɛnɛ/	<nene>	‘eating’
sum+SEQ+IMPERV	→	[sũˈmẽmɛː]	/sumɛmɛ/	<sumeme>	‘walking’

### 3.1.4.5 Vowel sequence elision

When a root-final vowel is marked by a suffix or a clitic with an initial vowel, the initial vowel is elided. This elision is particularly prevalent with one-syllable stems with the Class I

indicative suffixes *-e* ‘1/2.IND’, *-a* ‘3.IND’, as well as the sequential and possibility suffixes *-e* and *-o*.

ne-e	→	[ <sup>i</sup> nɛ]	/nɛ/	<ne>	eat-1/2.IND	‘I/you eat/ate’
ne-a	→	[ <sup>i</sup> na]	/na/	<na>	eat-3.IND	‘he/she eats/ate’
ge-e	→	[ <sup>i</sup> gɛ]	/gɛ/	<ge>	go-SEQ	‘and go/went’
ye-o	→	[ <sup>i</sup> jo]	/jo/	<yo>	get-POSB	‘might get’

### 3.2 Orthography

In Fuyug, a morphemic representation is not considered acceptable, e.g. *enti* ‘in the house’ rather than *\*emti*, *buti* ‘in the land’ rather than *\*bulti*, *ant haluv* ‘everything’ rather than *\*and haluv*, *okiti* ‘in the fire’ rather than *\*okti*. Instead, a phonemic representation is preferred, such as *em* ‘house’ + *=ti* ‘allative’ yielding *enti* ‘in the house’, which is then considered acceptable.

There have been several issues related to the orthography which was developed in the 1950s, including: The letters <c>, <w> and <x> were not taught, although <c>, <h>, <w>, <x> and <y> were all used in printed materials; <c>, <x> and <y> were limited to borrowed terms. It was determined that <c> or <ch> should be replaced with <k>, and <x> with <s> as these original graphemes were derived from English and Latin. (<w> and <y> are discussed below.)

The graphemes <r> and the <l> are actually represented by just one phoneme, the lateral approximant /l/. Practically the grapheme <r> is only used in differentiation occurring in English, Tok Pisin or Hiri Motu loanwords, since all three of these languages need both <l> and <r>; in other contexts only <l> is needed.

The grapheme <w> was occasionally used to represent the voiced labiodental fricative /v/ as in /val/ <wal> ‘there’; use of <w> only for the voiced labial-velar approximant /w/ would avoid this confusion.

The <’> apostrophe as used in English indicates ‘contraction’, that is in fast speech phenomena. However, in written communication it would be preferable to represent the actual slow speech variant (especially as an aid in reading), e.g. /gɛ apa/ > /gapa/ (fast speech) > <ge apa> ‘that’s all’. This is also evidenced in cases of final consonant elision.

Other orthographic issues relate to increased ease of printing, e.g. <a> in place of /ɑ/ and <e> in place of <ɛ>. The early French priests (due to European tradition) instituted the convention of using <j> to represent the palatal approximant /j/ (e.g. *Dictionnaire Fuyuge/français*). At the time of my involvement with the language community, the

remaining priests were opposed to any change from <j> to <y>. However, upon their departure, speakers readily began using <y>, which also conforms more closely to national language orthographies.

### 3.3 Word classes

The Fuyug language has three open word classes: noun, verb and adjective (cf. §3.3.2). Discussion of them will follow that of the closed classes outlined below.

#### 3.3.1 Closed classes

The closed classes make up the majority of word classes found in the language. Most are quite small, ranging from one to 15 members, with the conjunctions being the most numerous. The following closed classes are described below: pronouns (§3.3.1.1), demonstratives (§3.3.1.2), locatives (§3.3.1.3), postpositions (§3.3.1.4), interrogatives (§3.3.1.5), negatives (§3.3.1.6), adverbs (§3.3.1.7), conjunctions (§3.3.1.8) and interjections (§3.3.1.9).

##### 3.3.1.1 Pronouns

There are three sets of pronouns in Fuyug: personal (i.e. A/S/O), reflexive and reciprocal.

##### Personal pronouns

The personal pronouns distinguish between singular, dual, and plural as seen in Table 3 below. Unlike the other Goilalan languages (cf. Boxwell 1967:36 [Weri], Dubert and Dubert 1978:31 [Biangai], Geary 1977:17 [Kunimaipa] and Stutzman 1993:3.1.3 [Tauade]), clusivity is not distinguished.

**Table 3: Personal pronouns**

	Singular	Dual	Plural
1	<i>na</i>	<i>da</i>	<i>di</i>
2	<i>nu</i>	<i>ya</i>	<i>yi</i>
3	<i>hu</i>	<i>tu</i>	<i>mu</i>

These pronouns function in isolation as transitive or intransitive subject or object; when modified by the following suffixes shown in Table 4, they have other functions as indicated.

**Table 4: Pronominal suffixes**

Suffix	Gloss
<i>-l</i>	‘possessive’
<i>-ni</i>	‘emphatic’
<i>-noy</i>	‘comitative’
<i>-v</i>	‘contrastive focus’



### Possessive

The personal pronouns are modified by the suffix *-l* to indicate possession. They may function as intransitive subject (1) or oblique position (2), as well as transitive subject (cf. (49)) or object (cf. (93)).

- (1) *Nal bab ge us anga.*  
*na-l bab ge us ang-a*  
 1SG-POSS father DSM death remain-3.IND  
 ‘My father died.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:39)
- (2) *Hu ge hul enti ge.*  
*hu ge hu-l em=ti ge-e*  
 3SG DSM 3SG-POSS house=ALL go-1/2.IND  
 ‘She went to her house.’

### Emphatic

The emphatic suffix *-ni* primarily occurs on pronouns in transitive/intransitive subject (nominative) position. In rare instances it also occurs on a place name (cf. Text 1 below). This marking is most often used to reintroduce (i.e., topicalise) a subject or in a verbless clause (3).

- (3) *Hu-ni sesada.*  
 3SG-EMPH long  
 ‘He is tall.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:40)

Another emphatic strategy employs the manner nominal *biyaga* ‘self’ following a possessive-marked pronoun which agrees with the transitive/intransitive subject of the clause.

- (4) *Hu ge hu-l biyaga vil-i.*  
 3SG DSM 3SG-POSS self do- CLI:REAL  
 ‘He did it himself (lit. his-self).’ (Bradshaw 2007b:43)

### Comitative

The comitative suffix *-noy* only co-occurs with nonsingular pronouns (cf. ‘accompaniment’ in Kunimaipa (Geary 1977:51)).

- (5) *Yani dinoy gadi.*  
*ya-ni di-noy ge-adi*  
 2DL-EMPH 1PL-COM go-CLI:IRR  
 ‘You two will go with us.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:40)

### Contrastive focus

The ‘contrastive’ suffix *-v* behaves much like the NP contrastive focus enclitic *=a*, however it is limited to the first person singular pronoun *na* ‘1SG’ in transitive/intransitive subject position (cf. ‘intensifier’ in Kunimaipa (Geary 1977:17–18)).

- (6) *Imal hene=ti na-v ala na-l samel di yu*  
 day some=ALL 1SG-CF COM 1SG-POSS younger.sister 1PL stand  
*bol-e di-l em hu-l talo=tu kolos-i.*  
 COMP-SEQ 1PL-POSS house 3SG-POSS verandah=ADESS play-CLII:VBR  
 ‘One day my younger sister and I were stood playing on our house’s  
 verandah.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:41)

### Reflexive pronoun

The reflexive pronoun *mul* functions as an object argument, indicating an action done to oneself. It immediately follows the appropriate obligatory personal pronoun, as seen in example (7) below.

- (7) *Na ge fuful na mul ind-i.*  
 1SG DSM pain 1SG REFL.OBJ give-CLII:REAL  
 ‘I hurt myself.’

### Reciprocal pronoun

The reciprocal pronoun *nom* only occurs in conjunction with nonsingular (i.e., dual or plural) transitive/intransitive subjects (8). It may also convey joint action (9).

- (8) *Mu ge nom hada.*  
*mu ge nom had-a*  
 3PL DSM RECIP hit-3.IND  
 ‘They hit each other.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:43)

- (9) *Ole el Yavu tu nom hos yede ye*  
*Ole el Yavu tu nom hos yed-e ye-e*  
 (person.name) and (person.name) 3DL RECIP horse call-SEQ get-SEQ  
*tel-a.*  
 come-3.IND  
 ‘Ole and Yavu together called the horse and brought it.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:43)

#### 3.3.1.2 Demonstratives

When a locative (cf. §3.3.1.3 below) is marked by the suffix *-seba* a demonstrative is derived (16); note that the two most commonly used forms are optionally marked by this suffix. The demonstratives are represented spatially in relationship to the speaker (cf. Table 5 below) and function on a four-way horizontal axis (according to two ‘proximal’ and ‘distal’ categories) and three-way vertical axis (according to elevation). There are fewer distinctions available than their locative counterparts have (cf. discussion of generic locatives below).

**Table 5: Demonstratives**

	<b>Proximal</b>		<b>Distal</b>	
<b>Elevation</b>	1: ‘this here’	2: ‘this right here (close by)’	1: ‘that there (near addressee)’	2: ‘that over there (far away)’
<b>Above</b>		<i>yeveseba</i>		
<b>Level</b>	<i>ovo(seba)</i>	<i>obeseba</i>	<i>va(seba)</i>	<i>omeseba</i>
<b>Below</b>		<i>ibeseba</i>		<i>imeseba</i>

The words in the second column ‘there (close by)’ refer to neutral locations which are neither near the speaker nor the addressee. When *ovo* ‘this here’ and *va* ‘that there’ occur without *-seba*, they are followed by *an(a)* ‘one’, e.g. *ovo ana* ‘this one’, functioning as demonstrative pronouns.

- (10) *Keva*                      *ge*    ***ibeseba***                      *ala*    *na*    *hada.*  
*Keva*                      *ge*    *ibel-seba*                      *ala*    *na*    *had-a*  
 (person.name)    DSM    PROX2.below-DEM    INSTR    1SG    hit-3.IND  
 ‘Keva hit me with this (stick) right down here.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:42)

### 3.3.1.3 Locatives

The locatives have both generic and specific forms. They typically occur before the verb, but otherwise may occur in various locations for pragmatic reasons.

#### Generic locatives

The generic locatives function on a five-way horizontal axis (according to two ‘proximal’ and ‘distal’ categories and additionally one ‘behind’ distinction) and three-way vertical axis (according to elevation) based on their relationship to the speaker (cf. Table 6 below). Note: there are some gaps on each elevation; the ‘level’ and ‘below’ elevations have twice as many distinctions as the ‘above’ elevation while those forms not found in the demonstratives are all on the periphery (i.e. *vom* ‘behind.below:LOC’, *vim* ‘PROX1.below:LOC’ and *yol* ‘DIST2.above:LOC’) and therefore less likely to be needed in demonstrative forms. Perhaps the forms previously existed, but then fell into disuse. Three of the most common forms have alternate shortened forms (i.e. *owal/al* ‘PROX1:LOC’, *omel/om* ‘DIST2:LOC’ and *imel/im* ‘DIST2.below:LOC’).

**Table 6: Generic locatives**

	<b>Behind</b>	<b>Proximal</b>		<b>Distal</b>	
<b>Elevation</b>	‘back there’ (behind)	1: ‘here’	2: ‘right here (close by)’	1: ‘there (near addressee)’	2: ‘over there (far away)’
<b>Above</b>			<i>yevel</i>		<i>yol</i>
<b>Level</b>		<i>(ow)al</i>	<i>obel</i>	<i>val</i>	<i>om(el)</i>
<b>Below</b>	<i>vom</i>	<i>vim</i>	<i>ibel</i>		<i>im(el)</i>

- (11) *Na ge imel gadi.*  
*na ge imel ge-adi*  
 1SG DSM DIST2.below:LOC go-CLI:IRR  
 ‘I will go down over there.’

### Specific locatives

Fuyug has three specific locatives: *baleng* ‘outdoors, outside’ (12); *bufe* ‘outside of house’ and *busal* ‘far (away)’.

- (12) *Es imel baleng kolos-i.*  
 child DIST2.below:LOC outside play-CLII:VBR  
 ‘The children play down over there outside.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:55)

#### 3.3.1.4 Postpositions

Postpositions modify NPs. As such, locational postpositions are enclitics.

- (13) *Na ge halond inogiti gadi.*  
*na ge [halond inog]<sub>NP</sub>=ti ge-adi*  
 1SG DSM garden big=ALL go-CLI:IRR  
 ‘I will go to the big garden.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:61)

There are five locational postposition enclitics in the language, as listed in Table 7.

**Table 7: Locational postposition enclitics**

Enclitic	Gloss(es)
= <i>ti</i>	‘allative, to, toward (movement)’
= <i>ati</i>	‘inessive, in, inside, on’
= <i>tu</i>	‘adessive, on, upon’
= <i>dam</i>	‘elative, out, outside’
= <i>ts</i>	‘locative, at, from, in, on, to’

### Allative clitic

The most common postpositional enclitic is the allative =*ti* conveying movement as ‘to, toward’ (14). Following consonant-final roots (excluding nasals and the lateral approximant) and any loanword, the allomorph =*iti* is realised (15).

- (14) *Hu ge hul buti ga.*  
*hu ge hu-l bul=ti ge-a*  
 3SG DSM 3SG-POSS land=ALL go-3.IND  
 ‘He went to his land.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:60)

- (15) *Na ge halonditi gadi.*  
*na ge halond=ti ge-adi*  
 1SG DSM garden=ALL go-CLI:IRR  
 ‘I will go to the garden.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:60)

### Inessive enclitic

The inessive postpositional enclitic =*ati* conveys the meanings of ‘in, inside, on’. It is most often used with the word *em* ‘house’ (16), where it reflects a static location, position or situation (cf. Crystal 1985:156).

- (16) *Hoy ovo em=ati andengo.*  
 dog PROX1:DEM house=INESS stay-SEQ-STAT  
 ‘The dog is inside this house here.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:59)

### Adessive enclitic

The postpositional enclitic =*tu* ‘on, upon’ indicates either static location or movement. Infrequently it is used in place of the allative =*ti* ‘to, toward’, as noted by Ray (1912:310): “Some proper names of places do not take the suffix *-tsi*.... Other proper names, especially those of mountains and the villages built on them, take the suffix *-tu* (upon) instead of *-tsi*.” This is seen in (17) in which the village of Lolof is located on a mountain.

- (17) *Di Loloftu andengo.*  
*di Lolof=tu and-e-ngo.*  
 1PL (place.name)=ADESS stay-SEQ-STAT  
 ‘We are living on Lolof (village).’ (Bradshaw 2007b:60)

Some place name locations, which are not considered elevated (18), take neither the allative =*ti* or =*tu* ‘ADESS’ postpositional enclitics. This particular village is located near a river.

- (18) *Na ge Idiba gadi.*  
*na ge Idiban ge-adi*  
 1SG DSM (place.name) go-CLI:IRR  
 ‘I will go to Idiban (village).’ (Bradshaw 2007b:61)

### Elicative enclitic

The postpositional enclitic =*dam* ‘out, outside’ only modifies the word *em* ‘house’ (cf. inessive enclitic above). Such a form refers to the *endam* ‘courtyard’ area of a village ‘fenced-in’ by houses along the perimeter (cf. Figures 1 and 2 in §4.5 below). When it is used, nasal assimilation occurs, and also when it is used in combination with the allative enclitic (19).

- (19) *Na ge ovol hadadinote endanti ge.*  
*na ge ovol had-adi=note em=dam=ti ge-e*  
 1SG DSM pig hit-CLI:IRR=PURP house=ELAT=ALL go-1/2.IND  
 ‘I went outside in order to kill the pig.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:74)

### Generic location enclitic

The postpositional enclitic =*ts* has a generic locational function, conveying various meanings: ‘at, from, in, on, to’.

- (20) *Fan=ts vom Fan=ts tel-a*  
 (place.name)=LOC behind.below:LOC (place.name)=LOC come-3.IND  
 ‘From Fane (mission station), it came from back down there at Fane.’

### Free locational postpositions

Several postpositions occur as free words; they are listed in Table 8. An example is seen in (21) below.

**Table 8: Free locational postpositions**

Free postposition	Gloss(es)
<i>hombobol</i>	‘above, over’
<i>adad</i>	‘against, on, to, adherent to, along, attached to, fastened to’
<i>hongol</i>	‘near, close to, before, at the side of’
<i>kugul</i>	‘close by, near’
<i>songol</i>	‘under’
<i>susugan</i>	‘under(neath), below’

- (21) *Ovol hu-ni em susungan id-e~de.*  
 pig 3SG-EMPH house underneath cut-SEQ~IMPERV  
 ‘The pig is/was sleeping (lit. cutting [the day]) underneath the house.’  
 (Bradshaw 2007b:62)

Two additional free postpositions have limited distribution. The postposition *anang* (also realised as *nang* or *ana*) ‘recipient’ co-occurs with the verb *et-* ‘say’<sup>6</sup> (22), while *anate* ‘beneficiary’ occurs with other verbs primarily with *tomal-* ‘make’ (23).

- (22) *Nu ge andal na anang et-e?*  
 2SG DSM what 1SG REC say-1/2.IND  
 ‘What did you tell (or say to) me?’ (Bradshaw 2007b:92)

- (23) *Na ge nu anate tomal-e.*  
 1SG DSM 2SG BEN make-1/2.IND  
 ‘I made it for you.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:92)

<sup>6</sup> Note: Some verbs have dialectal variants, *et-* ‘say’ being one of those. This is its Central Udab variant; its North/South Udab variant is *ted-* ‘say’. Most data is from the Central Udab dialect, but on occasion there will be examples with the North/South Udab variant. Another common variant (Central Udab–North/South Udab) is *it-/id-* ‘cut’ (cf. (27) above).

### 3.3.1.5 Interrogatives

Fuyug has six interrogatives, as listed in Table 9 below. The second, *dal* ‘who’, also functions as a relativiser (cf. §3.4.3.2). Interrogatives always fill the slot of the argument they replace (24).

**Table 9: Interrogatives**

Interrogative	Gloss(es)
<i>andal</i>	‘what, how’
<i>dal</i>	‘who’
<i>hed</i>	‘when’
<i>odel</i>	‘where’
<i>odelave</i>	‘how many/much’
<i>udi</i>	‘why’

- (24) *Nu ge andal vil-i?*  
 2SG DSM what do-CLII:REAL  
 ‘What do/did you do?’ (Bradshaw 2007b:44)

- (25) **“Dal** *et-a-ma yi-ni ilof yi-ni kulus had-e*  
 who say-3.IND-DS 2PL-EMPH before 2PL-EMPH cross hit-SEQ  
*bibidena?*  
*bibid-e-n=a?*  
 carry-1/2.IND-LINK=Q  
 “‘Who told you before that you (can) carry a cross?’”

The interrogative *udi* ‘why’ is realised as *udidi* when used alone, as in *Udidi?* ‘Why?’ Note also the polar question marker, to be discussed immediately below.

### Polar question marker

The interrogative enclitic =*a* takes a rising intonation contour. Often an epenthetic consonant (glossed as ‘LINK’) precedes the clitic when the preceding suffix ends in a vowel, i.e. =*la*, =*ma* and =*na* are considered morphologically conditioned allomorphs:

*a* → *la* v\_\_\_\_\_

- high
- low
- +back

*a* → *ma* v\_\_\_\_\_

- high
- +low
- +back

*a* → *na* V\_\_\_\_\_

+high

-back

*a* → *a* \_\_\_\_\_

- (26) *Nu ge gola?*  
*nu ge ge-o-l=a*  
 2SG DSM go-POSB-LINK=Q  
 ‘Are you going?’ (Bradshaw 2007b:66)

- (27) *Hu ovol hadama?*  
*hu ovol had-a-m=a*  
 3SG PIG hit-3.IND-LINK=Q  
 ‘Did he kill the pig?’ (Bradshaw 2007b:66)

- (28) *Ya kupe filina?*  
*ya kupev fil-i-n=a*  
 2DL sweet.potato plant-CLII:REAL-LINK=Q  
 ‘Did you two plant sweet potato?’ (Bradshaw 2007b:66)

- (29) *Nu ge yalo ongo nadia?*  
*nu ge yalov ongo ne-adi=a*  
 2SG DSM food some eat-CLI:IRR=Q  
 ‘Are you going to eat some food?’ (Bradshaw 2007b:66)

### 3.3.1.6 Negatives

Fuyug has three negative forms, as shown in the Table 10 below. The different forms do not vary according to aspect or mode, but rather according to word class/type; they either precede or follow the negated constituent.

**Table 10: Negatives**

Negatives	Position
<i>meme</i>	Preceding verbs
<i>mi</i>	Following imperative marked Class II verbs
<i>huwan</i>	Following noun phrases

As shown in the table, the negative *huwan* ‘nothing’ negates NPs (30), including elided nominals (31), while *meme* negates indicative verbs (32) and *mi* Class II imperative verbs (33). The primary negative *meme* has various morphophonemic alternations (*me*, *mem* and



*meme*), while the Class II prohibitive ‘infix’ follows the Class II verb stem and receives the ‘verbaliser’ marking (cf. (39)).<sup>7</sup>

- (30) *Na sisiban huwa.*  
*na sisiban huwan*  
 1SG knowledge nothing  
 ‘I don’t/didn’t know.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:93)

- (31) *Vali yalo hada ta nani ∅ ∅ huwan.*  
*Vali yalov had-a ta na-ni ∅ ∅ huwan*  
 (person.name) food cook-3.IND but 1SG-EMPH (food) (cook) nothing  
 ‘Vali cooks/cooked food, but I do/did not (cook food).’ (Bradshaw 2007b:97)

- (32) *Nani yalo mem hade.*  
*na-ni yalov meme had-e*  
 1SG-EMPH food NEG cook-1/2.IND  
 ‘I do/did not cook food.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:97)

- (33) *Sosol mi!*  
*sosol me-i*  
 work NEG-CLII:VBR  
 ‘Don’t work!’ (Bradshaw 2007b:95)

As the negatives modify different word classes (or types), in some cases both can be used together.

- (34) *Na ge sosol hukas huwa me vili.*  
*na ge sosol hukas huwan meme vil-i*  
 1SG DSM work much nothing NEG do-CLII:REAL  
 ‘I do/did not do a lot of work.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:47)

The English loanword ‘a’a ‘no’ only functions as a negative response.

- (35) *Velima na ete, “’A’a, nani ded.”*  
*velima na et-e ’A’a na-ni dede*  
 so.that 1SG say-1/2.IND no 1SG-EMPH later  
 ‘So I said, “No, I (will go) later.”’

The conditional negative *sigega* ‘if not’ indicates a contrafactual proposition, always occurring after *huwan* and governing negative existential clauses.

- (36) *Ta ende rays huwa sigega di ge yalo anate us*  
*ta enden rays huwan sigega di ge yalov anate us*  
 but also rice nothing if.not 1PL DSM food BEN death

<sup>7</sup> The Class I negative *meme* functions similarly when the verbs *tel-* ‘come’ or *ge-* ‘go’ are modified with either the *he-* or *hen-* ‘ELEV’ prefixes respectively, as *na he-me-ge-e* (1SG ELEV-NEG-go-1/2.IND) ‘I do/did not go up’.

*ange.*

*ang-e*

remain-1/2.IND

‘But if there were no rice, we would die for (want of) food.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:112)

### 3.3.1.7 Adverbs

The language has two types of adverbs, expressing degree or manner. There are only slightly more manner adverbs than degree; the larger manner adverbs subclass will be described after the smaller degree adverbs subclass.

#### Degree adverbs

The degree adverbs are listed in Table 11 below; most often they modify adjectives. The first two, *apa* and *gig* ‘enough’, however do not; they are limited to formulaic closing of a narrative (cf. texts 1–3, 6–11 and 15–16 below) in a verbless clause of the form [Ø]<sub>VCS</sub> *ge* [*gig/apa*]<sub>VCC</sub> ([it] DSM enough) ‘that’s all’. Some of the remaining degree adverbs have limited distribution, such as *ifif* ‘very’, which is only used with *dub* ‘dark’, e.g., *dub ifif* (dark very) ‘it is very dark’.

**Table 11: Degree adverbs**

Adverb	Gloss
<i>apa</i>	‘enough’
<i>gig</i>	‘enough’
<i>akan</i>	‘DIM’
<i>ifif</i>	‘very’
<i>tey</i>	‘very’
<i>hukas</i>	‘many, much’

The diminutive adverb *akan* obligatorily modifies *kis* ‘little’<sup>8</sup> (37) and *uwand* ‘small’ (38) and optionally several other adjectives: *galib* ‘little (size)’ (39) and *honof* ‘short’. It is also used to modify a few other adjectives with the variant form *agan*: *ambal* ‘weak’ (40) and *fom* ‘lightweight’ as well as the postposition *kugul* ‘near, close by’ (41).

- (37) *Yalo kis aka na ind-i.*  
*yalov kis akan na ind-i*  
 food little DIM 1SG give-CLII:REAL  
 ‘Give me a little bit of food.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:53)

<sup>8</sup> Note: *kis akan* ‘little bit’ is also used as a quantifier: *na av kis akan te-adi* (1SG word little DIM say-CLII:IRR) ‘I will say a very little bit’; *av et-* (word say) ‘speak’ is an adjunct + verb combination (cf. §3.3.2.3).

- (38) *Tomba hu-ni es uwand akan.*  
 (person.name) 3SG-EMPH child small DIM  
 ‘Tomba is/was a very small child.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:54)

- (39) *And galib akan.*  
 thing small DIM  
 ‘It is/was a very small thing.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:53)

The last two, *hukas* ‘many, much’ and *tey* ‘very’ function as adjectives, and occasionally also co-occur (cf. (13.077) below).

- (40) *Hu-ni sal hukas hel-e bol-e hu-l*  
 3SG-EMPH sick much become-SEQ COMP-SEQ 3SG-POSS  
  
*hod ge ambal agan.*  
 body DSM weak DIM  
 ‘He becomes/became very sick and then his body is/was very weak.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:54)

- (41) *Busal huwan, kugul agan.*  
 far nothing near DIM  
 ‘It is/was not far, it is/was very close.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:54)

### Manner adverbs

There are eight manner adverbs in Fuyug, as listed in Table 12 below. They precede the verb (or verb complex) they modify (42–43).

**Table 12: Manner adverbs**

Adverbs	Gloss(es)
<i>fidanti</i>	‘quickly, at once, immediately’
<i>samunti</i>	‘luckily, by chance, if not’
<i>kele</i>	‘easily, slowly, quietly’
<i>sabasab</i>	‘quickly, fast’
<i>savambud</i>	‘surprisingly’
<i>siksti</i> <sup>9</sup>	‘quickly’
<i>tongotong</i>	‘continuously’
<i>yasigmade</i>	‘suddenly, instantly’

- (42) *Kele lilin t-a!*  
*kele lilin et-a*  
 slowly descend say-2SG.IMP  
 ‘Go down slowly!’ (Bradshaw 2007b:52)

<sup>9</sup> Note: The word *siksti* ‘quickly’, a Tok Pisin loanword, does not conform to permissible syllable structures or the epenthesis rule, where forms such as *\*sikisti* or *\*siksiti* would instead be expected.

- (43) *Di tongotong sosol hukas yeye.*  
*di tongotong sosol hukas ye-e~ye*  
 1PL continuously work much get-1/2.IND~IMPERV  
 ‘We are/were continuously doing a lot of work.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:52)

The numeral *fidan* ‘one’ (cf. §3.3.2.2 for further discussion on numerals) in combination with the postpositional allative enclitic *=ti* conveys the meanings ‘quickly, at once, immediately’. This same type of construction is used with *samun* ‘chance’, as in *na samu=ti tel-e* (1SG chance=ALL come-1/2.IND) ‘Luckily I came’.

- (44) *Di fidanti ge.*  
*di fidan=ti ge-e.*  
 1PL one=ALL go-1/2.IND  
 ‘We go/went quickly (at once).’ (Bradshaw 2007b:51)

### 3.3.1.8 Conjunctions

Although Fuyug has switch-reference, it nevertheless has many conjunctions, including several coordinating conjunctions (cf. Bradshaw 2024b for such similarity with other Southeast Papuan languages). The 15 conjunctions found in Fuyug are given in Table 13 below. They will be discussed further.

**Table 13: Conjunctions**

Coordinating			Subordinating		
Additive	<i>ta</i>	‘and’	Reason-result	<i>ta</i>	‘because’
	<i>ela</i>	‘and’		<i>hu dal adad</i>	‘because’
	<i>tako</i>	‘and in addition’		<i>badina</i>	‘because’
Contrastive	<i>ta</i>	‘but, yet’	Cause-effect	<i>veyli</i>	‘be/like so’
				<i>hu vavel adad</i>	‘therefore’
				<i>vavel adad</i>	‘so that’
Disjunctive	<i>eke</i>	‘or’	Contingent	<i>oto</i>	‘if’
	<i>o</i>	‘or’		<i>otunga</i>	‘if’
			Contrafactual	<i>sigega</i>	‘if not’

The coordinating conjunctions express additive, contrastive/adversative and disjunctive/alternative relationships as shown in the following examples. The contrastive conjunction *ta* ‘but’ (45) is a clausal coordinator, while the additive conjunctions link nominals. Ellipsis as a coordinating strategy is only permissible in constructions in which the verb is omitted in the second clause, as seen here in (45).

- (45) *Vali yalov ha-da, ta na-ni ∅ ∅ huwan.*  
 (person.name) food cook-3.IND but 1SG-EMPH (food) (cook) nothing  
 ‘Vali cooks/cooked food, but I did not (cook food).’ (Bradshaw 2007b:97)

The conjunction *ela* ‘and’ (cf. (9), Texts: (13.003), (13.007), (13.063), (13.072), (13.112) and (17.05)) is the most frequently occurring additive form, requiring a slightly higher intonational pattern, as it equally coordinates nominals. The additive conjunction *tako* ‘and in addition’, which adds new information, may be derived from *ta akolog* ‘and/but now’ (cf. (7.11) and Texts: (11.04)).

The disjunctive conjunction *eke* ‘or’ (46) separates elements in question. The less common variant, a Hiri Motu loanword (Dutton and Voorhoeve 1974:201), is *o* ‘or’.

- (46) *Mu ge tel-a-me eke hilog?*  
 3PL DSM come-3.IND-SS or still  
 ‘Did they come or are they still coming?’ (Bradshaw 2007b:101)

There are four types of subordinating conjunctions: 1) Reason-result, 2) Cause-effect, 3) Contingent and 4) Contrafactual. Reason or effect clauses are always asserted, and result or cause clauses are generally asserted, though occasionally presupposed.

Although it is more common in many Papuan languages for reason to precede result, this is not the case in Fuyug. Instead we find Result *ta/hu dal adad/badina*<sup>10</sup> ‘because’ Reason.

- (47) *Na ge baykiti andemadi ta na-l bayk hef.*  
*na ge bayk=ti and-e-me-adi ta na-l bayk hef*  
 1SG DSM bag=ALL stay-SEQ-CAUS-CLI:IRR because 1SG-POSS bag half  
 ‘I will put it in the bag because my bag is half (full).’ (Bradshaw 2007b:106)

However, some do follow the opposite order: Reason *veyli/vavel adad/hu vavel adad* ‘so/like that/therefore’ Result (cf. neighbouring Oceanic languages as possible influence: Hiri Motu (Dutton and Voorhoeve 1974:16, 30), Mekeo (Jones 1998:83, 203, 429) and Waima (Mitchell et al. 1998:12, 14, 19)). These are phrasal expressions, such as *hu vavel adad* ‘therefore’ (3SG like.so toward), which means ‘it was like that and that led to....’ Because this type presupposes the reason it focuses primarily on the result, leaving it until the end.

- (48) *An ongo ge val na hongol gomali na ge*  
*an ongo ge val na hongol ge-o=mali na ge*  
 man some DSM DIST1:LOC 1SG near go-POSB=SIM 1SG DSM  
  
*id-adi hu.vavel.adad an=ing mu-ni na al-i*  
 cut-CLI:IRR therefore man=PL 3PL-EMPH 1SG see-CLII:REAL

<sup>10</sup> The reason-result subordinating conjunction *badina* ‘because’ is a Hiri Motu loanword (DGHM 1976:27) and not used as frequently as the others.

*bole*                *udede.*  
*bol-e*              *ud-e~de*  
 COMP-SEQ    fear-1/2.IND-IMPERV  
 ‘If anyone comes near me there I will hurt him/her; therefore when people  
 see me they are afraid.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:110)

The contingent subordinating conjunction *otunga* ‘if’ (realised as *oto* in rapid speech), operates on the sentential level, indicating hypotheticality.

(49) ***Otunga*** *di-l*            *an=ing* *pati*    *vil-i=mali=malala,*            *mu* *ge*    *bul*  
 if            1PL-POSS    man=PL    party    do-CLII:REAL=SIM=COND    3PL    DSM    land

*ongoti*            *nanan*    *mu*    *anang*    *tomenenga,*            *mu*    *ge*    *te*  
*ongo=ti*        *nanan*    *mu*    *anang*    *et-o=menenga*            *mu*    *ge*    *tel-ø*  
 some=ALL    person    3PL    REC    say-POSB=FUT.SEQ    3PL    DSM    come-HYPOTH

*bo*                *di*            *buti*            *holof*    *heladi.*  
*bol-ø*            *di-l*            *bul=ti*            *holof*    *hel-adi*  
 COMP-HYPOTH    1PL-POSS    land=ALL    dance    become-CLI:IRR  
 ‘If our people throw a party, they will tell some other place’s people and then  
 they might come to dance at our place.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:111)

The contrafactual subordinating conjunction *sigega* ‘if not’ functions as a negative conditional governing a negative existential clause. It is always preceded by the nominal negative *huwan* ‘nothing’.

(50) *Nu*    *huwan*    ***sigega***    *na*    *enden*    *ovo*            *vavel*    *huwan.*  
 2SG    nothing    if.not    1SG    also    PROX1:DEM    like.so    nothing  
 ‘If you did not exist, I would also be (lit. not be) likewise (non-existent) here.’  
 (Bradshaw 2007b:112)

### Temporal subordination

Two postpositional enclitics are used to express temporal relationships: *=mali* ‘simultaneous’, meaning ‘while, as’ and *=menenga* ‘future sequential’, meaning ‘once...then’ (cf. (49) above for examples of both). Both of these occur after the final verb of the subordinate clause and are phonologically bound to it. (They will be discussed further in §3.3.2.3 below.)

#### 3.3.1.9 Interjections

Fuyug has four types of interjections: exclamations, greetings, polite interjections and a generic interjection. The interjections always occur clause-initially and are uninflected. They have a higher intonation contour than other elements of the clause. Each type is shown in the appropriate subsections below.

## Exclamations

There are three exclamations: *a* ‘oh’, *ile* ‘maybe, oh, wow’ and *susu* ‘warning, advice’.

- (51) *A, di ge nu al-i!*  
 oh 1PL DSM 2SG see-CLII:REAL  
 ‘Oh, we see/saw you!’

## Greetings

Traditional phatic ‘greetings’ are all loans; the typical autochthonous greetings are questions such as *Nu odel gadi?* (2SG where go.SEQ.CLI:IRR) ‘Where are you going?’ or *Ifana?* (good.LINK.Q) ‘Are you well?’ Otherwise one may simply call out a person’s name (cf. Text 13, line (63) below). The borrowed greetings centre around daytime intervals used in English, i.e. *moning* ‘good morning’, *aftanun* ‘good afternoon’, or leave taking/farewells, i.e. *bayo* ‘goodbye’ and *tata* ‘goodbye’.

## Polite interjections

Polite interjections include the two loans, *ekskyus*<sup>11</sup> ‘excuse (me)’ and *pilisi* ‘please’.

- (52) *Pilisi, na tuy-a.*  
 please 1SG help-2SG.IMP  
 ‘Please, help me.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:79)

## Generic interjection

The word *segamanda* ‘wow, oh; exclamation at another’s misfortune’ functions as a generic interjection.

- (53) *Segamanda, nu ge angad-e!*  
 oh 2SG DSM fall-1/2.IND  
 ‘Oh, you fell!’ (Bradshaw 2007b:79)

### 3.3.2 Open classes

The three open classes are nouns (§3.3.2.1), adjectives (§3.3.2.2) and verbs (§3.3.2.3).

#### 3.3.2.1 Nouns and their modifiers

Proper nouns include autochthonous personal and place names such as *Anama* ‘man’s name’ and *Bidogalamo* ‘Mt. Albert Edward’, *Idiban* ‘village name’, *Honog* ‘clan area name’ and *Udab* ‘river name’. While people have traditional village names, they also have borrowed baptism names such as Desmond and Theresa.

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<sup>11</sup> This loanword is sometimes used in the place of two autochthonous verbs *kod-* ‘excuse (me), clear’ and *tadekel-* ‘excuse (me)’, e.g. *Tadekel-o, na go!* (excuse-POSB 1SG go.POSB) ‘Excuse (me), I’m going!’

Nouns are not marked for number, except for a small subclass, which take the plural enclitic morpheme =*ing* ‘PL’; these are primarily human: *amul* ‘woman’, *an* ‘man/one’, *es* ‘child’, *nanan* ‘person’ and *tubun* ‘ancestor’, or else highly culturally relevant entities: *ovol* ‘pig’, *mad* ‘practice/custom’ and *kupev* ‘sweet potato’. In addition, two human loans may also be marked for plural number: *profet* ‘prophet’, *kalak* ‘clerk/pollster’. Unexpectedly the inherently plural *aked* ‘men/people’ may also be marked (54) for plural. When a noun is modified, the plural marking occurs on the adjective, marking the number for the entire noun phrase (55). The relativiser *dal* ‘REL’ may also be marked for plural as it functions as a pronominal referent to a human argument in a clause (56); pronouns do not behave similarly.

- (54) *va*                    ***akeding***            *owal*                    *gadimote*  
*val*                    *aked=ing*            *owal*                    *ge-adi=mote*  
DIST1:LOC          men=PL            PROX1:LOC            go-CLI:IRR=DESID  
‘those men there were wanting/trying to go here’ (Bradshaw 2007b:140)

- (55) *Amul*            ***hukasing***            *ge*            *halonditi*            *ga.*  
*amul*            *hukas=ing*            *ge*            *halond=ti*            *ge-a*  
woman          many=PL          DSM          garden=ALL          go-3.IND  
‘Many women went to the garden.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:58)

- (56) *hul*                    *susum*            ***daling***            *ende*            *valele*  
*hu-l*                    *susum*            *dal=ing*            *enden*            *val-hele*  
3SG-POSS          thing            REL=PL            also            DIST1:LOC-INCH  
‘the things of those who were first staying there’ (Bradshaw 2007b:170)

Temporal nouns, such as *akolog* ‘now, today’, *alim* ‘yesterday’, *ilati* ‘tomorrow’ and *vomalim* ‘day before yesterday’ (57) are very important to the context, as there is no indication of tense on the verb (cf. §3.3.2.3). Temporals precede the verb (and other arguments for pragmatic reasons).

- (57) *Yi*            ***vomalim***                            *Dominiki=ts*    *tel-e.*  
2PL    day.before.yesterday    Sunday=LOC    come-1/2.IND  
‘The day before yesterday on Sunday you came.’

Noun phrases are modified in various ways. Possessive forms are common, in which the possessor precedes the possessed, such as *an hul falam* (man 3SG.POSS image) ‘man’s image/likeness’. In other cases nouns are juxtaposed to form nominal compounds, such as *amul sol* (woman youth) ‘young woman’; commonly used compounds are often interpreted as one word (e.g. *mam-bab* (mother-father) ‘parent(s)’).



### 3.3.2.2 Adjectives

Fuyug adjectives (approximately 240 according to Bradshaw 2021) cover nearly all of Dixon's (2010:73–74) semantic types, as exemplified below. They always follow the noun they modify, with numbers following other adjectives (e.g. *ovol inog fidan* (pig big one) 'one big pig').

Set	Type	Example	Gloss(es)
A	1. Dimension	<i>sesada</i>	'long'
	2. Age	<i>hasil</i>	'new'
	3. Value	<i>ifan</i>	'good'
	4. Colour	<i>gaga</i>	'orange'
B	5. Physical property	<i>inog</i>	'big'
	6. Human propensity	<i>ambal</i>	'weak'
C	9. Similarity	<i>haben</i>	'other'
	10. Qualification	<i>ateg</i>	'true'
	11. Quantification	<i>hukas</i>	'many'
	12. Position	<i>busal</i>	'far (away), distant'
	13. Cardinal numbers	<i>fidan</i>	'one'

A few of these types are described further below.

#### Dimension

Under the first type, *kitot* 'tiny' indicates progressively smaller size.

- (58) *Kali hilog es kitot.*  
 (person name) still child tiny  
 'Kali is still an infant.'

#### Quantification

In addition to the numerals (yet to be discussed), there are the following non-numeric quantifying adjectives: *hukas* 'a lot' (59), *ongo* 'some, any' (plural form *ongeging*), *ufud* 'much', *ukum* 'enormous' and *utum* 'many (for a crowd)'.

- (59) *Na ge sosol hukas huwan me vil-i.*  
 1SG DSM work much nothing NEG do-CLII:REAL  
 'I did not do a lot of work.' (Bradshaw 2007b:47)

The word *ufud* 'much' is primarily used in the Northeast dialect, but is sometimes used as well in the North/South Udab dialect (cf. Bradshaw 1994).

- (60) *Mad ufud ge hindel-a.*  
 practice much DSM come.out-3.IND  
 'Many things happened.' (Bradshaw 2007b:48)

The word *utum* 'many' is used to describe a large crowd of people, and so is always used with *an* 'man, person'.

- (61) *Amul el an utum hukas al-i!*  
 woman and man many many see-CLII:REAL  
 ‘See the crowd of many people!’ (Bradshaw 2007b:48)

### Qualification

Below, the qualifying adjective *humban* ‘like, so, maybe, possibly, must’ (62) governs the object pronoun *nu* ‘you’.

- (62) *Na nu humban.*  
 1SG 2SG like  
 ‘I am/was like you.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:52)

### Colour

Fuyug colour terms identify hues, rather than specific shades. Most appear to have autochthonous origins, though later loans from English are regularly used (i.e. *blu* ‘blue’ and *grin* ‘green’). The colours are described in Table 14 below, with identification of origin of borrowing, where it is possible to determine. Examples can be found below in the texts: *kogol* (Text 4, line19) and *dub* (Text 4, line 19 and Text 13, lines 2 and 4).

**Table 14: Fuyug colour terms**

Term	Hue	Gloss(es)
<i>foyefo</i>	clear—light	‘white’
<i>kogol</i>	off-light	‘tan, beige, light orange, Caucasian’
<i>yangogne/toyoto</i> <sup>12</sup>	very bright	‘yellow, gold’
<i>gaga</i> <sup>13</sup>	bright	‘orange, light green’
<i>tadana</i>	dull	‘(orange-)red, dark green, brown’
<i>dub</i>	dark	‘(violet-)blue, black’

### Cardinal numbers

The Fuyug language has only two autochthonous cardinal numbers: *fidan* ‘one’ and *yovalo* ‘two’. They can be combined to form ‘three’ through ‘five’; otherwise, English forms are used, as with all numbers past ‘five’.

- (63) *yovalo hul mindan* ‘three’ (lit. ‘two its other one’)  
 (64) *yovalo ta yovalo* ‘four’ (lit. ‘two and two’)  
 (65) *yovalo ta yovalo ta hul mindan* ‘five’ (lit. ‘two and two and its other one’)  
 (Bradshaw 2007b:45)

The number *fidan* ‘one’, when reduplicated has a distributive meaning (66–67).

<sup>12</sup> Note: The term *toyoto* ‘yellow’ has limited use. It may have been coined due to the presence of an old yellow Toyota truck in the area; this term is not used in other areas of the same dialect or in the other dialects.

<sup>13</sup> This is a possible Hiri Motu loan: *kakakaka* ‘red’ (Dutton and Voorhoeve 1974:196).

- (66) *Da kupe fidafidan ne.*  
*da kupev fidan~fidan ne-e*  
 1DL sweet.potato DISTR~one eat-1/2.IND  
 ‘We two each eat sweet potato.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:45)

- (67) *Di teb fidifid fil-i.*  
 1PL sugarcane one.by.one plant-CLII:REAL  
 ‘We planted the sugarcane one-by-one.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:45)

While there are no dedicated ordinals, nevertheless the language can express these concepts through idiomatic expressions (i.e. *hung=iti* (nose=ALL) ‘first’, *isel-hel-e nanan* (follow-INCH-1/2.IND person) ‘second’). Note: These precede the noun, unlike all other adjectives.

Examples of other types include **Age**: *hasil* ‘new’ (70) and (Text 13, lines 46 and 48); **Physical property**: *inog* ‘big’ (13), (Text 4, lines 18–19) and (Text 13, line 110); **Human propensity**: *ambal* ‘weak’ (40); and **Position**: *busal* ‘far’ (Text 13, line 90). There are also numerous antonymic pairs. Below, in Table 15, is a sampling (cf. Bradshaw 2021 for further examples).

**Table 15: Antonymic adjectives**

Positive/lesser	Gloss	Negative/greater	Gloss
<i>daba</i>	‘immature’	<i>fofol</i>	‘ripe’
<i>dub</i>	‘dark’	<i>foyefo</i>	‘white’
<i>fom</i>	‘lightweight’	<i>inamada</i>	‘heavy’
<i>fomal</i>	‘dry’	<i>humbubud</i>	‘wet’
<i>galib</i>	‘little’	<i>inog</i>	‘big’
<i>hasil</i>	‘new’	<i>gen</i>	‘old’
<i>honof</i>	‘short’	<i>sesada</i>	‘long’
<i>hovev</i>	‘straight’	<i>idamene</i>	‘crooked’
<i>ifan</i>	‘good’	<i>koy</i>	‘bad’
<i>kagavan</i>	‘hard’	<i>ambal</i>	‘soft’
<i>mambub</i>	‘cold’	<i>ololo</i>	‘hot’
<i>valol</i>	‘narrow’	<i>dala</i>	‘wide’

Other minor classes include affirmative answer (e.g. *todi* ‘yes’ [or *e* ‘yes’ in Central Udab dialect, cf. (7.04)]); the noun *huwan* ‘nothing’ is used to indicate a negative response) and the discourse marker *ge* ‘differential subject marker’ (cf. Bradshaw 2007b:155–158 for further elaboration; at that time it was analysed as a topic marker). It may indeed be the case that instead *ge* functions similarly to the Doromu-Koki differential subject marker *yaku* (cf. Bradshaw 2024a:451–456); further research is needed.

### 3.3.2.3 Verbs and their modifiers

Fuyug, like other Papuan languages, has two forms of verbs: final and medial. Discussion will begin with the more straightforward final verbs.

#### Final verbs

Final verbs are inflected with person-(number)-mood combination morphemes and one type of aspect as shown in Table 16 below; tense is not indicated, yet time can often be determined from the context. Fuyug verbs are quite simple in comparison to many Papuan languages (although quite comparable to other Southeast Papuan verbs; cf. Bradshaw 2024b and Bradshaw 2025, *inter alia*). However, there is indeed a bit more complexity than will first appear here, due to the use of temporal subordinating enclitics, which will be discussed further below.

**Table 16: Final verbal morphology**

Class	Direction	Stem	Mood/Reality status	Aspect
1	<i>he-</i>	ELEV	-Ø	HYPOTH
	<i>a-</i>	DIR	- <i>e</i>	1/2.IND
			- <i>o</i>	POSB
			- <i>a</i>	3.IND
			- <i>a</i>	2SG.IMP
			- <i>ava</i>	2PL.IMP
			- <i>adi</i>	CLI:IRR
2			- <i>i</i>	CLII:REAL/VBR
			- <i>idi</i>	CLII:IRR
3			- <i>ngo</i>	STAT
			- <i>ong</i>	

As identified in the table, there are three verb classes. The first and third classes are closed, while the second is open. This second class is considered open since the ‘realis’ morpheme *-i* derives a verb from borrowed terms (in which case it is then glossed as ‘verbaliser’). The primary distinction between these first and third classes is the several mood/reality status suffixes used with Class I verbs in contrast to only two suffixes: ‘realis’ and ‘irrealis’ for Class II; the indicative and imperative moods have been neutralised in this class.

The majority of verbs are in Class I. All Class I verbs are marked with *-e* as ‘sequence’<sup>14</sup> (otherwise identified as ‘1/2.IND’) in their lexical citation form or in an unmarked serial verb construction. The majority of these Class I verb stems are composed of at least two phonemes

<sup>14</sup> This morpheme functions much like the coordinating conjunction *el* ‘and’ to form a clause chain (cf. §3.4.1.1), cf. *na ge i ye-e he-tel-e and-e me-e* (1SG DSM tree get-SEQ ELEV-come-SEQ stay-SEQ put-1/2.IND) ‘I got the wood took it up and set it (down)’.

(e.g. *id-* ‘cut’) with the final phoneme being a consonant. Only those four that would not otherwise contain two phonemes (i.e. *ge-* ‘go’, *me-* ‘put’, *ne-* ‘eat’ and *ye-* ‘get’) retain the unmarked form in all zero-marked instances.<sup>15</sup> When a stem is zero-marked for hypothetical epistemic modality (e.g. *ne-∅* ‘eat-HYPOTH’), without this unmarked *-e* retained, a single consonant remains. Single consonants are not considered canonical words. As vowel sequences are not permitted, surface forms of these verbs elide the stem vowel (e.g. *ne-e* (eat-1/2.IND) > *ne* ‘I eat/ate’).

Class III only contains the three positional verbs *and-* ‘stay, sit’, *id-* ‘sleep, lie’ and *yu-* ‘stand’. The first two share mood marking with Class I verbs, while the third *yu-* ‘stand’ is similar to Class II verbs in that *yu-* does not share mood marking with Class I verbs. However, neither does it use the ‘realis’ (or ‘verbaliser’) marking; it is zero-marked for mood. All three of these positional verbs share two characteristics in common: 1) They can be marked with *-ngo* ‘stative’<sup>16</sup> (e.g. *yu-ngo* (stand-STAT) ‘standing’) or 2) function as valence-increasing causative compound verb constructions with the verb *me-* ‘put’ (e.g. *ande-me* (stay-CAUS) ‘make sit down’, *ide-me* (sleep-CAUS) ‘make lie down’, *yu-me* (stand-CAUS) ‘make stand up’). (Note also, that the stem final vowel *e* may accordingly be elided when further suffixes beginning with a vowel are added, e.g. *ande-me-adi* (stay-CAUS-CLI:IRR) > *andemadi* ‘will make sit down’.)

### Medial verbs

Medial verbal morphology is shown in Table 17. The stative, irrealis, hypothetical and imperative moods are not used on medial verbs. The Class III verbs *and-* ‘stay’ and *id-* ‘sleep, lie’ (which are typologically like Class I) are marked the same as Class I verbs, however the verb *yu-* ‘stand’ remains unique in that it does not take any of these markings. Two of the mood suffixes (*-e* ‘1/2.IND’ and *-a* ‘3.IND’) identify person in the medial clause, while all the remaining suffixes do not. All classes end with switch-reference marking, dependent on the subject of the following clause (68–69). Note also that the Class II verbs are not marked for switch-reference.

<sup>15</sup> Note these are all common verbs, readily occurring in serial verb constructions and clause chains.

<sup>16</sup> Use of the alternate *-ong* is mainly limited to the verb *and-* ‘stay’ alone. It is presently considered to be a Central Udab variant of *-ngo* ‘STAT’.

**Table 17: Medial verbal morphology**

Class	Direction	Stem	Mood	Aspect	Switch-reference
1	<i>he-</i>	ELEV	<i>-e</i> 1/2.IND/SEQ	~CV IMPERV	<i>-me</i> SS
	<i>a-</i>	DIR	<i>-o</i> POSB		<i>-ma</i> DS
			<i>-a</i> 3.IND		
2			<i>-i</i> CLII:REAL/VBR		

The switch-reference markers indicate sequentiality of events between clauses. The suffix *-me* indicates ‘same subject’ (68) in the subsequent clause, while the suffix *-ma* indicates ‘different subject’ (cf. Geary 1977:29 for comparison with Kunimaipa).

- (68) *Mu ge biya neme sipak bo amul el an*  
*mu ge biya ne-e-me sipak bol-∅ amul el an*  
 3PL DSM beer eat-SEQ-SS drunk COMP-HYPOTH woman and man
- mu kod tadi.*  
*mu kod et-adi*  
 3PL rebuke say-CLI:IRR  
 ‘They might drink beer and then get drunk and people would rebuke them.’  
 (Bradshaw 2007b:69)

Class I verbs, *-e* ‘1/2.IND’ or *-a* ‘3.IND’ marking, are used before different subject marking, rather than *-e* ‘SEQ’, which is used in conjunction with same subject marking.

- (69) *Di saval av-i=mali sum-o~mo na*  
 1PL mushroom look.for-CLII:REAL=SIM walk-POSB-IMPERV 1SG
- saval hukas hindelema va yungomali.*  
*saval hukas hindel-e-ma val yu-ngo=mali*  
 mushroom many arrive-1/2.IND-DS DIST1:LOC stand-STAT=SIM  
 ‘While we were looking for mushrooms we were walking (around) and I came upon many mushrooms that (lit. while they) were standing there.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:71)

### Directional prefixes

Only three Class I verbs of movement (*ge-* ‘go’, *me-* ‘put’ and *tel-* ‘come’), allow the use of directional prefixes (e.g. *a-me* (DIR-put) ‘put into’, *he-tele* (ELEV-come) ‘come up’ (70) and *hen-ge* (ELEV-go) ‘go up’). For the verbs *tel-* ‘come’ and *ge-* ‘go’ the prefix can be considered the same *he-*; a prenasalisation morphophonemic process is required before a voiced consonant (e.g. *he+ge* > *hen-ge*).

- (70) *Mu sof hasil ye hetela.*  
*mu sof hasil ye-e he-tel-a*  
 3PL axe new get-SEQ ELEV-come-3.IND  
 ‘They bring/brought up the new axe.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:64)

### Mood/reality status

Two verbal suffixes indicate indicative mood: (Class I): *-e* ‘1/2.IND’ (71a) and *-a* ‘3.IND’ (71b); three reality status: (Class II) *-i* ‘realis/verbaliser’ (72), (Classes I and II): *-adi* ‘CLI:IRR’, *-idi* ‘CLII:IRR; and two stative mood: (Class III): *-ng(o)/-ong* (73a–b).

- (71) a. *Di ge yalo ne.*                      b. *Hu ge yalo na.*  
           *di ge yalov ne-e*                      *hu ge yalov ne-a*  
           1PL DSM food eat-1/2.IND        3SG DSM food eat-3.IND  
           ‘We eat/ate food.’                      ‘He eats/ate food.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:63)

As the Class II verbs do not specify indicative or stative moods as do Class I and III respectively, the ‘realis’ suffix *-i* could also be interpreted as including indicative mood.

- (72) *Di ge win-i.*  
       1PL DSM win-CLII:VBR  
       ‘We win/won.’<sup>17</sup> (Bradshaw 2007b:64)

The two Class III stative markers are seen below (73a–b). With consonant-final roots *and-* ‘stay’ and *id-* ‘sleep, lie’ the allomorph *-engo* (which is presently being interpreted as a combination of *-e* ‘SEQ’ + *-ngo* ‘STAT’) occurs, while the vowel-final root *yu-* ‘stand’ takes the allomorph *-ngo*.<sup>18</sup> (The difference between *-ngo* and *-ong* may be due to dialectal variation.)

- (73) a. *Buka yevel kaden hul tu idengo.*  
           *buka=a yevel kaden hu-l =tu id-e-ngo*  
           book=CF PROX2.above:LOC carton 3SG-POSS =ADESS sleep-SEQ-STAT  
           ‘The book is lying right up here on top of the box.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:64)
- b. *Sikuliti val andong.*  
       *sikul=iti val and-ong.*  
       school=ILL DIST1:LOC stay-STAT  
       ‘I was staying there in the school.’

There are two irrealis markers in the North/South Udaab dialect according to the class of verb used (Class I *-adi* or Class II *-idi*). Irrealis is not indicated on Class III verbs.

- (74) a. *di ge omel gadi*                      b. *odel yi udidi?*  
           *di ge omel ge-adi*                      *odel yi ud-idi*  
           1PL DSM DIST2:LOC go-CLI:IRR        where 2PL carry-CLII:IRR  
           ‘we will go over there’                      ‘where are you carrying (it)?’

<sup>17</sup> The verb *win-* is a Hiri Motu loan (*uini* ‘win’ (DGHM 1976:80)).

<sup>18</sup> Specific nouns must co-occur with a particular positional verb according to its natural characteristics (e.g. *hindif* ‘knife’ co-occurs with *id-* ‘lie’). Others, such as human beings, may occur with any positional verb (e.g. *an and-e-ngo* (man stay-SEQ-STAT) ‘the man sits’, *an id-e-ngo* (man lie-SEQ-STAT) ‘the man lies down’ and *an yu-ngo* (man stand-STAT) ‘the man stands’).

As some of the texts below are from other dialects, it should be noted that these two markers have dialectal variants: Class I: Central Udab dialect *-ats* (cf. Text 1) versus West dialect *-ati* (cf. Text 5); Class II: Central Udab dialect *-its* (cf. Text 3) versus presumably *-iti* for the West dialect, although not occurring in the texts; note however another Central Udab dialect variant *-iti* used with the verb *gadel-* ‘wrap’ in Text 16.

Epistemic modality includes  $-\emptyset$  ‘hypothetical’ (75) and *-o* ‘possibilitative’ (76). Hypothetical is zero-marked; these bare verb stems are used in procedural texts in conjunction with the completive aspect marker *bol-* (COMP). This combination is used for a formulaic construction such as building a house (cf. Text 16 below).

- (75) *Fulumad*            *bo*                    *ge*    *kowi*.<sup>19</sup>  
*Fulumad- $\emptyset$*         *bol- $\emptyset$*                 *ge*    *kow-i*.  
 finish-HYPOTH    COMP-HYPOTH    DSM   close-CLII:VBR  
 ‘Once he is finished, then he will close (it) off.’

The possibilitative indicates that until an action is complete, there is uncertainty that it will actually happen. It is often also used as a polite imperative strategy; it is obligatory to include the first person subject pronoun while subject pronouns are not included with imperatives (see below).

- (76) *Telo*                *di*    *go*.  
*tel-o*                    *di*    *ge-o*  
 come-POSB        1PL   go-POSB  
 ‘Come, let’s go.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:65)

Deontic modality includes the two imperative moods (also Class I): *-a* ‘2SG.IMP’ (77a) and *-ava* ‘2PL.IMP’ (77b). Mood is not indicated on Class II verbs.

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| <p>(77) a. <i>Kupe</i>                <i>ye</i>    <i>hetela!</i><br/> <i>kupev</i>                    <i>ye</i>    <i>he-tel-a</i><br/>         sweet.potato    get    ELEV-come-2SG.IMP<br/>         ‘Bring up the sweet potato!’<br/>         (Bradshaw 2007b:65)</p> | <p>b. <i>Apa</i>                <i>yi</i>    <i>nom</i>    <i>gava!</i><br/> <i>apa</i>                    <i>yi</i>    <i>nom</i>    <i>ge-ava</i><br/>         enough    2PL    RECIP   go-2PL.IMP<br/>         ‘Well you yourselves go!’<br/>         (Bradshaw 2007b:66)</p> |
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## Aspect

The only aspectual marking is the reduplicative  $\sim$ CV ‘imperfective’, which only follows the Class I mode marking *-e* ‘1/2.IND/SEQ’ (78a) or modality marking *-o* ‘possibilitative’ (78b).

<sup>19</sup> The verb *kow-* ‘close’ is a Hiri Motu loan (*koua* ‘close; block; hinder; cover; bar way; clog’ (DGHM 1976:35, 52)).



- (78) a. *yil hod ge fuful meme*  
*yi-l hod ge fuful me-e~me*  
 2PL-POSS skin DSM pain put-SEQ~IMPERV  
 ‘your body is/was in pain/sore’
- b. *yalo hene tul ind nono*  
*yalov hene tul ind-Ø ne-o~no*  
 food some sell give-HYPOTH eat-POSB~IMPERV  
 ‘we were going to buy some food to eat’

Additionally there are two aspectual strategies: ‘completive’ (e.g. *ge bol-e* (go COMP-1/2.IND) ‘went’), derived from the verb *bol-* meaning ‘leave’, and ‘inchoative’ derived from the verb *hel-* ‘become’. The completive has already been observed co-occurring with -Ø ‘hypothetical’ above; it serves as a means of indicating past time.

- (79) *Huni ge yu hele bole enti ga.*  
*hu-ni ge yuv hel-e bol-e em=ti ge-a*  
 3SG-EMPH DSM water become-SEQ COMP-SEQ house=ALL go-3.IND  
 ‘He finished washing and then went in the house.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:68)

The inchoative aspectual marker *-hel* is a grammaticalisation of the verb *hel-* ‘become’<sup>20</sup> (cf. Berghäll 2015:50, 56, 134, 136–8 and Payne 1997:95), indicating beginning an action and glossed as ‘first’. In (80), *owal* ‘here’ is where the participants were living when they began to take a walk. As in this example, inchoative marking is primarily used on locatives (with 80% representation in the paper) or locations (cf. text 12) as well as some verbs (cf. texts 5, 12 and 16) and an adjective (cf. text 13).

- (80) *Di Christian, an hukas, hale sol=ing, di hale*  
 1PL Christian person many young.man youth=PL 1PL young.man
- sol hukas, owalele Woitapiti andong*  
*sol hukas owal-hel-e Woitap=ti and-ong*  
 youth many PROX1:LOC-INCH-SEQ (place.name)=ALL stay-STAT
- val walk bole val heng.*<sup>21</sup>  
*val walk bol-e val he-ge-e*  
 DIST1:LOC walk COMP-SEQ DIST1:LOC ELEV-go-1/2.IND  
 ‘We Christians, many people, young people, we many young people,  
 living (or ‘first staying’) here in Woitape, walked and went up there.’

<sup>20</sup> The verb *hel-* ‘become’ is commonly used in adjunct + verb combinations (e.g. *ambul hel-* (only become) ‘be about to’, *holof hel-* (dance become) ‘dance’, *inog hel-* (big become) ‘grow, increase’, *em hel-* (house become) ‘build house’, *huwan hel-* (nothing become) ‘disappear’, *ifan hel-* (good become) ‘become well’, *sal hel-* (sick become) ‘get sick’, *yalam hel-* (show become) ‘show’ and *yu hel-* (water become) ‘wash’).

<sup>21</sup> Note: Often in rapid speech the final vowel in the final verb (and elsewhere) is elided.



*bole im Moresby silol ye.*  
*bol-e im Moresby silol ye-e*  
 COMP-SEQ DIST2.below:LOC Port.Moresby jump get-1/2.IND  
 ‘While they came I first took the plane there and landed down over  
 there in Port Moresby.’

With Class I verbs, the future sequential enclitic =*menenga* semantically requires the possibilitive -*o* ‘POSB’; it may also occur after -*i* ‘realis’ with Class II verbs (cf. [Text 4, line 3] and [Text 7, line 13]), since these verbs do not take such marking.

(84) *Oke yi-ni ge tel-o=menenga na ge yi talaka*  
 okay 2PL-EMPH DSM come-POSB=FUT.SEQ 1SG DSM 2PL car

*yeye bo ome Mamba ome*  
*ye-e~ye bol-Ø omel Mamba omel*  
 get-SEQ~IMPERV COMP-HYPOTH DIST2:LOC (place.name) DIST2:LOC

*me hindele.*  
*me-e hindele-e*  
 put-SEQ arrive-1/2.IND

‘Okay, you will come and then I will take you in my car way over there to Mamba.’

### Subordinating conjunction

The subordinating conjunction =*malala* ‘conditional’, often glossed as ‘if’, semantically requires =*mali* ‘SIM’ (cf. (49), (85) and [Text 9, line 8]). This conjunction usually also requires use of the conjunction *otunga* ‘if’ at the beginning of the clause.

(85) *Otunga bul dede dub ang-o=mali=malala mu ge imbad*  
 if/when land later dark remain-POSB=SIM=COND 3PL DSM possum

*had-adi.*  
 hit-CLI:IRR

‘Later once if/when it gets dark then they might kill possum.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:70)

### Epistemic and deontic modalities

The epistemic modality =*note* ‘purposive’ and deontic modality =*mote* ‘desiderative’ both semantically require irrealis as their complement (cf. (19), (54), [Text 16, line 1] and [Text 17, line 5] respectively). The purposive indicates ‘in order to’ do something.

(86) *Na nu alidinote teseniti ge.*  
*na nu al-idi=note tesen=ti ge-e*  
 1SG 2SG see-CLII:IRR=PURP station=ALL go-1/2.IND  
 I went to the station in order to see you.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:74)

The desiderative enclitic =*mote* denotes ‘wanting, desiring’ to do something that is as yet unactualised; thus the outcome is uncertain, requiring the use of irrealis.

- (87) *An hene ge em hel-adi=mote ge bul kilin-i.*<sup>22</sup>  
 man some DSM house become-CLI:IRR=DESID DSM land clean-CLII:VBR  
 ‘When someone (lit. one man) wants to build a house he has to clear (lit. clean) the land.’

### Complex predicates

As with other Papuan languages, adjunct + verb combinations and serial verb constructions are quite common in Fuyug.

### Adjunct + verb combinations

Adjunct + verb combinations are constructions composed of a noun or adjective complement and a light verb. There are at least 22 such light verbs used in these constructions; the most common being the verb *et-* ‘say’ (88). In the Fuyug dictionary (Bradshaw 2021) over 200 of these combinations are attested. Examples of some of these can be seen in Table 18 below.

- (88) *Amuling ge ilav hukas gulun ta.*  
*amul=ing ge ilav hukas gulun et-a*  
 woman=PL DSM necklace many neck say-3.IND  
 ‘Women wear a lot of necklaces on the neck.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:85)

**Table 18: Adjunct + verb combinations**

Adjunct + verb combination			Gloss
<i>fun</i>	<i>al-e</i>	(odour perceive)	‘smell’
<i>gom</i>	<i>al-i</i>	(vomit see-VBR)	‘vomit’
<i>meng</i>	<i>ame-</i>	(spell put.into)	‘cast spell’
<i>emb</i>	<i>and-</i>	(yawn stay)	‘yawn’
<i>us</i>	<i>ang-</i>	(death remain)	‘die’
<i>eyag</i>	<i>et-</i>	(laugh say)	‘laugh’
<i>ida</i>	<i>ge-</i>	(cut go)	‘be about to’
<i>av</i>	<i>had-</i>	(word hit)	‘talk’
<i>alul</i>	<i>hel-</i>	(snore become)	‘snore’
<i>ninik</i>	<i>hem-</i>	(sew shoot)	‘sew’
<i>malel</i>	<i>hid-</i>	(letter pick)	‘write’
<i>imal</i>	<i>id-</i>	(day cut)	‘sleep’
<i>tul</i>	<i>ind-i-</i>	(sell give-VBR)	‘sell’
<i>fut</i>	<i>me-</i>	(blow put)	‘blow’
<i>sesen</i>	<i>mal-</i>	(revealed/shown cause)	‘give birth to’
<i>fili</i>	<i>tel-</i>	(roll come)	‘unwrap’
<i>av</i>	<i>tod-</i>	(word split)	‘interrupt’
<i>silol</i>	<i>ye-</i>	(jump get)	‘jump’

Some occur in combination with another verb (cf. discussion of serial verbs below), primarily either as a simple verb + an adjunct + verb combination (89), or an adjunct + verb combination + a simple verb (90).

<sup>22</sup> The verb *kilin-* ‘clean’ is most likely an English loanword.

- (89) *Na i yov ye<sub>v</sub> [gulun te]<sub>AVC</sub>*  
*na i iyov ye-e gulun et-e*  
 1SG tree vine get-SEQ neck say-1/2.IND  
 ‘I tightened the vine.’ (Bradshaw 2021:13)
- (90) *Na tapu [ban indil]<sub>AVC</sub> ame<sub>v</sub>*  
*na tapu ban ind-i-l a-me-e*  
 1SG clothing back give-CLII:REAL-LINK DIR-put-1/2.IND  
 ‘I hid (lit. gave backside to) the clothes.’ (Bradshaw 2021:4)

### Serial verb constructions

Two or three verbs considered as one conceptual unit are juxtaposed to form a serial verb construction (SVC). The component verbs are unmarked (or what could alternately be considered marked as *-e* ‘sequential’, e.g. *al-i et-* (see-VBR say-) ‘call’ or *ye-e he-tel-e me-* (get-SEQ ELEV-come-SEQ put-) ‘bring up’). There are approximately 30 listed in the Fuyug dictionary (Bradshaw 2021), though in practice they are very common. By far, the first verb in an SVC is most commonly the verb *ye* ‘get’. Note that the location of the negative limits the scope of the SVC (91).

- (91) *Na ol ye<sub>v1</sub> hetele<sub>v2</sub> meme me<sub>v3</sub>*  
*na ol ye-e he-tel-e meme me-e*  
 1SG firewood get-SEQ ELEV-come-SEQ NEG put-1/2.IND  
 ‘I brought up firewood and did not put it down.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:88)

### 3.4 Clauses

Fuyug has both verbal and verbless clauses. Other important clause types include speech report, relative clauses and complementation.

#### 3.4.1 Verbal clauses

Constituent order in a verbal clause is as shown below in (92). Only the transitive/intransitive subject and verb/adjunct + verb combination are obligatory.

- |      | A/S                           | (O)                  | (E)                  | (OBL)          |
|------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| (92) | <i>Na ge kupe</i>             | <i>ongo hale-sol</i> | <i>endanti</i>       |                |
|      | <i>na ge kupe<sub>v</sub></i> | <i>ongo hale-sol</i> | <i>em=dam=ti</i>     |                |
|      | 1SG DSM                       | sweet.potato         | some young.man-youth | house=ELAT=ALL |

(ADV) V/AVC

*fidanti indi.*

*fidanti ind-i*

quickly give-CLII:REAL

‘I quickly gave the young man some sweet potato outside.’

### 3.4.1.1 Clause chaining

In common with Papuan typology (cf. Bradshaw 2024b), narratives in particular allow for clauses strung together with sequential (as a means of linking verbs into an SVC), simultaneous and switch reference markings. In (93), seven clauses are strung together to form one long ‘same subject’ sentence, while in (94) we see the same strategy with ‘different subject’ marking.

- (93) *[Mu ge ilof hene ide]*<sub>CL1</sub> *[ye tele]*<sub>CL2</sub> *[yu hul*  
*mu ge ilof hene id-e ye-e tel-e yuv hu-l*  
 3PL DSM before some cut-SEQ get-SEQ come-SEQ water 3SG-POSS
- hod udeme]*<sub>CL3</sub> *[ye tele]*<sub>CL4</sub> *[vom isusi*  
*hod ud-e-me ye-e tel-e vom isus-i*  
 skin carry-SEQ-SS get-SEQ come-SEQ behind.below:LOC hide-CLII:REAL
- bole]*<sub>CL5</sub> *[tele]*<sub>CL6</sub> *[va nu bidi]*<sub>CL7</sub>.  
*bol-e tel-e val nu bid-i*  
 COMP-SEQ come-SEQ DIST1:LOC 2SG lie-CLII:REAL
- ‘They already cut some (skins for water) and brought (them) and carried the water skins and brought (them) and completely hid (them) back down there and came and over there (near you they) lied to you (about it).’ (Bradshaw 2007b:165)
- (94) *Alime ale soli ball ye bole kolosima*  
*Alim ale sol=ing ball ye-e bol-e kolos-i-ma*  
 yesterday young.man youth=PL ball get-SEQ COMP-SEQ play-CLII:REAL-DS
- ale sol hene yu bole ball adama ball*  
*ale sol hene yu bol-e ball ad-a-ma ball*  
 young.man youth some stand COMP-SEQ ball hit-3.IND-DS ball
- fulima teacher yu bole bell adama di esing*  
*ful-i-ma teacher yu bol-e bell ad-a-ma di es=ing*  
 fly-CLII:REAL-DS teacher stand COMP-SEQ bell hit-3.IND-DS 1PL child=PL
- lainiti yuma, teacher eta, “Esing dali muni ball*  
*lain=ti yu-ma teacher et-a es=ing dal=ing mu-ni ball*  
 line=ALL stand-DS teacher say-3.IND child=PL REL=PL 3PL-EMPH ball
- ada kolosi owal telava.*  
*ad-a kolos-i owal tel-ava*  
 hit-3.IND play-CLII:REAL PROX1:LOC come-2PL.IMP
- ‘Yesterday the boys took the ball and were playing (with it) and one boy stood and kicked (lit. hit) the ball and the ball went flying and a teacher was standing (there) and rang (lit. hit) a bell and we children stood in line and the teacher said, “The children who played kicking (lit. hitting) the ball come here.”’

### 3.4.2 Verbless clauses

A nonverbal clause marks the A/S with the emphatic marker *-ni*. It is thus considered the topic (cf. §3.3.1.1).

- (95) *Na-ni tityel.*  
 1SG-EMPH teacher  
 ‘I am a teacher.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:91)

### 3.4.3 Other clause types

Three important clause types will be briefly discussed: speech report, relative clauses and complementation.

#### 3.4.3.1 Speech report

Occasionally direct speech is marked by the recipient postposition *anang* (96); otherwise it is unmarked. Indirect speech is always unmarked.

- (96) *Ta dal hu-ni va fanime anang et-adi, “Mu...*  
 but who 3SG-EMPH that poor.one REC say-CLI:IRR 3PL  
 ‘But who will tell that poor one, “They...” (Bradshaw 2007b:165)

- (97) *Mu tama Maf ge mul av alem*  
*mu et-a-ma Maf ge mu-l av al-e-me*  
 3PL say-3.IND-DS (person. name) DSM 3PL-POSS word hear-SEQ-SS

*eta todi.*  
*et-a todi*  
 say-3.IND yes

‘They said (this) and Maf listened to them and said yes.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:165)

#### 3.4.3.2 Relative clauses

Fuyug relative clauses are primarily restrictive; they are also external post-nominal, marked by the relativiser *dal* (which also functions as the interrogative ‘who’; cf. §3.3.1.5). Relative clauses in Fuyug occur in the four primary argument slots: transitive/intransitive subject, object, extended argument (or ‘indirect object’) and oblique (98).

- (98) *Di akolog owal dil buti, [dal aning mu ge*  
*di akolog owal di-l bul=ti dal an=ing mu ge*  
 1PL now PROX1:LOC 1PL-POSS place=ALL REL man=PL 3PL DSM

*sosol hukas yeye*]<sub>RC</sub>                      *di yalo huwa.*  
*sosol hukas ye-e~ye*                      *di yalov huwan*  
 work much get-SEQ~IMPERV 1PL food nothing  
 ‘Now we here in our place, where people are working very hard (lit. much),  
 (and) do not have any food.’ (Bradshaw 2007b:119)

### 3.4.3.3 Complementation

There is no marking of complementation in Fuyug; the complement fills the object argument slot (99).

- (99) *Na-l huwal hu-l godel-a [hu ge tel-adi]*<sub>CC</sub>.  
 1SG-POSS heart 3SG-POSS want-3.IND 3SG DSM come-CLI:IRR  
 ‘I want him to come (lit. ‘My heart’s desire is that he will come’).’  
 (Bradshaw 2007b:114)

Most areas of the language have been briefly covered except discourse (cf. Bradshaw 1999a and Bradshaw 2007b:122–162 for further discussion). While this analysis has been based on Bradshaw 2007b, there are some variances (e.g. inchoative, differential subject marking, nominaliser, etc.) due to the further research involved in analysing the texts below.



## 4. Texts

Numerous texts were collected in the Fuyug language, particularly audio<sup>23</sup> in the early years of research on the language—from 1988 to 1991—and later written texts.<sup>24</sup> From 1988–1989, I resided in the village of Lolof, in the Honong (Ononge)<sup>25</sup> area. In 1991, my wife, Betsy, and I moved to the village of Idiban in the Woitap (Woitape) area. This involved learning a new dialect for me, and a new language for my wife. Research into the dialect situation began in 1989 and was completed in 1994 (cf. Bradshaw 1994). My wife and I last resided in the language area in 1999. The selected texts begin with recordings from the first dialect area in which I resided (Central Udab) and then move on to recordings from the second dialect area in which we resided (North/South Udab), as well as one visited during a survey trip (West dialect). The majority of the texts are of the narrative genre; some others recorded here include procedural and epistolary genres. I had hoped to include some hortatory text, however, regrettably the cassette recording quality was very poor (cf. Bradshaw 1988).<sup>26</sup> Approximately 50 pages of interlinearised texts are included below.

### 4.1 First-person narrative texts

The first 12 texts are short first-person narratives (narrative/descriptive genre; cf. Bradshaw 2007:122–125) in which speakers give details of immediately past or near future events. They were all recorded in the village of Lolof, in the Honong (Ononge) area of the Central Udab dialect (cf. Bradshaw 1994).

#### 4.1.1 Text 1

This first text was spoken by Vali Kasmiro (F, ~40 years of age) in 1988. She discussed the schedule for a *gab* ‘feast’, a very pervasive part of the culture (cf. Bradshaw 1989, Hirsch 1985, Fastre 1939). Note the use of the emphatic marking *-ni*, primarily marking pronouns, here in line 1 being used on a proper noun (cf. §3.3.1.1).

(1.01)	<i>Robert,</i>	<i>akolog</i>	<i>Tusde</i>	<i>Evesni</i>	<i>mu</i>	<i>nang</i>	<i>akolog</i>	<i>Tusde</i>
	<i>Robert</i>	<i>akolog</i>	<i>Tusde</i>	<i>Eves-ni</i>	<i>mu</i>	<i>anang</i>	<i>akolog</i>	<i>Tusde</i>
	(name)	now	Tuesday	(place.name)-EMPH	3PL	REC	now	Tuesday

<sup>23</sup> Over seven hours.

<sup>24</sup> 158 pages of native-authored materials.

<sup>25</sup> Bracketed alternate spellings of place names indicate the traditional spellings used by the Roman Catholic mission (cf. Bradshaw 1994). These spellings appear to represent a French transliteration. The other spellings provide a more phonemic representation, but because of long-standing tradition, both uses are provided for clarification.

<sup>26</sup> All the recordings are now in digital format and most are of reasonably good quality; they are archived at: <https://reap.sil.org/handle/9284745/99777>.

*gadal-i holof hel-a.*  
 play-CLII:VBR dance become-3.IND  
 ‘Robert, today Tuesday, (the people of) Eves (village), today Tuesday (they) (will) play<sup>27</sup> and dance for them.’

(1.02) *Tuts Wensde Kakod mu nang holof helats.*  
*Tuts Wensde Kakod mu anang holof hel-ats.*  
 tomorrow Wednesday (place.name) 3PL REC dance become-CLI:IRR  
 ‘Tomorrow on Wednesday (the people of) Kakod (village), (they) will dance for them.’

(1.03) *Trausde Honong mu nang holof helats.*  
*Trausde Honong mu anang holof hel-ats.*  
 Thursday (place.name) 3PL REC dance become-CLI:IRR  
 ‘On Thursday, (the people of) Honong (Ononge), (they) will dance for them.’

(1.04) *Honong e Ginal holof helats.*  
 (place.name) and (place.name) dance become-CLI:IRR  
 ‘(The people of) Honong (Ononge) and (the people of) Ginal (village) will dance.’

(1.05) *Fared Mandad Mavo mu nang Fared holof helats.*  
*Fared Mandad Mavo mu anang Fared holof hel-ats.*  
 Friday (name) (name) 3PL REC Friday dance become-CLI:IRR  
 ‘On Friday (the people of) Mandad and Mavo (villages), (they) will dance for them on Friday.’

(1.06) *Gig.*  
 enough  
 ‘That’s all.’

#### 4.1.2 Text 2

This second text was also spoken by Vali Kasmiro (F, ~40 years old) in 1988. Here she mentions a trip to the village to get food after attending the *gab* ‘feast’. Note the use of the nominaliser (cf. §3.3.2.3) in lines 1 and 2, as well as inchoative marking (cf. §3.3.2.3) in line 1.

(2.01) *Na yol holof alilung bole*  
*na yol holof al-i~li-ung bol-e*  
 1SG DIST2.above:LOC dance see-CLII:REAL~IMPERV-NOMZ COMP-SEQ

<sup>27</sup> The verb *gadal-* ‘play’ is a Hiri Motu loan (*gadara* ‘play games/musical instrument; game; sport’ (DGHM 1976:30)).

*tele, ge obelele handiti yung.*  
*tel-e ge obel-hel-e hand=ti yu-ngo*  
 come-SEQ DSM PROX2:LOC-INCH-SEQ garden-ALL stand-STAT  
 ‘I was up over there and finished watching the dance and I came, and I  
 was first standing right here in the garden.’

- (2.02) *Handiti ol yemali kupe ulilung*  
*hand=ti ol ye-e=mali kupev ul-i~li-ung*  
 garden=ALL firewood get-SEQ-SIM sweet.potato dig-CLII:REAL~IMPERV-NOMZ

*bole ye hetele.*  
*bol-e ye-e he-tel-e.*  
 COMP-SEQ get-SEQ ELEV-come-1/2.IND  
 ‘While I got firewood in the garden I first finished harvesting (lit. digging)  
 sweet potato and I brought (lit. get come) them up (here).’

- (2.03) *Ge apa.*  
 DSM enough  
 ‘That’s all.’

#### 4.1.3 Text 3

This third text was spoken by Tom Emilian E (M, ~20 years old) in 1988. This is a slightly longer text as Tom elaborates on the major events of his day from beginning to end. Note the use of the loan *rawun-* ‘land’ (line 3), derived from the English *round*, and the Central Udab stative variant *-ong* (line 10).

- (3.01) *Na akolog buganing nu malel ye heng.*  
*na akolog buganing nu-l malel ye-e he-ge-e*  
 1SG now morning 2SG-POSS letter get-SEQ ELEV-go-1/2.IND  
 ‘This morning I took your letters up (there).’

- (3.02) *Y-e heng yol hindel.*  
*ye-e he-ge-e yol hindel-e*  
 get-SEQ ELEV-go-SEQ DIST2.above:LOC arrive-1/2.IND  
 ‘I took (them) and arrived up over there.’

- (3.03) *Pelen hetele rawunima na ye heng*  
*pelen he-tel-e rawun-i-ma na ye-e he-ge-e*  
 aeroplane ELEV-come-SEQ land-CLII:VBR-DS 1SG get-SEQ ELEV-go-1/2.IND

*yol kof hu-l em songol hindel-e~le.*  
 DIST2.above:LOC coffee 3SG-POSS house under arrive-1/2.IND~IMPERV  
 ‘A plane came up and landed and I took (them) up over there and I was arriving  
 below the coffee shed (lit. house).’

- (3.04) *Pelen telema na tele andeme ga.*  
*pelen tel-e-ma na tel-e and-e-me-e ge-a*  
 aeroplane come-SEQ-DS 1SG come-SEQ stay-SEQ-CAUS-SEQ go-3.IND  
 ‘The plane came and I came to where it went.’
- (3.05) *G-a-ma na val and-e-ma pelen yol*  
*ge-a-ma na val and-e-ma pelen yol*  
 go-3.IND-DS 1SG DIST1:LOC stay-SEQ-DS aeroplane DIST2.above:LOC  
*tel-a.*  
 come-3.IND  
 ‘It came (lit. went) and I stayed back there (and) the plane came up over there.’
- (3.06) *Fan=ts, vom Fan=ts tel-a.*  
 (place.name)=LOC behind.below:LOC (place.name)=LOC come-3.IND  
 ‘From Fane (mission station), it came from back down there at Fane.’
- (3.07) *Fan=ts tel-e bol-e yu.*  
 (place.name)=LOC come-SEQ COMP-SEQ stand  
 ‘It came from Fane and stopped (lit. stood) (there).’
- (3.08) *Yume na malel ye henge indi*  
*yu-me-e na malel ye-e he-ge-e ind-i*  
 stand-CAUS-SEQ 1SG letter get-SEQ ELEV-go-SEQ give-CLII:REAL  
*bol-e.*  
 COMP-1/2.IND  
 ‘I stood (there) and took (the letters) up and gave (them to the pilot).’
- (3.09) *Henge omel sikuliti.*  
*he-ge-e omel sikul=ti.*  
 ELEV-go-1/2.IND DIST2:LOC school=ALL  
 ‘(Then) I went up over there into the school.’
- (3.10) *Sikuliti val andong.*  
*sikul=ti val and-ong*  
 school=ALL DIST1:LOC stay-STAT  
 ‘I was staying there in the school.’
- (3.11) *Ge ol ye hetela.*  
*ge ol ye-e he-tel-a*  
 DSM firewood get-SEQ ELEV-come-3.IND  
 ‘(Then) firewood was brought up.’
- (3.12) *And-e-ma mu Yuvenis ind-i.*  
 stay-SEQ-DS 3PL (place.name) give-CLII:REAL  
 ‘I stayed and (they) gave it (the pig) to (the people of) Yuvenis.’

- (3.13) *Yuvenis indi bole yalo muli.*  
*Yuvenis ind-i bol-e yalov mul-i.*  
 (place.name) give-CLII:REAL COMP-SEQ food cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL  
 ‘(They) finished giving (it) to (the people of) Yuvenis and then cooked the food on stones (in earth oven).’
- (3.14) *Mul-i-ma Eves-ni tel-a.*  
 cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL-DS (place.name)-EMPH come-3.IND  
 ‘They cooked (the food) on stones and (the people of) Eves (village) came.’
- (3.15) *Telam mu yol sikuliti anda.*  
*tel-a-me mu yol sikul=ti and-a*  
 come-3.IND-SS 3PL DIST2.above:LOC school=ALL stay-3.IND  
 ‘They came and sat up over there at the school.’
- (3.16) *Es mul havond yumomung bole,*  
*es mu-l havond yu-me-o~mo-ung bol-e*  
 child 3pl-POSS bird.of.paradise stand-CAUS-POSB~IMPERV-NOMZ COMP-SEQ  
  
*ye hindela.*  
*ye-e hindel-a*  
 get-SEQ come.out-3.IND  
 ‘The children finished raising (lit. standing) up their Bird of Paradise (feathers), and then they brought (them) out.’
- (3.17) *Hindel holof helelung, holof*  
*hindel-e holof hel-e~le-ung, holof*  
 arrive-SEQ dance become-SEQ~IMPERV-NOMZ dance  
  
*helelung.*  
*hel-e~le-ung*  
 become-SEQ~IMPERV-NOMZ  
 ‘They arrived and were dancing, they were dancing.’
- (3.18) *Holof helema nu heng.*  
*holof hel-a-ma nu he-ge-e*  
 dance become-3.IND-DS 2SG ELEV-go-1/2.IND  
 ‘They danced and then you came up.’
- (3.19) *Nu heng val hindelele ende holof fidan*  
*nu he-ge-e val hindel-e~le enden holof fidan*  
 2SG ELEV-go-SEQ DIST1:LOC arrive-SEQ~IMPERV also dance one  
  
*e yoval hele bole flumata*  
*el yovalo hel-e bol-e flumat-a*  
 and two become-SEQ COMP-SEQ finish-3.IND  
 ‘You went up back there and approached just as the last one dance or (lit. and) two was finished.’

- (3.20) *Flumat-e and-e=mali da tel-e.*  
 finish-SEQ stay-SEQ=SIM 1DL come-1/2.IND  
 ‘Once it was finished while we were staying, we two came (back).’
- (3.21) *Da tel-e yol hindel bol-e nu hamb*  
*da tel-e yol hindel-e bol-e nu hamb*  
 1DL come-SEQ DIST2.above:LOC come.out-SEQ COMP-SEQ 2SG banana  
  
*yoval itel hene na indimali nu nang hene ne*  
*yoval itel-e hene na ind-i=mali nu anang hene ne-e*  
 two pull-SEQ some 1SG give-CLII:REAL=SIM 2SG REC some eat-SEQ  
  
*bol-e.*  
 COMP -1/2.IND  
 ‘We two came up over there and then you pulled out two bananas and while (you) gave some to me you took some for you(rself) and ate (it).’
- (3.22) *Da tel-e.*  
 1DL come-1/2.IND  
 ‘We two came.’
- (3.23) *Da tel-e owal hindel bol-e.*  
*da tel-e owal hindel-e bol-e*  
 1DL come-SEQ PROX1:LOC arrive-SEQ COMP-1/2.IND  
 ‘We two came and arrived here.’
- (3.24) *Na ete, “Robert, andemali na go ol*  
*na et-e Robert and-e=mali na ge-o ol*  
 1SG say-1/2.IND (person.name) stay-SEQ=SIM 1SG go-POSB firewood  
  
*y-ats.”*  
*ye-ats*  
 get-CLI:IRR  
 ‘I said, “Robert, while you stay I will go to get firewood.”’
- (3.25) *Velme na ge omel ol yats ge*  
*Velime na ge omel ol ye-ats ge-e*  
 so 1SG DSM DIST2:LOC firewood get-CLI:IRR go-SEQ  
  
*omel hindel bole.*  
*omel hindel-e bol-e*  
 DIST2:LOC arrive COMP-1/2.IND  
 ‘So I arrived over there to get firewood there.’
- (3.26) *Na hemel ye bole ge omel ovol filng alits*  
*Na hemel ye-e bol-e ge omel ovol filng al-its*  
 1SG spear get-SEQ COMP-SEQ DSM DIST2:LOC pig wild see-CLII:IRR

*g-e.*

*ge-e*

go-1/2.IND

‘I took a spear and then I went over there to look for wild pigs.’

- (3.27) *Ge omel hindel huwan ali bole*  
*ge omel hindel-e huwan al-i bol-e*  
 DSM DIST2:LOC arrive-SEQ nothing see-CLII:REAL COMP-1/2.IND

*hetele.*

*he-tel-e*

ELEV-come-1/2.IND

‘I arrived over there and I didn’t see anything and I came up.’

- (3.28) *He-tel-e omel ol it-e bol-e na*  
 ELEV-come-SEQ DIST2:LOC firewood cut-SEQ COMP-SEQ 1SG

*kupe uli bole.*

*kupev ul-i bol-e*

sweet.potato dig-CLII:REAL COMP-1/2.IND

‘I came up over there and cut firewood and then I harvested (lit. dug) sweet potato.’

- (3.29) *Handiti bole ye hetele.*  
*hand=ti bol-e ye-e he-tel-e*  
 garden=ALL leave-SEQ get-SEQ ELEV-come-1/2.IND  
 ‘I left the gardens and brought (it) up.’

- (3.30) *Ye hetele me bole.*  
*ye-e he-tel-e me-e bol-e*  
 get-SEQ ELEV-come-SEQ put-SEQ COMP-1/2.IND  
 ‘I brought (it) up and set (it) down.’

- (3.31) *Val teleme da ande av haded.*  
*val tel-e-me da and-e av had-e~de*  
 DIST1:LOC come-1/2.IND-SS 1DL stay-SEQ word hit-1/2.IND~IMPERV  
 ‘I came there and we two sat and were talking.’

- (3.32) *Gig.*  
 enough  
 ‘That’s all’

#### 4.1.4 Text 4

This fourth text was spoken by Vali Kasmiro (F, ~40 years old) in 1988. She gives further elaboration on her activities during the *gab* ‘feast’. Note the contiguous use of *bol-* ‘COMP’ and *bol-* ‘leave’ (line 7).

- (4.01) *Di amul alim Mond yalo ye.*  
*di amul alim Mond yalov ye-e*  
 1PL woman yesterday Monday food get-1/2.IND  
 ‘Yesterday. Monday, we women collected (lit. got) food.’
- (4.02) *Ye heng andemomung bole.*  
*ye-e he-ge-e and-e-me-o~mo-ung bol-e*  
 get-SEQ ELEV-go-SEQ stay-SEQ-CAUS-POSB-IMPERV-NOMZ COMP-1/2.IND  
 ‘We took (it) up and left (it there).’
- (4.03) *Aked eta, “Yini yalo oko muli di nem*  
*aked et-a yi-ni yalov oko mul-i di nem*  
 men say-3.IND 2PL-EMPH food some cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL 1PL for
- hul hey andam bo, tuts*  
*hu-l hey and-a-me bol-∅ tuts*  
 3SG-POSS half stay-3.IND-CAUS COMP-HYPOTH tomorrow
- mulimeneng Unguls nem holof*  
*mul-i=menenga Unguls nem holof*  
 cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL-FUT.SEQ (place.name) for dance
- hel-o.”*  
 become-POSB  
 ‘The men said, “You all cook some food on the stones for us and leave half and tomorrow cook it on the stones for (the people of) Unduls (village) when they dance.”’
- (4.04) *Vetme di mul-i bol-e yu.*  
 so 1PL cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL COMP-SEQ stand  
 ‘So we cooked (it) on the stones and set (it) out.’
- (4.05) *Di mul-i bol-e yu.*  
 1PL cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL COMP-SEQ stand  
 ‘We cooked (it) on stones and set (it) out.’
- (4.06) *Mul-i mu yalov ind-i=mali na ge*  
 cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL 3PL food give-CLII:REAL=SIM 1SG DSM
- omel ye londiti sipet ye gama Sud*  
*omel ye-e lond=ti sipet ye-e ge-a-ma Sud*  
 DIST2:LOC get-SEQ interior=ALL spade get-SEQ go-3.IND-DS (person.name)
- val balal ete me.*  
*val balal et-e me-e*  
 DIST1:LOC cry say-SEQ put-1/2.IND  
 ‘We cooked (it) on stones and while they gave the food I went over there and took the spade inside there (where) Sud was crying.’



- (4.07) *Na sipet omel ye somali bole, bole*  
*na sipet omel ye-e somal-i bol-e bol-e*  
 1SG spade DIST2:LOC get-SEQ dispose.of=CLII:VBR COMP-SEQ leave-SEQ

*telemali Sud ye telemali amul yalo*  
*tel-e=mali Sud ye-e tel-e=mali amul yalov*  
 come-SEQ=SIM (person.name) get-SEQ come-SEQ=SIM woman food

*yeyung bol-e yu.*  
*ye~ye-ung bol-e yu*  
 get~IMPERV-NOMZ COMP-SEQ stand

‘While I took the shovel over there and threw (it), and while I brought Sud I left and the women finished getting (the food) and setting (it) out.’

- (4.08) *Mu aked nemali ende ye.*  
*mu aked ne-e=mali enden ye-e*  
 3PL men eat-SEQ=SIM also get-1/2.IND  
 ‘While the men were eating they also took (some of it away).’

- (4.09) *Da isel tela.*  
*da isel-e tel-a*  
 1DL follow-SEQ come-3.IND  
 ‘They came after (lit. followed) the two of us.’

- (4.10) *Telemali tele me.*  
*Tel-e=mali tel-e me-e*  
 come-SEQ=SIM come-SEQ put-1/2.IND  
 ‘While they were coming we came and put (it) down.’

- (4.11) *Di nin ite hatilim di enden akolog heng bole*  
*di nin it-e hatilim di enden akolog he-ge-e bol-e*  
 1PL day cut-SEQ dawn 1PL also now ELEV-go-SEQ COMP-SEQ

*ende talel ende yalo hul hey muli.*  
*enden talel enden yalov hu-l hey mul-i*  
 also again also food 3SG-POSS half cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL  
 ‘We slept and in the morning we also kept going up today and again cooked the other half of the food on stones.’

- (4.12) *Mul-i bol-e yu.*  
 cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL COMP-SEQ stand  
 ‘Once (it) was cooked on the stones (it) was set out.’

- (4.13) *Mul-i bol-e yu ne~ne=mali*  
 cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL COMP-SEQ stand eat~IMPERV=SIM

*Eves-ni holof hel-a.*  
 (place.name)-EMPH dance become-3.IND  
 ‘Once it was cooked on stones and set out, while eating (the people of) Eves (village) danced.’

- (4.14) *Holof hel-e-me mu holof hu-ni ge akolog flumat-a*  
 dance become-SEQ-SS 3PL dance 3SG-EMPH DSM now finish-3.IND

*ta tuts hu-ni.*  
 and tomorrow 3SG-EMPH

‘They danced and they finished dancing today and (into) tomorrow.’

- (4.15) *Di talel yalo hay bo ye heng bo*  
*di talel yalov hay bol-Ø ye-e he-ge-e bol-Ø*  
 1PL forever food find COMP-HYPOTH get-SEQ ELEV-go-SEQ COMP-HYPOTH

*mulimali Kakodni mu nang ende*  
*mul-i=mali Kakod-ni mu anang enden*  
 cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL=SIM (place.name)-EMPH 3PL REC also

*holof hel-ats.*

dance become-CLI:IRR

‘We keep looking for food and taking (it) up and while cooking (it) on stones (the people of) Kakod (village), (they) will also dance for them.’

- (4.16) *Holof helomeneng di vontuts ende hay*  
*holof hel-o=menenga di vontuts enden hay*  
 dance become-POSB=FUT.SEQ 1PL day.after.tomorrow also find

*bo ende ye heng mulimali*  
*bol-Ø enden ye-e he-ge-e mul-i=mali*  
 COMP-HYPOTH also get-SEQ ELEV-go-SEQ cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL=SIM

*Honong ende mu nang holof helats.*

*Honong enden mu anang holof hel-ats*

(place.name) also 3PL REC dance become-CLI:IRR

‘They will dance and then the day after tomorrow we will also look for and bring (food) up and while we cook (it) on stones (the people of) Honong (Ononge) will dance for them.’

- (4.17) *Holof helomenenga di ende Fared ende ye*  
*holof hel-o=menenga di enden Fared enden ye-e*  
 dance become-POSB=FUT.SEQ PL also Friday also get-SEQ

*heng mulimali Esakum ela Mandad*  
*he-ge-e mul-i=mali Esakum ela Mandad*  
 ELEV-go-SEQ cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL=SIM (place.name) and (place.name)

*ende mu nang holof helats.*

*enden mu anang holof hel-ats.*

also 3PL REC dance become-CLI:IRR

‘They will dance and then again on Friday we will also take up (food) and while we cook (it) on stones (the people of) Esakum and Mandad (villages) will also dance for them.’

- (4.18) *Holof helomeneng Satrod huni, di koto yalo*  
*holof hel-o=menenga Satrod hu-ni di koto yalov*  
 dance become-POSB=FUT.SEQ Saturday 3SG-EMPH 1PL okay food  
*inog ateg n-ats.*  
*inog ateg ne-ats*  
 big very eat-CLI:IRR  
 ‘They will dance and then on Saturday, okay we will eat a whole lot of food.’

- (4.19) *Kogol, dub hul yalov inog ateg nats.*  
*kogol dub hu-l yalov inog ateg ne-ats*  
 beige dark 3SG-POSS food big very eat-CLI:IRR  
 ‘We will eat a whole lot of whiteskins’ (lit. beige) and blacksins’ (lit. dark) food.’

- (4.20) *Na ge te flumate.*  
*na ge et-e flumat-e*  
 1SG DSM say-SEQ finish-1/2.IND  
 ‘I have finished my talking.’

#### 4.1.5 Text 5

This fifth text was spoken by Kasmiro E (M, ~40 years old) in 1988. As with the others, he discusses the dancing schedule, with more on the involvement of school children. Note the use of the hypothetical –Ø (lines 3–4 and 6; cf. §3.3.2.3).

- (5.01) *Sikul akolog mu tubun hu-l mad vil-i.*  
 school now 3PL ancestor 3SG-POSS custom do-CLII:REAL  
 ‘Today at the school they are doing the ancestors’ customs.’
- (5.02) *Aked mu halu, aked muni vili bole es*  
*aked mu haluv aked mu-ni vil-i bol-e es*  
 men 3PL all men 3PL-EMPH do-CLII:REAL COMP-SEQ child  
*yalam-a.*  
 show-3.IND  
 ‘All the men, the men, they are doing (it) showing (it) to the children.’
- (5.03) *Tuts aked Migul mu nang vi bol es*  
*Tuts aked Migul mu anang vil-Ø bol-Ø es*  
 tomorrow men (place.name) 3PL REC do-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH child  
*yalam-ati.*  
 show-CLI:IRR  
 ‘Tomorrow the men of Migul, they will do (it) to show the children.’
- (5.04) *Vontuts Igyob, Honong, Ginal, mu nang*  
*Vontuts Igyob Honong Ginal mu anang*  
 day.after.tomorrow (place.name) (place.name) (place.name) 3PL REC

*tubun hul mad vi bo.*  
*tubun hu-l mad vil-∅ bol-∅*  
 ancestor 3SG-POSS custom do-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH  
 ‘The day after tomorrow (the people of) Igyobs, Honong (Ononge) and  
 Ginal (villages), they will do the ancestors’ customs for them.’

- (5.05) *Es dal=ing holof me hel-a van yalam-ati.*  
 child REL=PL dance NEG become-3.IND that.one show-CLI:IRR  
 ‘The children who don’t know how to dance, they will be shown that one.’

- (5.06) *Esakum, Mavol, Mandad, mu nang Fared*  
*Esakum Mavol Mandad mu anang Fared*  
 (place.name) (place.name) (place.name) 3PL REC Friday  
  
*vi bo ende es yalamati.*  
*vil-∅ bol-∅ enden es yalam-ati*  
 do-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also child slow-CLI:IRR  
 ‘On Friday (the people of) Esakum, Mavol (and) Mandad will do  
 (it), also showing the children.’

- (5.07) *Es hilog sisib huwan.*  
*es hilog sisiban huwan*  
 child still knowledge nothing  
 ‘The children still do not know.’

- (5.08) *Akolog hu-ni vil-i mu yalam-hel-e.*  
 now 3SG-EMPH do-CLII:REAL 3PL show-INCH-1/2.IND  
 ‘Today (they) will do (it) and begin to show them.’

- (5.09) *Oke.*  
 okay  
 ‘Okay.’

#### 4.1.6 Text 6

This sixth text was spoken by Tom Emilian E (M, ~20 years old) in 1988; it is a rather short text discussing the nightly cassette recordings that have been taking place. Note the common occurrence of vowel epenthesis (cf. §3.1.4.4) with the allative enclitic =*ti*, here seen in lines 1 and 3.

- (6.01) *Robert, da ilof gan oko kasetiti meme,*  
*Robert da ilof gan oko kaset=ti me-e~me*  
 (person.name) 1DL before sound some cassette=ALL put-1/2.IND~IMPERV  
  
*velme imal ge heng gogung kugum akan,*  
*velme imal ge he-ge-e ge-o~go-ung kugum akan*  
 so day DSM ELEV-go-SEQ go-POSB~IMPERV-NOMZ close DIM

*wan wik ge huwan ang-ati.*  
 one week DSM nothing remain-CLII:IRR  
 ‘Robert, before we two recorded (lit. put) some (Fuyug) language on cassette, so the days have gone by a little, one week will remain.’

- (6.02) *Vel akolog Mand na akolog stati.*  
*velme akolog Mand na akolog stat-i*  
 so now Monday 1SG now start-CLII:VBR  
 ‘So today Monday I start<sup>28</sup> (again) now.’

- (6.03) *Da ge imal ukas gan oko teypiti meme.*  
*da ge imal ukas gan oko teyp=ti me-e~me*  
 1DL DSM day many sound some tape-ALL put-1/2.IND~IMPERV  
 ‘We two have not recorded (lit. put) any (Fuyug) language on tape for some days.’

- (6.04) *Gig.*  
 enough.  
 ‘That’s all.’

#### 4.1.7 Text 7

This seventh text was also spoken by Tom Emilian E (M, ~20 years old) in 1988. The text begins with the Sunday Mass and then turns to the pervasive *gab* ‘feast’ events—in this case the sale of pork. Note rapid speech elisions (cf. footnote 21, §3.3.2.3) and shortening of forms such as *henge* > *heng* ‘go up’ (line 5), *owal* > *al* ‘here’ and *hindele* > *hindel* ‘arrive’ (line 6).

- (7.01) *Alim, Dominikiti na mis alilung bole*  
*alim Dominik=ti na mis al-i~li-ung bol-e*  
 yesterday Sunday=ALL 1SG Mass see-CLII:REAL~IMPERV-NOMZ COMP-SEQ  
  
*bol hadedung tele.*  
*bol had-e~de-ung tel-e*  
 ball hit~SEQ~IMPERV-NOMZ come-1/2.IND  
 ‘Yesterday on Sunday I finished attending Mass and then I came to play ball.’

- (7.02) *Tel-e nu ibel Visin ovol mu tod-e*  
 come-SEQ 2SG PROX2.below:LOC (place.name) pig 3PL split-SEQ  
  
*nu indime nu nul and ye hetele*  
*nu ind-i-me nu nu-l and ye-e he-tel-e*  
 2SG give-CLII:REAL-SS 2SG 2SG-POSS thing get-SEQ ELEV-come-SEQ  
  
*vim ande me.*  
*vim and-e me-e*  
 PROX1. below:LOC stay-SEQ put-1/2.IND  
 ‘I came and down there at Visin cut and gave you (some) pork and you brought your portion up from down here and left it.’

<sup>28</sup> The verb *stat-* ‘start’ is an English loan.

- (7.03) *Na telema nu ete, “Nu ovol nats a?”*  
*na tel-e-ma nu et-e nu ovol ne-ats =a*  
 1SG come-SEQ-DS 2SG say-1/2.IND 2SG pig eat-CLI:IRR =Q  
 ‘I came and you said, “Will you eat (some) pork?”’

- (7.04) *Vetme na et-e, “E.”*  
*velme na et-e e*  
 so 1SG say-1/2.IND yes  
 ‘So I said, “Yes.”’

- (7.05) *Vetme na ovol ye heng vom me*  
*vetme na ovol ye-e he-ge-e vom me-e*  
 so 1SG pig get-SEQ ELEV-go-SEQ behind.below:LOC put-SEQ  
*bol-e tel-e.*  
 COMP-SEQ come-1/2.IND  
 ‘So I took the pork back up back down there and put (it) and came.’

- (7.06) *Tele al hindel av hada kis akan bole*  
*tel-e owal hindel-e av had-a kis akan bol-e*  
 come-SEQ PROX1:LOC arrive-SEQ word hit-IND little DIM COMP-SEQ  
*g-e.*  
*ge-e*  
 go-1/2.IND  
 ‘I came and arrived here, talked a little and went.’

- (7.07) *Ge vom andong mu ovol tode nu*  
*ge-e vom and-ong mu ovol tod-e nu*  
 go-SEQ behind.below:LOC stay-STAT 3PL pig split-SEQ 2SG  
*indimali hul hey ma.*  
*ind-i=mali hu-l hey me-a*  
 give-CLII:REAL-SIM 3SG-POSS half put-3.IND  
 ‘I went and was staying back down there and (they) cut up the pork and when (they) gave (it) to you they put the portion down.’

- (7.08) *Hul hey mame akolog aked, amulaked*  
*hu-l hey me-a-me akolog aked amul-aked*  
 3SG-POSS half put-3.IND-SS now men woman-men  
*nenote hetela.*  
*n-e~ne=note he-tel-a*  
 eat-SEQ~IMPERV=PURP ELEV-come-3.IND  
 ‘They put down the portions (lit. half) and today the men, the people come up in order to eat (it).’

- (7.09) *Hetelame di tode nemali e yalo tul indi.*  
*he-tel-a-me di tod-e ne-e=mali el yalov tul ind-i*  
 ELEV-come-3.IND-SS 1PL split-SEQ eat-SEQ=SIM and food sell give-REAL  
 ‘They will come up and when we cut (it) up and are eating (it) we will sell food  
 (to them).’

- (7.10) *Yalo tul ind-i mon yeyung bole*  
*yalov tul ind-i moni y-e~ye-ung bol-e*  
 food sell give-REAL money get-SEQ~IMPERV-NOMZ COMP-SEQ

*m-e.*

*me-e*

put-1/2.IND

‘Selling the food finished, money will be brought and put (down).’

- (7.11) *Kowend tako Ole ind-i.*  
 (person.name) and.in.addition (person.name) give-CLII:REAL  
 ‘It will be given to Kowend and Ole.’

- (7.12) *Visin tel-e bol-e tu hal it-a.*  
 (place.name) come-SEQ COMP-SEQ 3DL fence cut-3.IND  
 ‘Two (men) came from Visin and cut the fence.’

- (7.13) *Velme di tul indimeneng tu ye bo*  
*velme di tul ind-i=menenga tu ye-e bol-ø*  
 so 1PL sell give-CLII:REAL=FUT.SEQ 3DL get-SEQ COMP-HYPOTH

*Visin ind-its.*

(place.name) give-CLII:IRR

‘So we sell (it to them) and then the two of them will take (it) to give to  
 (the people of) Visin.’

- (7.14) *Velme tu g-a.*  
*velme tu ge-a*  
 so 3DL go-3.IND  
 ‘So the two of them left.’

- (7.15) *Gig.*  
 enough  
 ‘That’s all.’

#### 4.1.8 Text 8

The eighth text was also spoken by Tom Emilian E (M, ~20 years old) in 1988. This text varies slightly from a typical narrative as it is hypothetical since the speaker is discussing future plans. They have not yet taken place, and so they may not eventuate, requiring the use of *bol-ø* ‘hypothetical completive’ (cf. §3.3.2.3) and *-ats/-its* ‘irrealis’ (cf. Bradshaw 2007b:133-35 re: procedural genre).

- (8.01) *Na tuts siks aklok— o siks aklok huwan— eit aklokiti*  
*na tuts siks aklok o siks aklok huwan eit aklok=ti*  
 1SG tomorrow six o'clock or six o'clock nothing eight o'clock=ALL

*nul lab han hul akom ye ge*  
*nu-l lab han hu-l akom ye-e ge-e*  
 2SG-POSS plastic.container net.bag 3SG-POSS together get-SEQ go-SEQ

*yu udirs.*

*yuv ud-its*

water carry-CLII:IRR

‘Tomorrow at six o’clock—oh not six o’clock—at eight o’clock I will take your net bag together with your plastic containers to carry water.’

- (8.02) *Yu ud hetele nu ind bo*  
*yuv ud-∅ he-tel-e nu ind-∅ bol-∅*  
 water carry-HYPOTH ELEV-come-SEQ 2SG give-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH

*handiti gats, ovol ulutits.*

*hand=ti ge-ats ovol ulut-its.*

garden-ALL go-CLI:IRR pig chase-CLII:IRR

‘Once I carry the water up and give (it) to you, I will go to the garden to chase away pigs.’

- (8.03) *Ulut bo hen sisi ye hetelats*  
*Ulut-∅ bol-∅ hen sisi ye-e he-tel-ats*  
 chase-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH yam bundle get-SEQ ELEV-come-CLI:IRR

*al and-e mats.*

*owal and-e me-ats*

PROX1:LOC stay-SEQ put-CLI:IRR

‘Once I chase (them) away I will bring yam bundles up here to leave.’

- (8.04) *Wenesde ye ge omel dal isiti filits.*  
*Wenesde ye-e ge-e omel da-l is=ti fil-its*  
 wednesday get-SEQ go-SEQ DIST2:LOC 1PL-POSS space=ALL plant-CLII:IRR  
 ‘Wednesday I will take (them) over there to our space to plant.’

- (8.05) *Fi bo hetele bo ende ge*  
*fil-∅ bol-∅ he-tel-e bol-∅ enden ge-e*  
 plant-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH ELEV-come-SEQ COMP-HYPOTH also go-SEQ

*im heyen etats.*

*imel heyen et-ats*

DIST2.below:LOC shout say-CLI:IRR

‘Once (they) are planted I will come up and shout out down below.’

- (8.06) *Gig.*  
 enough  
 ‘That’s all.’



#### 4.1.9 Text 9

The ninth text was also spoken by Kasmiro E (M, ~40 years old) in 1988; he speaks of a visiting family's plans and his plans as well. The expression *imal it-* (day cut-) means 'sleep', but very often *imal* 'day' is elided, as here in line 3. Note the frequent use of direct speech without the use of *anang* 'REC' (cf. §3.4.3.1) in lines 3 and 6–7.

- (9.01) *Ed hul es, di halu al andong.*  
*ed hu-l es di haluv owal and-ong*  
 (person.name) 3SG-POSS child 1PL all PROX1:LOC stay-STAT  
 'Ed's children, we all were staying here (together).'

- (9.02) *Akolog huni ge mu buts ga.*  
*akolog hu-ni ge mu-l bul=ts ge-a*  
 now 3SG-EMPH DSM 3PL-POSS land=LOC go-3.IND  
 'Today she went home (lit. to their land).'

- (9.03) *Mu eta, "Di heng bo fek hadats,*  
*mu et-a di he-ge-e bol-Ø fek had-ats*  
 3PL say-3.IND 1PL ELEV-go-SEQ COMP-HYPOTH return hit-CLI:IRR  
  
*fek had ende te al dinoy itats."*  
*fek had-Ø enden tel-Ø owal di-noy it-ats*  
 return hit-HYPOTH also come-HYPOTH PROX1:LOC 1PL-COM cut-CLI:IRR  
 'They said, "We will go up and return (home), and later (lit. also) come back here and we will sleep (lit. cut [the day]) together.'"

- (9.04) *Di ende tavon fek hadats.*  
*di enden tavon fek had-ats*  
 1PL also again return hit-CLI:IRR  
 'Later (lit. also) we will return again.'

- (9.05) *Yol hengati.*  
*yol he-ge-ati*  
 DIST2.above:LOC ELEV-go-CLI:IRR  
 'We will go up over there.'

- (9.06) *Fared eta, "Dinoy ye heng kof yo."*  
*Fared et-a di-noy ye-e he-ge-e kof ye-o*  
 Friday say-3.IND 1PL-COM get-SEQ ELEV-go-SEQ coffee get-POSB  
 'Friday (she) said, "We all together will take the coffee up.'"

- (9.07) *Vetme na et-e, "Tomba sal hel-a."*  
*so 1SG say-1/2.IND (person.name) sick become-3.IND*  
 'So I said, "Tomba is sick.'"

- (9.08) *Tomba im hendedmalimalala na va gats.*  
*tomba im hend-e~de=mali=malala na val ge-ats*  
 (person.name) eye loosen-SEQ~IMPERV=SIM=COND 1SG DIST1:LOC go-CLI:IRR  
 ‘When/if Tomba opens (her) eyes then I will go back there.’

- (9.09) *Di kof oko yats.*  
*di kof oko ye-ats*  
 1PL coffee some get-CLI:IRR  
 ‘We will get some coffee.’

- (9.10) *Na ye telats.*  
*na ye-e tel-ats*  
 1SG get-SEQ come-CLI:IRR  
 ‘I will bring it (up).’

- (9.11) *Na baykiti andemiti, ta na bayk hef.*  
*na bayk=ti and-e-me=ti ta na bayk hef*  
 1SG bag=ALL stay-SEQ-CAUS=ALL and 1SG bag half  
 ‘I will leave (it) in the bag, but my bag is half (full).’

- (9.12) *Gig.*  
 enough  
 ‘That’s all.’

#### 4.1.10 Text 10

The tenth text was spoken by Ganai (F, ~25 years old) in 1988; she discusses her interaction with the nuns on the mission station. In lines 2–3, note the direct speech with no indication of such (i.e. *et-* ‘say’ and/or *anang* ‘REC’) provided.

- (10.01) *Mam hene tel-a-m=a?*  
 sister some come-3.IND-LINK=Q  
 ‘Some of the sisters/nuns came, no?’

- (10.02) “*Amulaked ge al nu afom andong komal ge*  
*amul-aked ge owal nu afom-e and-ong komal ge*  
 woman-men DSM PROX1:LOC 2SG wait-SEQ stay-STAT wait DSM  
  
*mu buts ga.*  
*mu-l bul=ts ge-a*  
 3PL-POSS land=LOC go-3.IND  
 “‘The people were here waiting for you and have gone home (lit. to their land).’

- (10.03) “*Ge im mu ge ents ga ta dani*  
*ge-e imel mu ge em=ts ge-a ta da-ni*  
 go-SEQ DIST2.below:LOC 3PL DSM house=LOC go-3.IND and 1DL-EMPH

*ge menemene tats.*  
*ge menemene et-ats*  
 DSM prayer say-CLI:IRR

“‘They went down; they have gone to their villages but the two of us will pray.’”

- (10.04) *Velme da Analyon da kigin ambul menemene et-e*  
 so 1DL (person.name) 1DL different alone prayer say-SEQ

*bol-e.*

COMP-1/2.IND

‘So just the two of us, Analyon and I, we prayed alone.’

- (10.05) *Mis ale bole, mam ge henga.*  
*mis al-e bol-e mam ge he-ge-a*  
 Mass hear-SEQ COMP-SEQ sister DSM ELEV-go-3.IND  
 ‘Once we had heard Mass, the sisters/nuns went up.’

- (10.06) *Gig.*  
 enough  
 ‘That’s all.’

#### 4.1.11 Text 11

The eleventh text was spoken by Tom Emilian E (M, ~20 years old) in 1988, in which he discusses future plans, requiring the use of the hypothetical – $\emptyset$  (cf. §3.3.2.3).

- (11.01) *Robert, na tuts omel handiti hen ye*  
*Robert na tuts omel hand=ti hen ye-e*  
 (person.name) 1SG tomorrow DIST2:LOC garden=ALL yam get-SEQ

*hetelo, da ye ge fi bo*  
*he-tel-o da ye-e ge fil- $\emptyset$  bol- $\emptyset$*   
 ELEV-come-POSB 1DL get-SEQ DSM plant-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH  
 ‘Robert, tomorrow I will bring yam up from over there in the garden, that the two of us will take to plant.’

- (11.02) *Fared da ge heng yol Ganal*  
*Fared da ge he-ge-e yol Ganal*  
 Friday 1DL DSM ELEV-go-SEQ DIST2.above:LOC (person.name)

*al-its.*

see-CLII:IRR

‘Friday, we the two of us will go up over there to see Ganal.’

- (11.03) *Imal fidan it-ats.*  
 day one cut-CLI:IRR  
 ‘We will sleep (lit. cut [day]) there one day.’

- (11.04) *Hatilim da bisug oko tako enden putet, esalot, samal*  
 dawn 1DL bean some and.in.addition also potato shallot greens

*oko ye bo ge ye telats.*  
*oko ye-e bol-∅ ge ye-e tel-ats.*  
 some get-SEQ COMP-HYPOTH DSM get-SEQ come-CLI:IRR  
 ‘In the morning the two of us will get some beans and also potatoes, shallots  
 (and) some greens (that) we will bring (back home).’

(11.05) *Da buts telats.*  
*da-l bul=ts tel-ats*  
 1DL-POSS land=LOC come-CLI:IRR  
 ‘(Then) the two of us come home (lit. to our land).’

(11.06) *Lolof=tu tel-ats.*  
 (place.name)=ADESS come-CLI:IRR  
 ‘We will come up onto Lolofe (village).’

(11.07) *Gig.*  
 enough  
 ‘That’s all.’

#### 4.1.12 Text 12

The twelfth text was spoken by Sud E (M, ~12 years old) in 1988, elaborating on his misfortune in cutting down some trees. This speaker appears to use the word *anduman* ‘whatever’ as a filler in lines 7 and 11 (interestingly at the end of the utterance).

(12.01) *Da Lod imelele yu hul lots*  
*da Lod imel-hel-e yuv hu-l lo=ts*  
 1LD (person.name) DIST2.below:LOC-INCH-SEQ water 3SG-POSS bank=LOC

*i itedong bole.*  
*i it-e~ed-ung bol-e*  
 tree cut-SEQ~IMPERV-NOMZ COMP-1/2.IND  
 ‘First Lod and I were down over there at the river (lit. water) bank and finished cutting trees.’

(12.02) *Lod i it-a-me i he-tel-e na bidol*  
 (person.name) tree cut-3.IND-SS tree ELEV-come-SEQ 1SG miss

*hem-a-me me na et-e, “Lod nu udi*  
 pierce-3.IND-SS NEG 1SG say-1/2.IND (person.name) 2SG why

*velele?”*  
*vel-hel-e?*  
 do-INCH-1/2.IND  
 ‘Lod cut a tree and the tree came up and missed, not impaling me  
 (and) I said, “Lod, why are you starting to do this?”’

- (12.03) *Velme da i ite bole ye ituli.*  
*velme da i it-e bol-e ye-e itul-i*  
 so 1DL tree cut-SEQ COMP-SEQ get-SEQ chop-CLII:REAL  
 ‘So the two of us finished cutting trees and then took and chopped (them) up.’
- (12.04) *Na val sal helem Lod i ye*  
*na val sal hel-e-ma Lod i ye-e*  
 1SG DIST1:LOC sick become-1/2.IND-DS (person.name) tree get-SEQ
- hetele sumemung yol enambebe*  
*he-tel-e sum-e~me-ung yol enamb-hel-e*  
 ELEV-come-SEQ walk-SEQ-IMPERV-NOMZ DIST2.above:LOC road-INCH-SEQ
- me bole ge sumemung hongol ga.*  
*me-e bol-e ge sum-e~me-ung hongol ge-a*  
 put-SEQ COMP-SEQ DSM walk-SEQ-IMPERV-NOMZ near go-3.IND  
 ‘Back there I got sick and Lod brought the trees up, walking up over there first to the road and putting them down and then walked down and met me.’
- (12.05) *Da hetele va hinde bole i*  
*da he-tel-e val hindel-e bol-e i*  
 1DL ELEV-come-SEQ DIST1:LOC come.out-SEQ comp-SEQ tree
- ganitongal ye hetele.*  
*ganitongal ye-e he-tel-e*  
 carry.on.shoulder get-SEQ ELEV-come-1/2.IND  
 ‘We two came up from there, came out and then carried the wood on our shoulders and brought it up.’
- (12.06) *Yol em hul andovol iya bole.*  
*yol em hu-l andovol iyal bol-e*  
 DIST2.above:LOC house 3SG-POSS door.frame hand COMP-1/2.IND  
 ‘Up over there at the entrance to the house we threw it down.’
- (12.07) *Dib hul-i bol-e, anduman?*  
 wall erect-CLII:REAL COMP-SEQ whatever  
 ‘Once we had built the wall, well/whatever?’
- (12.08) *Dib huli bole na va suts imal*  
*dib hul-i bol-e na val sul=ts imal*  
 wall erect-CLII:REAL COMP-SEQ 1SG DIST1:LOC grass=LOC day
- ite.*  
*it-e*  
 cut-1/2.IND  
 ‘Once we had built the wall I slept (lit. cut [day]) there in the grass.’

- (12.09) *Imal itema Lod eta, “Yu, da hengo.”*  
*imal it-e-ma Lod et-a yu da he-ge-o*  
 day cut-1/2.IND-DS (person.name) say-3.IND stand 1DL ELEV-go-POSB  
 ‘I slept (lit. cut [day]) when Lod said, “Stand, let’s go up.”’

- (12.10) *Velme da hetele hal ated hindel-e na val*  
*velme da he-tel-e hal ated-e hindel-e na val*  
 so 1DL ELEV-come-SEQ fence pass-SEQ arrive-SEQ 1SG DIST1:LOC

*tavon ende val imal ite.*  
*tavon enden val imal it-e*  
 again also DIST1:LOC day cut-1/2.IND  
 ‘So we two came up passed the fence and approached and there I again slept (lit. cut [day]) there.’

- (12.11) *Imal it-e-me da he-tel-e auduman?*  
 day cut-1/2.IND-SS 1DL ELEV-come-1/2.IND whatever  
 ‘I slept (lit. cut [day]) and we two came up, well/whatever?’

#### 4.2 Longer narrative text 13

This text (of approximately 25 pages) was recorded in 1991, in Woitap (Woitape; North/South Udab dialect); the speaker was a male (~30 years old) Christian Revival Crusade (CRC) church member, talking about a recent trip to Popondetta for a church conference. Note the great amount of code switching with English and use of the inchoative marking on locatives (lines 1–3, 5–6, 8, 13, 15, 19, 27–28, 33, 37, 43, 48, 61, 63, 67, 82, 84, 86–87, 96, 100, 105–106, 114, 123–124).

- (13.001) *Di Christian, an hukas, hale sol=ing, di hale*  
 1PL Christian person many young.man youth =PL 1PL young.man  
  
*sol hukas, owalele Woitapiti andong val*  
*sol hukas owal-hel-e Woitap=ti and-ong val*  
 youth many PROX1:LOC-INCH-SEQ (place.name)=ALL stay-STAT DIST1:LOC

*walk bole val heng.*  
*walk bol-e val he-ge-e*  
 walk COMP-SEQ DIST1:LOC ELEV-go-1/2.IND  
 ‘We Christians, many people, young people, we many young people, first living here in Woitape, walked and went up there.’

- (13.002) *Dubiti di heng valele six aklok di*  
*Dub=ti di he-ge-e val-hel-e six aklok di*  
 darkness=ALL 1PL ELEV-go-1/2.IND DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ six o’clock 1PL

*menemene etema gema six aklok yomali eit*  
*menemene et-e-ma ge-e-ma six aklok ye-o=mali eit*  
 prayer say-SEQ-DS go-1/2.IND-DS six o’clock get-POSB=SIM eight

*o four aklok, four aklok yomali di val pastor*  
*o four aklok four aklok ye-o=mali di val pastor*  
 or four o'clock four o'clock get-POSB=SIM 1PL DIST1:LOC pastor

*hu-l em val hindel-adi.*

3SG-POSS house DIST1:LOC arrive-CLI:IRR

‘As night (was falling) at six o’clock we first went up there and prayed at six or eight o’clock or four o’clock, at four o’clock we would arrive there at Pastor’s house.’

- (13.003) *Di Pastor val-hel-e av had-e; amul el an*  
 1PL pastor DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ word hit-SEQ woman and man

*ant halu val hindele bole.*  
*and haluv val hindel-e bol-e*  
 thing all DIST1:LOC arrive-SEQ COMP-1/2.IND  
 ‘First we were talking there with the pastor; many people arrived there.’

- (13.004) *Av hadodoma ge bole, okay dubiti walk.*  
*Av had-o~do-ma ge-e bol-e okay dub=ti walk*  
 speech hit-POSB~IMPERV-DS go-SEQ COMP-SEQ okay darkness=ALL walk  
 ‘After talking, okay we walked in the dark.’

- (13.005) *Walk vomele Heloti ge.*  
*walk vom-hel-e Helo=ti ge-e*  
 walk behind.below:LOC-INCH-SEQ (place.name)=ALL go-SEQ  
 ‘First the walk went back down there to Helo.’

- (13.006) *Sum vom Helo=ti hindel-o=mali six aklok*  
 walk behind.below:LOC (place.name)=ALL come.out-POSB=SIM six o’clock  
  
*valele hatilim nemb eta.*  
*val-hel-e hatilim nemb et-a*  
 DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ dawn bird say-3.IND  
 ‘We walked back down there to Helo and we began to arrive there at six o’clock in the morning when the birds began to sing out.’

- (13.007) *Nemb et-e=mali amul el an hilog id-e-ngo=mali*  
 bird say-SEQ=SIM woman and man still cut-SEQ-STAT=SIM

*di-ni hindel val Helo=ti amul el an*  
 1PL-EMPH arrive DIST1:LOC (place.name)=ALL woman and man

*dini kel hengemali nemb etama muni ende*  
*di-ni kele he-ge=mali nemb et-a-ma mu-ni enden*  
 1PL-EMPH easily ELEV-go=SIM bird say-3.IND-DS 3PL-EMPH also

*sisiban huwan di val mu hongol hindele*  
 knowledge nothing 1PL DIST1:LOC 3PL next.to arrive-SEQ

*hengo.*

*he-ge-o*

ELEV-go-POSB

‘While the birds were singing out and while people were still sleeping (lit. cutting [day]), we arrived there at Helo and while we quietly went up the birds were singing and the people didn’t know that we were coming there near them as we arrived.’

- (13.008) *Di heng sum ibelele Murray Pass.*  
*di he-ge-e sum ibel-hel-e Murray Pass*  
 1PL ELEV-go-1/2.IND walk PROX2.below:LOC-INCH-SEQ (name) pass  
 ‘First we went up walking down here below (the summit of) Murray Pass.’

- (13.009) *Murray Pass hindel-e bol-e sum-e~me yol*  
 (name) pass arrive-SEQ COMP-SEQ walk-SEQ~IMPERV DIST2.above:LOC

*bol-e.*

COMP-SEQ

‘Once we arrived at Murray Pass we were walking way up over there.’

- (13.010) *Yol hindel-e bol-e val alan sesada*  
 DIST2.above:LOC arrive-SEQ COMP-SEQ DIST1:LOC ridge long

*sum-e~me*

*Silim=ti=a?*

walk-SEQ~IMPERV

(place.name)=ALL=Q

‘Once we arrived way up over there we were walking along the long ridge to Silim (Chirime), no?’

- (13.011) *Yolibay val hindel-e.*  
 (place.name) DIST1:LOC arrive-1/2.IND  
 ‘We arrived there at Yolibay (Joribay).’

- (13.012) *Hindele val walking heng omel Ivol*  
*hindel-e val walking he-ge-e omel Ivol*  
 arrive-SEQ DIST1:LOC walking ELEV-go-1/2.IND DIST2:LOC (person name)

*hul*

*enti*

*a?*

*hu-l*

*em=ti*

*=a?*

3SG-POSS

house=ALL

=Q

‘We arrived there walking up over there to Ivol’s house, no?’

- (13.013) *Ivola Simbu enti valele.*  
*Ivol=a Simbu em=ti val-hel-e*  
 (name)=CF (place.name) house=ALL DIST1:LOC-INCH-1/2.IND  
 ‘First, Ivol the Chimbu man’s house there.’

- (13.014) *Va Silim=ti val id-adi and-ong*  
 that (place.name)=ALL DIST1:LOC cut-CLI:IRR stay-STAT



*bol-e-ma an hene, sol hene sum and yu val di*  
 COMP-SEQ-DS man some youth some deaf stay stand DIST1:LOC 1PL

*anang et-a, “Dal et-a-me yi-ni ilof yi-ni*  
 REC say-3.IND who say-3.IND-SS 2PL-EMPH before 2PL-EMPH

*kulus had-e bibid-e-n=a?*  
 cross hit-SEQ carry-SEQ-LINK=Q  
 ‘There at Silim (Chirime) we stayed to sleep and then one man, a young deaf man standing and staying there said to us, “Who said that before you carry a cross?”’

- (13.015) *Yu bole valele hemela?*  
*yu bol-e val-hel-e hem-e-l=a?*  
 stand COMP-SEQ DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ shoot-1/2.IND-LINK=Q  
 ‘Did you begin erecting it there?’

- (13.016) *Yu di et-e adad im di anang et-e mu*  
 stand 1PL say-SEQ on.top.of DIST2.below:LOC 1PL REC say-SEQ 3PL  
*had-e~de et-o, “O, yi di et-e odel yi*  
 hit-SEQ~IMPERV say-POSB oh 2PL 1PL say-SEQ where 2PL

*ud-idi.*  
 carry-CLII:IRR  
 ‘Standing way over there below he spoke to us asking, saying, “Oh, tell us where are you carrying (it)?”’

- (13.017) *Ve di ge Deo hul av tedem okay va*  
*ve di ge Deov hu-l av te-e~de-me okay va*  
 so 1PL DSM God 3SG-POSS word say-SEQ~IMPERV-SS okay that  
*sol=a di disturb.*  
 youth=CF 1PL disturb  
 ‘So we spoke God’s word, okay (because) that young man disturbed us.’

- (13.018) *Va di koy et-e=mali et-a, “Dal et-a-ma yoval*  
 that 1PL bad say-SEQ=SIM say-3.IND who say-3.IND-DS two  
*hindel-e, velima yi One Way owal hindel-a?”*  
 arrive-SEQ so.that 2PL one way PROX1:LOC arrive-3.IND  
 ‘While that one was cursing us he said, “Who said for you *One Way* to come here?”’

- (13.019) *“Veli tavon dini enden owalele yi adad av*  
*veli tavon di-ni enden owal-hel-e yi adad av*  
 so again 1PL-EMPH also PROX1:LOC-INCH-SEQ 2PL on.top.of word

*hongol me ted-e.*  
 next.to NEG say-SEQ  
 ‘“So at first we didn’t talk back to you here any more.”’

- (13.020) *Ta yi-ni di adad av hukas ted-e.*  
 but 2PL-EMPH 1PL about word many say-SEQ  
 ‘But you have talked a lot about us.’”

- (13.021) *Di val idam ukala Ivola Simbu an*  
*di val id-a-ma ukala Ivol=a Simbu an*  
 1PL DIST1:LOC cut-3.IND-DS and.then (name)=CF (place.name) man

*ovol had-a-m=a?*  
 pig hit-3.IND-LINK=Q  
 ‘We slept there and then Ivol the Chimbu man killed a pig, no?’

- (13.022) *Ovol had-a-ma di va vom mul-i*  
 pig hit-3.IND-DS 1PL that behind.below:LOC cook.on.stones-CLII:REAL

*nonoma yu bole walk yevel*  
*ne-o~no-ma yu bol-e walk yevel*  
 eat-POSB~IMPERV-DS stand COMP-SEQ walk PROX2.above:LOC

*Kandila=ts val id-e.*  
 (place.name)=LOC DIST1:LOC cut-1/2.IND  
 ‘(He) killed the pig and we cooked it on stones back down there and were eating and got up and walked right up here to Kandila and slept (lit. cut [day]) there.’

- (13.023) *Kafano val idam ukala val walk*  
*Kafano val id-a-me ukala val walk*  
 (place.name) DIST1:LOC cut-3.IND-SS and.then DIST1:LOC walk

*ibel Asimba=ti.*  
 PROX2.below:LOC (place.name)=ALL  
 ‘We slept (lit. cut [day]) there at Kafano and then we walked down here to Asimba.’

- (13.024) *Asimba hu-l em al-i.*  
 (place.name) 3SG-POSS house see-CLII:REAL  
 ‘We saw the village (lit. houses) of Asimba.’

- (13.025) *Va bul hene=ti val imal id-e.*  
 that land some=ALL DIST1:LOC day cut-1/2.IND  
 ‘We slept (lit. cut [day]) there at some place.’

- (13.026) *Val id-e-m ukala okay ende yu y-e and-e*  
*val id-e-ma ukala okay enden yu ye-e and-e*  
 DIST1:LOC cut-SEQ-DS and.then okay also stand get-SEQ stay-SEQ

*bol-e anang et-e hindel-e.*  
 COMP-SEQ REC say-SEQ come.out-1/2.IND  
 ‘We slept (lit. cut [day]) there and okay then we got up and stayed  
 and then came out for (them).’

- (13.027) *Val ideme ukala imele Mamba.*  
*val id-e-me ukala im-hel-e Mamba*  
 DIST1:LOC cut-SEQ-SS and.then DIST2.below:LOC-INCH-1/2.IND (place.name)  
 ‘We slept (lit. cut [day]) there and then we began (to go) down there to Mamba.’

- (13.028) *Na, Samson, Emanuel, dini val walk heng*  
*na Samson Emanuel di-ni val walk he-ge-e*  
 1SG (name) (name) 1PL-EMPH DIST1:LOC walk ELEV-go-SEQ  
  
*heng sume alan huni yu alan yu bole*  
*he-ge-e sum-e alan hu-ni yu alan yu bol-e*  
 ELEV-go-SEQ walk-SEQ ridge 3sg-EMPH stand ridge stand COMP-SEQ

*ibelele Mamba alina?*  
*ibel-hel-e Mamba al-i-n=a*  
 PROX2.below:LOC-INCH-SEQ (place.name) see-REAL-LINK=Q  
 ‘Samson, Emmanuel and I were walking there going up and walking up on  
 the ridge (and) (when we were) standing (there) on the ridge we first saw  
 Mamba down here below, no?’

- (13.029) *Velma di owal yu bol-e-n=a?*  
 so 1PL PROX1:LOC stand COMP-SEQ-LINK=Q  
 ‘So we were standing here, no?’

- (13.030) *Velma di owal yu bol-e omel plantation,*  
 so 1PL PROX1:LOC stand COMP-SEQ DIST2:LOC plantation

*obel lab plantation=a?*  
 PROX2:LOC rubber plantation=Q  
 ‘So we stood here, (and) over there was a plantation; right here was a  
 rubber plantation, no?’

- (13.031) *Ge va plantation i ide ye huwan mala.*  
*ge va plantation i id-e ye-e huwan mal-a*  
 DSM that plantation tree cut-SEQ get-SEQ nothing CAUS-3.IND  
 ‘They had cut down all the trees to nothing (i.e. destroyed) at the plantation.’

- (13.032) *Huwan hel-a-ma enden ge oil palm fil-i.*  
 nothing become-3.IND-DS also DSM oil palm plant-CLII:REAL  
 ‘Once they were gone (the trees were destroyed), then they planted oil palm.’

- (13.033) *Velima mu enden and-o~do-ma*  
 so.that 3PL also stay-POSB~IMPERV-DS

*nu Yas hul enti omel hengati*  
*nu Yas hu-l em=ti omel he-ge-ati*  
 2SG (person.name) 3SG-POSS house=ALL DIST2:LOC ELEV-go-CLI:IRR

*andong yolele hindele.*  
*and-ong yol-hel-e hindel-e*  
 stay-STAT DIST2.above:LOC-INCH-SEQ arrive-1/2.IND  
 ‘So they stayed and you were going to stay over there at Yas’ house and just arrived up over there.’

- (13.034) *Alan gege bole di val kumtu mu*  
*alan ge-e~ge bol-e di val kum=tu mu*  
 ridge go-SEQ~IMPERV COMP-SEQ 1PL DIST1:LOC mountain=ADESS 3PL

*gomali na Woitapiti cake enden tul*  
*ge-o=mali na Woitap=ti cake enden tul*  
 go-POSB=SIM 1SG (place.name)=ALL cake also buy

*ind-i-n=a?*  
 give-CLII:REAL-LINK=Q  
 ‘After going along the ridge while they were going there on the mountain, I bought some cake at Woitape, no?’

- (13.035) *Cake hene ala cheese hene ala tul ind-i.*  
 cake some COM cheese some COM buy give-CLII:REAL  
 ‘I bought some cake and some cheese.’

- (13.036) *Okay Emanuel ende cheese hene ye im hu*  
*Okay Emanuel enden cheese hene ye-e im hu*  
 okay (person.name) also cheese some get-SEQ DIST2.below:LOC 3SG

*anang et-e val and-o.*  
 REC say-SEQ DIST1:LOC stay-POSB  
 ‘Okay Emmanuel,(who) also got some cheese, was told to stay there.’

- (13.037) *Di-ni di-l hod bes ang-a-ma okay di*  
 1PL-EMPH 1PL-POSS skin hunger remain-3.IND-DS okay 1PL

*valele di alan ovo tey yol*  
*val-hel-e di alan ovo tey yol*  
 DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ 1PL ridge PROX1:DEM true DIST2.above:LOC

*and-ong=a?*  
 stay-STAT=Q  
 ‘We were hungry and then okay we were just up over there on this very ridge here where we were staying, no?’

- (13.038) *Di va alan lilits gege bole ge*  
*di va alan lil-its ge-e~ge bol-e ge-e*  
 1PL that ridge go.down-CLII:IRR go-SEQ~IMPERV COMP-SEQ go-SEQ

*bole kel idong, ok Boyoditia?*  
*bol-e kel id-ong oki Boyod=ti=a*  
 COMP-SEQ easy cut-STAT fire (place.name)=ALL=Q  
 ‘We finished going down that ridge, and then going (down) to cut a little (firewood), (and) at Boyod (we had a) fire, no?’

- (13.039) *Di ende va yu nemali val cake*  
*di enden val yuv ne-e=mali val cake*  
 1PL also DIST1:LOC water eat-SEQ=SIM DIST1:LOC cake

*kiyomali cheese kiyo bole, tode nomali.*  
*kiy-o=mali cheese kiy-o bol-e tod-e ne-o=mali*  
 open-POSB=SIM cheese open-POSB COMP-SEQ split-SEQ eat-POSB=SIM  
 ‘While we were drinking some water, we opened that cake there and opened the cheese and cut and ate them.’

- (13.040) *Sol hene ge di bole ga.*  
*sol hene ge di bol-e ge-a*  
 youth some DSM 1PL leave-SEQ go-3.IND  
 ‘Some young men left us.’

- (13.041) *Di bole gama di gege omel*  
*di bol-e ge-a-ma di ge-e~ge omel*  
 1PL leave-SEQ go-3.IND-DS 1PL go-SEQ~IMPERV DIST2:LOC

*Mayaditia?*  
*Mayad=ti=a*  
 (place.name)=ALL=Q  
 ‘He left us and we were going over there to Mayad, no?’

- (13.042) *Mayaditi yu dava?*  
*Mayad=ti yuv dal-v=a?*  
 (place.name)=ALL water which-LINK=Q  
 ‘In Mayad, which river (it was I don’t know)?’

- (13.043) *Di valele hindelem an hene teb*  
*di val-hel-e hindel-e-ma an hene teb*  
 1PL DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ arrive-SEQ-DS man some sugarcane

*sesada galib had-a.*  
 long small hit-3.IND  
 ‘First we arrived there and one man cut down a small long sugarcane.’

- (13.044) *Muni yu hongo gomali okay dini dil*  
*mu-ni yuv hongol ge-o=mali okay di-ni di-l*  
 3PL-EMPH water next.to go-POSB=SIM okay 1PL-EMPH 1PL-POSS

*enti*            *hindele.*  
*em=ti*        *hindel-e*  
house=ALL arrive-1/2.IND  
‘While they were going next to a river, okay (then) we arrived at our house.’

- (13.045) *Isele*        *bole*        *di*    *gege*                    *bole*        *di*    *ge*  
*isel-e*        *bol-e*        *di*    *ge-e~ge*                *bol-e*        *di*    *ge*  
follow-SEQ COMP-SEQ 1PL go-SEQ~IMPERV COMP-SEQ 1PL DSM

*val*            *teb*            *nenema*                    *va*        *yu*        *teb*  
*val*            *teb*            *ne-e~ne-ma*                *van*        *yuv*        *teb*  
DIST1:LOC sugarcane eat-SEQ~IMPERV-DS that.one water sugarcane

*di*            *ind-i.*  
1PL        give-CLII:IRR  
‘Then (or following) we were going and we were eating the sugarcane there and that one gave us water and sugarcane.’

- (13.046) *Di*    *indima*            *mu*    *okay*    *yu*        *teb*            *ye,*        *ye*  
*di*    *ind-i-ma*            *mu*    *okay*    *yuv*        *teb*            *ye-e*        *ye-e*  
1PL    give-REAL-DS    3PL    okay    water    sugarcane    get-SEQ    get-SEQ

*bo*            *tod*            *bo*            *nom*        *indi*  
*bol-Ø*        *tod-Ø*        *bol-Ø*        *nom*        *ind-i*  
COMP-HYPOTH split-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH RECIP give-CLII:REAL

*bole*        *Pastor*    *ala*    *hul*            *soling*        *mu*    *ge*        *gomali*  
*bol-e*        *pastor*    *ala*    *hu-l*            *sol=ing*        *mu*    *ge*        *ge-o=mali*  
COMP-SEQ pastor COM 3SG-POSS youth=PL 3PL DSM go-POSB=SIM

*okay*    *dini*            *mu*    *isele*            *gege*                    *enti*            *ma*  
*okay*    *di-ni*            *mu*    *isel-e*            *ge-e~ge*                *em=ti*            *m-a*  
okay    1PL-EMPH    3PL    follow-SEQ    go-SEQ~IMPERV    house=ALL    put-3.IND

*mu*    *ge*        *akolog*        *sikul*        *hasil.*  
3PL    DSM    now        school        new

‘They gave (them) to us and then (lit. okay) we took the water and sugarcane, to cut and give (share) it while Pastor and the youth were going, then we were going after (lit. following) them to the village (lit. house); there they now have a new school.’

- (13.047) *Enden*    *ilof*        *hungiti*        *ge*        *ende*        *val*            *community*    *school*  
*enden*    *ilof*        *hung=ti*        *ge*        *enden*        *val*            *community*    *school*  
also    before    nose=ALL    DSM    also    DIST1:LOC    community    school

*mem*        *alina?*  
*meme*        *al-i-n=a?*  
NEG        see-REAL-LINK=Q  
‘And before in front (lit. in the nose) we had not seen a community school there, no?’

- (13.048) *Ta na akolog hasil, hasil ende mu okay mu-l enamb ala*  
 but 1SG now new new also 3PL okay 3PL-POSS road COM

*andemali mu sikul ye ant halu ye ete*  
*and-e=mali mu-l sikul ye-e and haluv ye-e et-e*  
 stay-SEQ-SIM 3PL-POSS school get-SEQ thing all get-SEQ say-SEQ

*valele ye ete mu idengomali di mu*  
*val-hel-e ye-e et-e mu id-e-ngo=mali di mu*  
 DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ get-SEQ say-SEQ 3PL cut-SEQ-STAT=SIM 1PL 3PL

*ali hud bole ende mu mem*  
*al-i hud bol-e enden mu meme*  
 see-CLII:REAL fear COMP-SEQ also 3PL NEG

*ali.*

*al-i.*

see-CLII:REAL

‘But I now I understood (lit. new), I understood that they were maintaining (lit. staying on) their way (so that) they got their school, and they just had everything there; and while they were sleeping we were afraid we would see them, but (lit. and) we didn’t see them.’

- (13.049) *Imal id-ong okay sipel id-a-ma ukala and-ong*  
 day cut-STAT okay rest cut-3.IND-DS and.then stay-STAT

*andong gege val walk omel Mamba*  
*and-ong ge-e~ge val walk omel Mamba*  
 stay-STAT go-SEQ~IMPERV DIST1:LOC walk DIST2:LOC (place.name)

*plantationiti hindele.*  
*plantation=ti hindel-e*  
 plantation=ALL arrive-1/2.IND

We were sleeping, having a rest and then staying, staying, and then going walking over there we arrive at Mamba plantation.’

- (13.050) *Emo hu-l havav hene =a?*  
 (person.name) 3SG-POSS younger.brother some =Q  
 ‘One of Emo’s younger brothers, no?’

- (13.051) *Huni mu gogomali di va go dil*  
*hu-ni mu ge-o~go=mali di val ge-o di-l*  
 3SG-EMPH 3PL go-POSB~IMPERV=SIM 1PL DIST1:LOC go-POSB 1PL-POSS

*ant huwa helama, vom di yalo huwana?*  
*and huwan hel-a-ma vom di yalov huwan=a*  
 thing nothing become-3.IND-DS behind.below:LOC 1PL food nothing=Q

‘When he was going we went there with nothing; we didn’t have any food back down there, no?’

- (13.052) *Di ge bes.*  
 1PL DSM hunger  
 ‘We were hungry.’

- (13.053) *Amul hene hamb hul tolom ye bole omel*  
*amul hene hamb hu-l tolom ye-e bol-e omel*  
 woman some banana 3SG-POSS ripe get-SEQ COMP-SEQ DIST2:LOC

*tel-e bol-e na ind-i-ma na-ni kigin*  
 come-SEQ COMP-SEQ 1SG give-CLII:REAL-DS 1SG-EMPH different

*gege me.*  
*ge-e~ge me-e*  
 go-SEQ~IMPERV put-1/2.IND

‘One woman brought some ripe bananas over there and gave them to me and I was taking them alone.’

- (13.054) *Okay, Samson ala Emanuel ala heneng ala mu na*  
 okay (person.name) and (person.name) and some and 3PL 1sg

*isel-a.*  
 follow-3.IND

‘Okay, Samson and Emmanuel and some others, they followed me.’

- (13.055) *Na isel-e tel-a.*  
 1SG follow-SEQ come-3.IND  
 ‘They came after me.’

- (13.056) *Tel-a-ma hamb tolom heneng val ende n-e.*  
*tel-a-ma hamb tolom heneng val enden ne-e*  
 come-3.IND-DS banana ripe some DIST1:LOC also eat-1/2.IND  
 ‘They were coming and there I ate some of the ripe bananas.’

- (13.057) *Na ge va angade bole ne.*  
*na ge val angad-e bol-e ne-e*  
 1SG DSM DIST1:LOC fall-SEQ COMP-SEQ eat-1/2.IND  
 ‘I dropped them (the skins) as I ate them (the bananas).’

- (13.058) *Neneme neneme mu ende ge amul ge*  
*ne-e~ne-me ne-e~ne-me mu enden ge amul ge-e*  
 eat-SEQ~IMPERV-SS eat-SEQ~IMPERV-SS 3PL also DSM woman go-SEQ
- ende tavon mu adad ande enamb hul humbiti mu*  
*enden tavon mu adad and-e enamb hu-l humb=ti mu*  
 also again 3PL on.top.of stay-SEQ road 3SG-POSS middle=ALL 3PL



*ind-i.*

give-CLII:REAL

‘I was eating and eating them and they also came to the woman who gave them more on the road.’

- (13.059) *Mu indima, mu nonoma, hungiti na ge*  
*mu ind-i-ma mu ne-o~no-ma hung=ti na ge*  
 3PL give-CLII:REAL-DS 3PL eat-POSB~IMPERV-DS nose=ALL 1SG DSM

*enden et-e, “O, Woitap hale sol hukas val*  
 also say-SEQ oh (place.name) young.man youth many DIST1:LOC

*tel-o.*

come-POSB

‘She gave (them) to them, and they were eating (them), and in front (lit. in the nose) I said, “Oh, many Woitap (Woitape) youth are coming there.’

- (13.060) *An hukas val Christian hale sol val*  
 man many DIST1:LOC christian young.man youth DIST1:LOC

*tel-o.”*

come-POSB

‘Lots of people, Christian young people are coming there.’”

- (13.061) *Velma di gege bole di ge omelele*  
*velma di ge-e~ge bol-e di ge omel-hel-e*  
 so 1PL go-SEQ~CONT COMP-SEQ 1PL DSM DIST2:LOC-INCH-SEQ

*Mamba.*

(place.name)

‘So we were going and we began (to go) over there to Mamba.’

- (13.062) *Di amul di nang yalo hulin ama.*  
*di amul di anang yalov hulin a-ma*  
 1PL woman 1PL REC food pot DIR-put-3.IND  
 ‘The women put food in pots for us (to cook).’

- (13.063) *Yalo hukas hulin amemali mu nang Christian ant*  
*yalov hukas hulin a-me-e=mali mu anang Christian and*  
 food many pot DIR-put-SEQ=SIM 3PL REC christian thing

*halu, amul el an hukas, yalo indi hulin*  
*haluv amul el an hukas yalov ind-i hulin*  
 all woman and man many food give-CLII:REAL pot

*amemali ge enambtu owal ibelele*  
*a-me-e=mali ge enamb=tu owal ibel-hel-e*  
 DIR-put-SEQ=SIM DSM road=ADESS PROX1:LOC PROX2.below:LOC-INCH-SEQ

*heng di kel ibel kode eteme,*  
 he-ge-e di kele ibel kod-e et-e-me  
 ELEV-go-SEQ 1PL easily PROX2.below:LOC watch-SEQ say-SEQ-SS

“Ivola!”

Ivol=a

(person.name)=CF

‘When they put lots of food in the pots, they were giving food to many Christians, many people, and on the road just down here going up a bit we looked down there and called out, “Ivol!”’

- (13.064) *Emo hu-l an; hu-l havav.*  
 (person.name) 3SG-POSS that.one 3SG-POSS younger.brother  
 ‘To that one, Emo’s; her younger brother.’

- (13.065) *O va mark enamb ala me bole eta, “Di*  
*O va mark enamb ala me-e bol-e et-a di*  
 oh that mark road and put-SEQ COMP-SEQ say-3.IND 1PL

*alim va enamb ala gadi.*  
*al-i-me va enamb ala ge-adi*  
 see-CLII:REAL-SS that road and go-CLI:IRR  
 ‘Oh, a mark was there on the road, and he said, “We see (it) and we’ll go on that road.’

- (13.066) *Di enamb bedo gadi.*  
*di enamb bedo ge-adi*  
 1PL road mistake go-CLI:IRR  
 ‘We were taking the wrong road.’

- (13.067) *Veli di ge enamb bedo di ge valele ge*  
*veli di ge enamb bedo di ge val-hel-e ge-e*  
 so 1PL DSM road mistake 1PL DSM DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ go-SEQ

*okay di alim malel owal odel mu eta, “O*  
*okay di al-i-me malel owal odel mu et-a o*  
 okay 1PL see-CLII:REAL-SS letter PROX1:LOC where 3PL say-3.IND oh

*gegedi ibel, Kodedati.”*  
*ge-e~ge-idi ibel Koded=ati*  
 go-SEQ~IMPERV-CLII:IRR PROX2.below:LOC Koded=INESS  
 ‘So we took the wrong road and first went there and we saw in the map (lit. letter) here where it said, “Oh, go down here, at Koded.”’

- (13.068) *Ivol ge obel he-tel-o=mali ibel*  
 (person.name) DSM PROX2:LOC ELEV-come-POSB=SIM PROX2.below:LOC

*hul humbiti ge val ande hetelomali*  
*hu-l humb=ti ge val and-e he-tel-o=mali*  
 3SG-POSS middle=ALL DSM DIST1:LOC stay-SEQ ELEV-come-POSB=SIM

*di-ni yevel hu-ni al-i ted-e.*  
 1P-EMPH PROX2.above:LOC 3SG-EMPH see-CLII:REAL say-1/2.IND  
 'When Ivol came right up right here in the middle while we stayed down here,  
 we called out to him way up there.'

- (13.069) *Tel-e di fidan=ti val he-tel-o=mali di sisiban*  
 come-SEQ 1PL one=ALL DIST1:LOC ELEV-come-POSB=SIM 1PL knowledge

*male ende va malel mem eta, "O*  
*mal-e enden va malel mem et-a o*  
 CAUS-SEQ also DIST1:DEM letter NEG say-3.IND oh

*gegedi."*

*ge-e~ge-idi*

go-SEQ~IMPERV-CLII:IRR

'He came while we quickly (lit. at one) came up there and he let us know  
 that the map (lit. letter) did not say, "Go that way."'

- (13.070) *Ta yevel gege medi.*  
*ta yevel ge-e~ge me-idi*  
 but PROX2.above:LOC go-SEQ~IMPERV not-CLII:IRR  
 'But don't go way right up there.'

- (13.071) *Velma di ol ye ve ende di indima*  
*velma di ol ye-e ve enden di ind-i-ma*  
 so.that 1PL firewood get-SEQ so also 1PL give-CLII:REAL-DS

*di nom hul humbiti alan heng yol*  
*di nom hu-l humb=ti alan he-ge-e yol*  
 1PL RECIP 3SG-POSS middle=ALL ridge ELEV-go-SEQ DIST2.above:LOC

*hindele me.*

*hindel-e me-e*

arrive-SEQ put-1/2.IND

'So we got firewood and it was given to us and we went up along the  
 middle of a ridge and took (it) up over there.'

- (13.072) *Amul el an di wantok, family dal val and-o-ma,*  
 woman and man 1PL compatriot family REL DIST1:LOC stay-POSB-DS

*ende di ye sid ge andala gab meta.*  
*enden di ye-e sid ge andala gab meme-et-a*  
 also 1PL get-SEQ hug DSM cry large NEG-say-3.IND  
 'People, our compatriots, family, who were living there, hugged  
 us and there was not a little (lit. lot of) crying.'

- (13.073) *Andala etemali ende bol.dis idemali mu eta,*  
*andala et-e=mali enden bol.dis id-e=mali mu et-a*  
 cry say-SEQ=SIM also dish cut-SEQ=SIM 3PL say-3.IND

“Solans                      hu-l                      hamel                      dal-o-n=a?  
 (person.name)                      3SG-POSS                      daughter                      who-POSB-LINK=Q  
 ‘While we were crying when a dish was cut they said, “Are you from  
 Solans’ daughter?’

- (13.074) *Uwand      akan=a?*  
 small                      DIM=Q  
 ‘The small one, no?’”

- (13.075) *Nal              es      Koma   ge   kupe              yu      ye              fang*  
*na-l              es      Koma   ge   kupev              yu      ye-e              fang*  
 1SG-POSS   child   koma   DSM   sweet.potato   stand   get-SEQ   trap

*hideme              ende   fang   ded   an   hul              haben,   di*  
*hid-e-me              enden   fang   dede   an   hu-l              haben   di*  
 pick-SEQ-SS   also   trap   later   that   3SG-POSS   other   1PL

*vom                      di-l              bul=ti      di      Waitap=iti      di-l*  
 behind.below:LOC   1PL-POSS   land=ALL   1PL   Waitape=ILL   1P-POSS

*bul=ti      and-o-ma      di      he-tel-e              nu*  
 land=ALL   stay-POSB-DS   1PL   ELEV-come-SEQ   2SG

*al-i.*

see-CLII:REAL

‘My child Koma got sweet potato and stood it up setting a trap and  
 later another person’s trap, we were staying back down there at our  
 land in Waitap (Waitape) and we came up and saw you.’

- (13.076) *Velima   di   owal              ande,      di      ye              sid      bole              di*  
*velima   di   owal              and-e      di      ye-e              sid      bol-e              di*  
 so.that   1PL   PROX1:LOC   stay-SEQ   1PL   get-SEQ   hug   COMP-SEQ   1PL

*ge      andeme              hul              yalo      hindeleme              va      yalo*  
*ge      and-e-me              hu-l              yalov      hindel-e-me              va      yalov*  
 DSM   stay-SEQ-SS   3SG-POSS   food   arrive-SEQ-SS   that   food

*ide              yalo      ge      talel.*  
*id-e              yalov      ge      talel.*  
 cut-SEQ   food   DSM   forever

‘So we were staying here, we hugged and stayed and the food  
 arrived that food was divided going on forever.’

- (13.077) *Yalov   hukas   gege                      hulin   amemali              gege*  
*yalov   hukas   ge-e~ge                      hulin   a-me-e=mali              ge-e~ge*  
 food   many   go-SEQ~IMPERV   pot   DIR-put-SEQ=SIM   go-SEQ~IMPERV

*yalo hukas tey keda ents idema di ge tul*  
*yalov hukas tey keda em=ts id-e-ma di ge =tul*  
 food many very bed house=LOC lie-SEQ-DS 1PL DSM =ADESS

*and-e.*

stay-1/2.IND

‘While lots of food was going into the pots, very much food was lying on the bed in the house and there was very much food lying on the bed and we were on top of it.’

- (13.078) *Di val tul andema, yalo hukas tul hulin*  
*di val =tul and-e-ma yalov hukas =tul hulin*  
 1PL DIST1:LOC =ADESS stay-SEQ-DS food many =ADESS pot

*amemali velima okay di ge nonome*  
*a-me-e=mali velima okay di ge ne-o~no-me*  
 DIR-put-SEQ=SIM so.that okay 1PL DSM eat-POSB~IMPERV-SS

*fulumad-e.*

finish-1/2.IND

‘We were sitting there on it, and when lots of food was placed in the pots, so okay we were eating until we were finished.’

- (13.079) *Fulumade bole okay Christian fidafidana?*  
*fulumad-e bol-e okay Christian fidan~fidan=a*  
 finish-SEQ COMP-SEQ okay christian DISTR~one=Q  
 ‘We were finished, so each Christian, no?’

- (13.080) *Leader ant haluv ende ge talel fidafidan ant haluv*  
*leader and haluv enden ge talel fidan~fidan and haluv*  
 leader thing all also DSM forever DISTR~one thing all

*ye gege ents hul andema ge tul*  
*ye-e ge-e~ge em=ts hu-l and-e-ma ge =tul*  
 get-SEQ go-SEQ~IMPERV house=LOC 3SG-POSS stay-SEQ-DS DSM =ADESS

*ents idadi, ende di ant haluv yoyo*  
*em=ts id-adi enden di and haluv ye-o~yo*  
 house=LOC cut-CLI:IRR also 1PL thing all get-POSB~IMPERV

*fulumad-a.*

finish-3.IND

‘All the leaders, took each one all together into the houses and divided up the houses until they all were finished being brought in.’

- (13.081) *Na ende imal val idede na yung.*  
*na enden imal val id-e~de na yu-ngo*  
 1SG also day DIST1:LOC cut-SEQ~CONT 1SG stand-STAT  
 ‘I was also sleeping there and got up.’

- (13.082) *Anama ende val Ivol ende*  
 (person.name) also DIST1:LOC (person.name) also

*yolele Patrik hu gomenenga*  
*yol-hel-e Patrik hu g-o=menenga*  
 DIST2.above:LOC-INCH-SEQ (person.name) 3SG go-POSB=FUT.SEQ

*tel-o.*

come-POSB

‘Anama and Ivol just up over there with Patrick were going to come.’

- (13.083) *Velme na ende val ge di val idem*  
*velme na enden val ge-e di val id-e-ma*  
 so 1SG also DIST1:LOC go-SEQ 1PL DIST1:LOC cut-1/2.IND-DS

*party vil-i-me okay di akolog six aklok hindel-o~lo*  
 party do-CLII:REAL-SS okay 1PL now six o'clock arrive-POSB~IMPERV

*walk ambulele Kakod.*  
*walk ambul-hel-e Kakod*  
 walk only-INCH-SEQ (place.name)

‘So I went there and we slept there and had a party, okay we were to arrive at six o'clock walking just to Kokoda.’

- (13.084) *Kakod hindel bole valele pastor hul*  
*Kakod hindel-e bol-e val-hel-e pastor hu-l*  
 (place.name) arrive-SEQ COMP-SEQ DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ pastor 3SG-POSS

*em di valele andong ideme ende.*  
*em di val-hel-e and-ong id-e-me enden*  
 house 1PL DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ stay-STAT cut-SEQ-SS also

‘First we arrived there at Kokoda and we began staying there at the pastor’s house (where) we slept.’

- (13.085) *Id-e-me ukala fek had-e, fek had-e di hale*  
 cut-SEQ-SS and.then return hit-SEQ return hit-SEQ 1PL young.man

*sol van nang ete dil ents nananing ge*  
*sol van anang et-e di-l em=ts nanan=ing ge*  
 youth that.one REC say-SEQ 1PL-POSS house=LOC person=PL DSM

*eta, “Telo di mon yomeneng nu mon*  
*et-a tel-o di moni ye-o=menenga nu moni*  
 say-3.IND come-POSB 1PL money get-POSB=FUT.SEQ 2SG money

*ye dil ents gava.”*  
*ye-e di-l em=ts ge-ava*  
 get-SEQ 1PL-POSS house=LOC go-2PL.IMP

‘After we slept then we returned, that is we young people returned and our own people said to us, “Come, let’s get money and you all take it home.”’

- (13.086) *Okay di ende val id-e-me ukala fek hade; di*  
*okay di enden val id-e-me ukala fek had-e di*  
 okay 1PL also DIST1:LOC cut-SEQ-ss and.then return hit-SEQ 1PL

*Anama, Pita, na, Samson, Emanuel,*  
 (person.name) (person.name) 1SG (person.name) (person.name)

*di fek hademe sume da ge money yeyung*  
*di fek had-e-me sum-e da ge money ye-e~ye-ung*  
 1PL return hit-SEQ-ss walk-SEQ 1DL DSM money get-SEQ~IMPERV-NOM

*valele freezer meat ende ge sipsip hul and*  
*val-hel-e freezer meat enden ge sipsip hu-l and*  
 DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ freezer meat also DSM sheep 3SG-POSS thing

*and-e-n=a?*

stay-SEQ-LINK=Q

‘Okay, we slept there and then returned; Anama, Peter, Samson, Emmanuel and I, we returned walking and we were there getting the money just there and got freezer meat, some kind of sheep, no?’

- (13.087) *Galib tul indime okay ye bole yem*  
*galib tul ind-i-me okay ye-e bol-e ye-e-me*  
 small buy give-CLII:REAL-SS okay get-SEQ COMP-SEQ get-SEQ-CAUS

*di ende valele val gege gege*  
*di enden val-hel-e val ge-e~ge ge-e~ge*  
 1PL also DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ DIST1:LOC go-SEQ-IMPERV go-SEQ-IMPERV

*sume sume di hungiti tele di ne.*  
*sum-e sum-e di hung=ti tel-e di ne-e*  
 walk-SEQ walk-SEQ 1PL nose=ALL come-SEQ 1PL eat-1/2.IND  
 ‘We bought a little and took (it) and we were just going and going there walking and walking and at first came and ate (it).’

- (13.088) *Di val ende yalo n-e~ne-ma mu ge yalo odel*  
*di val enden yalov ne-e~ne-ma mu ge yalov odel*  
 1PL DIST1:LOC also food eat-SEQ~IMPERV-DS 3PL DSM food where

*hulin ama.*

*hulin a-me-a*

pot DIR-put-3.IND

‘We were there eating food and then that is where they put food in pots.’

- (13.089) *Hulin amome bole dini mon ende*  
*hulin a-me-o-me bol-e di-ni moni enden*  
 pot DIR-put-POSB-SS COMP-SEQ 1PL-EMPH money also

*meme money siksti kina.*  
*me-e~me money siksti kina*  
 put-SEQ~IMPERV money 60 kina  
 ‘We put it in the pot and we also put in (our) money–K60.’

- (13.090) *Et okay yi ge busal hetel yini family*  
*et-a okay yi ge busal he-tel-e yi-ni family*  
 say-3.IND okay 2PL DSM far ELEV-come-SEQ 2PL-EMPH family

*indi, bul fuditi hetelena?*  
*ind-i bul fud=ti he-tel-e-n=a?*  
 give-CLII:REAL land wild=ALL ELEV-come-SEQ-LINK=Q  
 ‘They said that you came up from far away and you can give it to your family, you came up through the wild land, no?’

- (13.091) *Velima mu ge siksti kina hel-a-ma di*  
 so.that 3PL DSM 60 kina become-3.IND-DS 1PL

*ye bolena?*  
*ye-e bol-e=na*  
 get-SEQ COMP-SEQ-Q  
 ‘So K60 was gathered and we took it, no?’

- (13.092) *Di ye bole di ge heng Avets,*  
*di ye-e bol-e di ge he-ge-e Ave=ts*  
 1PL get-SEQ COMP-SEQ 1PL DSM ELEV-go-SEQ (place.name)=LOC

*heng di ge omel gadi.*  
*he-ge-e di ge omel ge-adi*  
 ELEV-go-SEQ 1PL DSM DIST2:LOC go-CLI:IRR  
 ‘We took (it) and we went up to Ave, we went up and were trying to go over there.’

- (13.093) *Gogo sum val sum alan heng di ge*  
*ge-o~go sum val sum alan he-ge-e di ge*  
 go-POSB~IMPERV walk DIST1:LOC walk ridge ELEV-go-SEQ 1PL DSM

*hud bol-e fek had-e.*  
 fear COMP-SEQ return hit-1/2.IND  
 ‘We were going along walking there, walking up the ridge and we were afraid and we came back.’

- (13.094) *Ge val an had-o~do.*  
 DSM DIST1:LOC man hit-POSB~IMPERV  
 ‘People were being killed there.’

- (13.095) *Et-a, “Yi owal Woitap Goilala owal*  
 say-3.IND 2PL PROX1:LOC (place.name) (place.name) PROX1:LOC



*an had-a.*”  
man hit-3.IND

‘They said, “You here Woitap (Woitape) Goilalas kill people.”’

- (13.096) *Eta, “Owalele yil buti nanan yi*  
*et-a owal-hel-e yi-l bul=ti nanan yi*  
say-3.IND PROX1:LOC-INCH-SEQ 2PL-POSS land=ALL person 2PL

*owal an had-a-ma okay an hu-l van*  
PROX1:LOC man hit-3.IND-DS okay man 3SG-POSS that.one

*had-a-ma velima di hud bol-e-n=a?*  
hit-3IND-DS so.that 1PL fear COMP-SEQ-LINK=Q  
‘They said, “Just here, one of your own (lit. your place person) killed  
someone here and since that one was killed we are afraid, no?”’

- (13.097) *Ve di hud bole hengege.*  
*ve di hud bol-e he-ge-e~ge*  
so 1PL fear COMP-SEQ ELEV-go-SEQ~IMPERV  
‘So we were afraid and went up.’

- (13.098) *Andalo?! andal-yo*  
what-VOC  
‘What?!’

- (13.099) *Di hud bol-e fek had-e tel-e.*”  
1PL fear COMP-SEQ return hit-SEQ come-SEQ  
‘We were afraid and came back.’”

- (13.100) *Enden okay owalele Anama Somba hul*  
*enden okay owal-hel-e Anama Somba hu-l*  
also okay PROX1:LOC-INCH-SEQ (person.name) (person.name) 3SG-POSS

*eb=a?*  
in.law  
‘And okay just here was Anama Somba’s in-law, no?’

- (13.101) *Dil eb ende val yu alime et,*  
*di-l eb enden val yu al-i-me et-e*  
1PL-POSS in.law also DIST1:LOC stand see-CLII:REAL-SS say-SEQ

*“Yini ge seb ongo-l=a?*  
2PL-EMPH DSM betel.pepper.vine some-LINK=Q  
‘We saw our in-law standing there and he said, “Do you have  
any betel pepper vine?”’

- (13.102) *Okay yi-ni ge tel-o=menenga na ge yi talaka*  
 okay 2PL-EMPH DSM come-POSB=FUT.SEQ 1SG DSM 2PL car

*yeye bo omel Mamba omel*  
*ye-e~ye bol-∅ omel Mamba omel*  
 get-SEQ~IMPERV COMP-HYPOTH DIST2:LOC (place name) DIST2:LOC

*me hindele.*  
*me-e hindel-e*  
 put-SEQ arrive-1/2.IND  
 ‘Okay, you will come and then I will take you in my car way over there to Mamba.’

- (13.103) *Di gege sum sum sum omel*  
*di ge-e~ge sum-e sum-e sum-e omel*  
 1PL go-SEQ~IMPERV walk-SEQ walk-SEQ walk-SEQ DIST2:LOC

*owafutula?*  
*owafu=tu-l=a?*  
 bridge=ADESS-LINK=Q  
 ‘We were going walking, walking, walking way over there to the bridge, no?’

- (13.104) *Kugul agan talak obel walk ibel ge*  
*kugul agan talak obel walk ibel ge-e*  
 nearby DIM car PROX2:LOC walk PROX2.below:LOC go-1/2.IND

*ve dini ende ge gege enti me.*  
*ve di-ni enden ge ge-e~ge em=ti me-e*  
 so 1PL-EMPH also DSM go-SEQ~IMPERV house=ALL put-1/2.IND  
 ‘A car was quite nearby right here and we walked down here so we were going to the village.’

- (13.105) *Velma di ant haluv di ende five kina five kina*  
*velma di and haluv di enden five kina five kina*  
 so.that 1PL thing all 1PL also five kina five kina

*mu indi val di ende ge*  
*mu- ind-i val di enden ge*  
 3PL- give-CLII:REAL DIST1:LOC 1PL also DSM

*imele hindele.*  
*im-hel-e hindel-e*  
 DIST2.below:LOC-INCH-SEQ arrive-1/2.IND  
 ‘So all of us each gave them K5 and we first arrived down there.’

- (13.106) *Popondetta town sipsip val hindel-e bole di*  
 (place.name) town sheep DIST1:LOC arrive-SEQ COMP-SEQ 1PL

*valele*                      *ye*            *heme*            *ovo*            *fal*            *di*            *ende*  
*val-hel-e*                      *ye-e*            *hem-e*            *ovo*            *fal*            *di*            *enden*  
DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ    get-SEQ    shoot-SEQ    PROX1:DEM    ground    1PL    also

*obel*                      *gegema*                      *di*            *ge*            *val*                      *gege*                      *walk*  
*obel*                      *ge-e~ge-ma*                      *di*            *ge*            *val*                      *ge-e~ge*                      *walk*  
PROX2:LOC    go-SEQ~IMPERV-DS    1PL    DSM    DIST1:LOC    go-SEQ~IMPERV    walk

*omel*            *di*            *churching*            *ok*            *val*                      *heleme*                      *mu*  
*omel*            *di*            *church=ing*            *oki*            *val*                      *hel-e-me*                      *mu*  
DIST2:LOC    1PL    church=PL    fire    DIST1:LOC    become-SEQ-SS    3PL

*indima*                      *di*            *ende*            *me*            *Deov*            *hul*                      *glory.*  
*ind-i-ma*                      *di*            *enden*            *me-e*            *Deov*            *hu-l*                      *glory*  
give-CLII:REAL-DS    1PL    also            put-SEQ    God            3SG-POSS    glory  
‘Popondetta town sheep just arrived here and we got them and distributed (lit. shot) them there and we were going right here at this place here and we church people were walking over there and were given fire and they gave it to us and we gave God glory (lit. put it to the glory).’

- (13.107) *Popondetta*    *town*    *mul*                      *an*            *ende*            *Christian*    *pastor*            *ende*            *ge*  
*Popondetta*    *town*    *mu-l*                      *an*            *enden*            *Christian*    *pastor*            *enden*            *ge*  
(place.name)    town    3PL-POSS    man    also            Christian    pastor            also            DSM

*deacon,*            *elders*            *ende*            *ant*            *halu.*  
*deacon*            *elders*            *enden*            *and*            *haluv*  
*deacon*            *elders*            *also*            *thing*            *all*

‘In Popondetta town there were Christian pastors and deacons and elders and everyone.’

- (13.108) *Ant*            *haluv*            *hindeleme*                      *bolema?*  
*and*            *haluv*            *hindel-e-me*                      *bol-e-m=a*  
thing    all            come.out-SEQ-SS    COMP-SEQ-LINK=Q  
‘Everyone all came out, no?’

- (13.109) *Hindel*                      *em*            *dal*            *huni*                      *eta*                      *ve*            *eta.*  
*hindel-e*                      *em*            *dal*            *hu-ni*                      *et-a*                      *ve*            *et-a*  
come.out-SEQ    house    who    3SG-EMPH    say-3.IND    so    say-3.IND  
‘The houses they came out of were so called.’

- (13.110) *Goilala=ing*    *ted-e*            *di-ni*                      *van*            *hu-l*                      *lait*  
Goilala=PL    say-SEQ    1PL-EMPH    that    3SG-POSS    lamp

*hul*                      *samen*            *inog*            *ende*            *city*            *di*            *val*                      *henga,*  
*hu-l*                      *samen*            *inog*            *enden*            *city*            *di*            *val*                      *he-ge-a*  
3SG-POSS    light    big    also    city    1PL    DIST1:LOC    ELEV-go-3.IND

*heng*                      *dil*                      *iyats*                      *yemali*                      *Pastor*    *Barry*  
*he-ge-e*                      *di-l*                      *iyal=ts*                      *ye-e=mali*                      *Pastor*    *Barry*  
ELEV-go-SEQ    1PL-POSS    hand=LOC    get-SEQ=SIM    pastor    (person.name)

*hindel ende dil iyats yema di ye*  
*hindel-e enden di-l iyal=ts ye-e-ma di ye-e*  
 come.out-SEQ also 1PL-POSS hand=LOC get-SEQ-DS 1PL get-SEQ

*sidimali enden eto, “Yi ende sog ala sumema*  
*sid-i=mali enden et-o yi enden sog ala sum-e-ma*  
 hug-REAL=SIM also say-POSB 2PL also leg INSTR walk-SEQ-DS

*yil hod ge fuful meme.”*  
*yi-l hod ge fuful me-e~me*  
 2PL-POSS skin DSM pain put-SEQ-IMPERV

‘The Goilalas said that we would go back to that one there toward the lights of the city, and shake hands with Pastor Barry who came out and shook our hands and hugged us and said, “You walked by foot and your body is in pain/sore.”’

- (13.111) *Di et-e, “Todi.”*  
 1PL say-1/2.IND yes  
 ‘We said, “Yes.”’

- (13.112) *Di heng yol heng val ents*  
*di he-ge-e yol he-ge-e val em=ts*  
 1P ELEV-go-SEQ DIST2.above:LOC ELEV-go-SEQ DIST1:LOC house=LOC

*and-e~de et-a, “Di obel av ted-e-me*  
 stay-SEQ~IMPERV say-3.IND 1PL PROX2:LOC word say-SEQ-SS

*andeme okay,” eta amul el an ge keda yemali*  
*and-e-me okay et-a amul el an ge keda ye-e=mali*  
 stay-SEQ-SS okay say-IND woman and man DSM bed get-SEQ=SIM

*ta keda galib huwan.*  
 but bed small nothing

‘We went up over there up there in the house there and stayed saying, “We were staying right here speaking,” and said the people have taken beds, and the beds are not small/a few.’

- (13.113) *Yu mu eta, “Di indima di ye bole*  
*yu mu et-a di ind-i-ma di ye-e bol-e*  
 stand 3PL say-3.IND 1PL give-CLII:REAL-DS 1PL get-SEQ COMP-SEQ

*ende dil em hene sesada tey.”*  
*enden di-l em hene sesada tey*  
 also 1PL-POSS house some long true

‘They stood and said, “Give them to us and we will take them as some of our houses are very long.”’

- (13.114) *Velma di yevel ang-e-me di ge tel-e*  
 so.that 1PL PROX2.above:LOC remain-SEQ-SS 1PL DSM come-SEQ

*hod ende ge ibelele.*  
*hod enden ge ibel-hel-e*  
 skin also DSM PROX2.below:LOC-INCH-SEQ  
 ‘So we stayed right up here and we came and bodies were just down there.’

- (13.115) *Hu im ang-e-ma ge talel full tey, ge*  
 3SG DIST2.below:LOC remain-SEQ-DS DSM forever full true have  
*tel-e hindel-a.*  
 come-SEQ come.out-3.IND  
 ‘He stayed down here and it was really full and was coming out.’

- (13.116) *Hindelema heneng ende konati val idede,*  
*hindel-e-ma heneng enden kona=ti val id-e~de*  
 come.out-SEQ-DS some also corner=ALL DIST1:LOC cut-SEQ~IMPERV  
*ende nal kigin keda ende an ant halu keda*  
*enden na-l kigin keda enden an and haluv keda*  
 also 1SG-POSS different bed also man thing all bed  
*fidafidan ya.*  
*fidan~fidan ye-a*  
 DISTR~one get-3.IND  
 ‘We came out and some were sleeping there in the corner, and I had my own bed and everyone else each had their own bed.’

- (13.117) *Na-ni sal hel-e.*  
 1SG-EMPH sick become-1/2.IND  
 ‘I was getting sick.’

- (13.118) *Robert, nani sal hele gegema, tu*  
*Robert na-ni sal hel-e ge-e~ge-ma tu*  
 (person.name) 1SG-EMPH sick become-SEQ go-SEQ~IMPERV-DS two  
*wiks na val sal hel-e.*  
 weeks 1SG DIST1:LOC sick become-SEQ  
 ‘Robert, I was getting sick for some time (lit. going on), I was just sick there for two weeks.’

- (13.119) *Em bole na ende val pelen yena?*  
*em bol-e na enden val pelen ye-e-n=a*  
 house leave-SEQ 1SG also DIST1:LOC aeroplane get-SEQ-LINK=Q  
 ‘I left the house and I got a plane, no?’

- (13.120) *Air.Niugini gomali, muni ge hetela.*  
*Air.Niugini ge-o=mali mu-ni ge he-tel-a*  
 (name) go-POSB=SIM 3PL-EMPH have ELEV-come-3.IND  
 ‘While going by Air Niugini they came up.’

- (13.121) *Mu-ni ge hetel tavon fek had mul is*  
*mu-ni ge he-tel-e tavon fek had-e mu-l is*  
 3PL-EMPH DSM ELEV-come-SEQ again return hit-SEQ 3PL-POSS space

*ala walk ye bole heteladia?*  
*ala walk y-ee bol-e he-tel-adi=a*  
 and walk get-SEQ COMP-SEQ ELEV-come-CLI:IRR=Q  
 ‘They came up and came back walking the same way to come up, no?’

- (13.122) *Et-e om Silim=ts hindel owal tel-adi.*  
 say-SEQ DIST2:LOC (place.name)=LOC arrive PROX1:LOC come-CLI:IRR  
 ‘They were trying to come out over there at Silim (Chirime) and arrived here.’

- (13.123) *Muni telomali nani valele pelen*  
*mu-ni tel-o=mali na-ni val-hel-e pelen*  
 3PL-EMPH come-POSB=SIM 1SG-EMPH DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ aeroplane

*ye bole im Moresby silol ye.*  
*ye-e bol-e im Moresby silol ye-e*  
 get-SEQ COMP-SEQ DIST2.below:LOC (place.name) jump get-SEQ  
 ‘While they came I took the plane just back there and landed down there in Port Moresby.’

- (13.124) *Silol ye valele tavon ende val sal*  
*silol ye-e val-hel-e tavon enden val sal*  
 jump get-SEQ DIST1:LOC-INCH-SEQ again also DIST1:LOC sick

*hel-e~le.*  
 become-SEQ~IMPERV  
 ‘I landed just there and I was still sick.’

- (13.125) *Sal owal and-ong and-ong and-ong*  
 illness PROX1:LOC stay-SEQ-STAT stay-SEQ-STAT stay-SEQ-STAT

*nal hod enden owal ifan helama na ende*  
*na-l hod enden owal ifan hel-a-ma na enden*  
 1SG-POSS skin also PROX1:LOC good become-3.IND-DS 1SG also

*nal family ende gema di halu ende fek had*  
*na-l family enden ge-e-ma di haluv enden fek had-e*  
 1SG-POSS family also go-SEQ-DS 1PL all also return hit-SEQ

*he-tel-e.*  
 ELEV-come-SEQ  
 ‘I remained sick here, on and on and then I got well (lit. my body became good) here my family and I went and we all returned.’

- (13.126) *Todi.*  
 yes  
 ‘Yes.’

- (13.127) *Av huwan.*  
 word nothing  
 ‘My talk is finished.’

#### 4.3 Narrative dialectal variant text 14

This text is of the first person narrative genre (cf. Bradshaw 2007:122–125). It was produced by North/South Udab dialect<sup>29</sup> speaker Theresa Camillo (F, ~12 years old) and written during the vernacular component taught at the Woitape (Fatima mission) community school on 16 April 1997. The author tells of an incident that occurred at the school. Notice the English code switching for all the borrowed words, including ‘ball’ (rather than *bol*), ‘story’ (rather than the word *av* ‘word’), ‘teacher’ (rather than *titiyer*), ‘line’ (rather than *lain*) and ‘stick’ (rather than the word *ikol* ‘stick’) (cf. Bradshaw 2000 and Bradshaw 2021).

- (14.01) *Ball hu-l story*  
 ball 3SG-POSS story

- (14.02) *Alime ale soli ball ye bole kolosima*  
*Alim ale sol=ing ball ye-e bol-e kolos-i-ma*  
 yesterday young.man youth=PL ball get-SEQ COMP-SEQ play-CLII:REAL-DS

*ale sol hene yu bole ball adama ball*  
*ale sol hene yu bol-e ball ad-a-ma ball*  
 young.man youth some stand COMP-SEQ ball hit-3.IND-DS ball

*fulima teacher yu bole bell adama di esing*  
*ful-i-ma teacher yu bol-e bell ad-a-ma di es=ing*  
 fly-CLII:REAL-DS teacher stand COMP-SEQ bell hit-3.IND-DS 1PL child=PL

*lainiti yuma, teacher eta, “Esing dali muni ball*  
*lain=ti yu-ma teacher et-a es=ing dal=ing mu-ni ball*  
 line=ALL stand-DS teacher say-3.IND child=PL REL=PL 3PL-EMPH ball

*ada kolosi owal telava.*  
*ad-a kolos-i owal tel-ava*  
 hit-3.IND play-CLII:REAL PROX1:LOC come-2PL.IMP

‘Yesterday the boys took the ball and were playing (with it) and one boy stood and kicked (lit. hit) the ball and the ball went flying and a teacher was standing (there) and rang (lit. hit) a bell and we children stood in line and the teacher said, “The children who played kicking (lit. hitting) the ball come here.”’

- (14.03) *“Teacher stick ye bole yi adodo.”*  
*teacher stick ye-e bol-e yi ad-o~do*  
 teacher stick get-SEQ COMP-SEQ 2PL hit-POSB~IMPERV  
 “‘So that the teacher might get a stick and hit you (pl).”’

<sup>29</sup> Cf. Bradshaw 1994 for further information on dialect classification.

- (14.04) *Na-l if u-ni Theresa Camillo.*  
 1SG-POSS name 3SG-EMPH (person.name) (person.name)  
 ‘My name is Theresa Camillo.’

#### 4.4 Narrative dialectal variant text 15

This text is a narrative (cf. Bradshaw 2007:122–125). It was produced by a West dialect speaker named Haimbog (M, ~40 years old) and recorded in Mondo village 21 June 1989. The speaker discusses with me, the recorder, recent travels to his village during a dialect survey trip. Some differences between the North/South Udab (or Central Udab) dialects include the items in Table 19 below. Note also the use of what looks to be the stative *-ong* on non-positional verbs (i.e. *et-* ‘say’ and *s-* ‘walk’). It is unclear why; it could instead be instances of nominaliser *-ung*, although that does not seem to fit well. More data is needed.

**Table 19: Dialectal variants**

West	North/South Udab	Central Udab	Gloss
<i>-iti</i>	<i>-idi</i>	<i>-its</i>	‘CLII:IRR’
<i>=ts</i>	<i>=ts</i>	<i>=ts</i>	‘LOC’
<i>Ai</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>E</i>	‘E’
<i>aib</i>	<i>hene</i>	<i>hene</i>	‘some’
<i>andemain</i>	<i>anduman</i>	<i>anduman</i>	‘whatever’
<i>-ati</i>	<i>-adi</i>	<i>-ats</i>	‘CLI:IRR’
<i>avu</i>	<i>(ow)al</i>	<i>(ow)al</i>	‘here’
<i>-avu</i>	<i>-ava</i>	<i>-ava</i>	‘2PL.IMP’
<i>beis</i>	<i>bes</i>	<i>bes</i>	‘hunger’
<i>bilag</i>	<i>biyag</i>	<i>biyag</i>	‘relative’
<i>Dominiki</i>	<i>Dominik</i>	<i>Dominik</i>	‘Sunday’
<i>enekeg</i>	<i>eneng</i>	<i>heneng</i>	‘some (pl)’
<i>ga</i>	<i>ge</i>	<i>ge</i>	‘DSM’
<i>gadin</i>	<i>hand</i>	<i>hand</i>	‘garden’
<i>hatilim</i>	<i>atilim</i>	<i>hatilim</i>	‘dawn’
<i>hel</i>	<i>el</i>	<i>hel</i>	‘become’
<i>hu</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>hu</i>	‘he/she/it’
<i>kagav</i>	<i>kagavan</i>	<i>kagav</i>	‘strong’
<i>Kasmil</i>	<i>Kasmiro</i>	<i>Kasmiro</i>	‘Casmiro’
<i>kup</i>	<i>kupe</i>	<i>kupev</i>	‘sweet potato’
<i>Monde</i>	<i>Mond</i>	<i>Mond</i>	‘Monday’
<i>-na</i>	<i>-a</i>	<i>-a</i>	‘3.IND’
<i>ok(o)</i>	<i>ongo</i>	<i>oko</i>	‘some’
<i>vailma</i>	<i>velima</i>	<i>velima</i>	‘so that’
<i>-vul</i>	<i>-l</i>	<i>-l</i>	‘POSS’
<i>Woitp</i>	<i>Woitap</i>	<i>Woitap</i>	‘Woitape’



The text follows:

- (15.01) *Yi vomalim Dominiki=ts tel-e.*  
 2PL day.before.yesterday Sunday=LOC come-1/2.IND  
 ‘The day before yesterday on Sunday you came.’
- (15.02) *Telo sumong navul ents hindelna.*  
*tel-o sum-ong na-vul em=ts hindel-na*  
 come-POSB walk-STAT 1SG-POSS house=LOC arrive-1/2.IND?  
 ‘You were walking and arrived at my village (lit. house).’
- (15.03) *Na va yi et, “Di beis it.”*  
*na val yi et-e di beis it-e*  
 1SG there 2PL say-1.2.IND “1PL hunger cut-1.2.IND  
 ‘I was there and you said, “We slept hungry.”’
- (15.04) *Yi et di sumemung enamb beis it.*  
*yi et-e di sum-e~me-ung enamb beis it-e*  
 2PL say-1/2.IND 1PL walk-SEQ~IMPERV-NOMZ road hunger cut-1/2.IND  
 ‘You said that you were walking on the road sleeping hungry.’
- (15.05) *Velma na et, “Yi andemaim amuli kup akan*  
*velma na et-e yi andemaim amul=ing kupev akan*  
 so.that 1SG say 2PL whatever woman=PL sweet.potato DIM  
  
*oko hulin amo yi ne bo, yi kagav*  
*oko hulin a-me-o yi ne-e bol-Ø yi kagav*  
 some pot DIR-put-POSB 2PL eat-SEQ COMP-HYPOTH 2PL strong  
  
*he bo ga go.*  
*hel-Ø bol-Ø ga ge-o*  
 become-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH DSM go-POSB  
 ‘So I said, “Whatever you have let the women put a little sweet potato in a  
 pot and then once you have eaten, you will be strengthened so you can go.”’
- (15.06) *Yi gogots yi bilag oko aib enamb huwa*  
*yi ge-o~go-ts yi bilag oko aib enamb huwan*  
 2PL go-POSB~CONT-CLII:IRR 2PL relative some some road nothing  
  
*gai yalo ok yi mindati.*  
*gai yalov oko yi meme-ind-ati*  
 DSM food some 2PL NEG-give-CLI:IRR  
 ‘Once you go you don’t have any relatives along the road to give you any food.’
- (15.07) *Vailma yi Dominikits, di ol yalo kis akan*  
*vailma yi Dominiki=ts di yol yalov kis akan*  
 so.that 2PL Sunday=LOC 1PL DIST2.above:LOC food little DIM

- ne bo, yi te ge.*  
*ne-e bol-e yi tel-e ge-e*  
 eat-SEQ COMP-SEQ 2PL come-SEQ go-SEQ  
 ‘So on Sunday, you would eat a little food way up there, and then come.’
- (15.08) *Yi so ibel Fan an val its.*  
*yi so-e ibel Fan an val it-ts*  
 2PL walk-SEQ PROX2.below:LOC (place.name) that DIST1:LOC cut-CLII:IRR  
 ‘You walked down here to Fane to sleep.’
- (15.09) *Hatilim, Monde yi val and-e.*  
 dawn Monday 2PL DIST1:LOC stay-1/2.IND  
 ‘On Monday morning you stayed there.’
- (15.10) *Tusde yi ga hetele song a Mondots,*  
*Tusde yi ga he-tel-e s-ong al Mondo=ts*  
 Tuesday 2PL DSM ELEV-come-SEQ walk-STAT right.here (place.name)=LOC  
  
*hindema di ga avu ande av haded.*  
*hindel-e-ma di ga avu and-e av had-e~de*  
 arrive-SEQ-DS 1PL DSM right.here stay-SEQ speech hit-SEQ~IMPERV  
 ‘Tuesday you came walking up here to Mondo, and you arrived and we are sitting talking here.’
- (15.11) *Na ga Halav gats song hindel.*  
*na ga Halav ge-ats s-ong hindel-e*  
 1SG DSM (place.name) go-CLI:IRR walk-STAT arrive-1/2.IND  
 ‘I arrived from walking to Halav.’
- (15.12) *Vom na-vul gadin=iti s-ong bol-e,*  
 behind.below:LOC 1SG-POSS garden=LOC walk-STAT COMP-SEQ  
  
*hindel di ga avu Mondots, emits ande*  
*hindel-e di ga avu Mondo=ts em=its and-e*  
 arrive 1PL DSM here.PROX (place.name)=LOC house=ALL stay-SEQ  
  
*av et-e.*  
 speech say-1/2.IND  
 ‘I was walking back down there in my garden, and we arrived here in Mondo, (where) we are sitting and talking in the house.’
- (15.13) *Yi ge tuts Woitap=its.*  
 2PL DSM tomorrow (place.name)=ALL  
 ‘Tomorrow you (will go) to Woitap (Woitape).’
- (15.14) *Yi heng et an ok enamb yalo oko*  
*yi he-ge-e et-e an oko enamb yalov oko*  
 2PL ELEV-go-SEQ say-SEQ man some road food some

*yi mindati.*

*yi meme-ind-ati*

2PL NEG-give-CLI:IRR

‘You will go up saying that along the road there won’t be anyone to give you food.’

- (15.15) *Ole u-l bilag eke, Ole u-l bilag*  
(person.name) 3SG-POSS relative or (person.name) 3SG-POSS relative

*oko alimala ga yalo yindati.*

*oko al-i=mala ga yalo yi-ind-ati*

some see-CLII:REAL=COND DSM food 2PL-give-CLI:IRR

‘Ole’s relatives, or if you see (any of) Ole’s relatives they will give you food.’

- (15.16) *Avan go tun galib.*  
*avan ge-o tu-ni galib*  
PROX1:DEM go-POSB 3DL-EMPH little  
‘Going (with) these two, they are young (lit. little).’

- (15.17) *Balu, Kigef tu-ni an galib.*  
(person.name) (person.name) 3DL-EMPH man little  
‘Balu and Kigef they two are young (lit. little) men.’

- (15.18) *Tu hilog an ok sisib huwa.*  
*tu hilog an oko sisiban huwan*  
3DL still man some knowledge nothing  
‘The two of them still do not know anyone.’

- (15.19) *An ok hilog sisib huwa.*  
*an oko hilog sisiban huwan*  
man some still knowledge nothing  
‘They still don’t know any men.’

- (15.20) *Ole enekeg sisib.*  
*Ole enekeg sisiban*  
(person.name) just knowledge  
‘Only Ole knows.’

- (15.21) *Ole ul bilag alimala, yi ge yalo*  
*Ole u-l bilag al-i=malala yi ge yalov*  
(person.name) 3SG-POSS relative see-CLII:REAL=COND 2PL DSM food

*n-o.*

*ne-o.*

eat-POSB

‘If you see any of Ole’s relatives then you will have food to eat.’

- (15.22) *Gai yi n-o av had-o.*  
*gai yi ne-o av had-o*  
DSM 2PL eat-POSB speech hit-POSB  
‘And once you have eaten then you can talk.’

- (15.23) *Huwan alimala, yi ga song tuts ga*  
*huwan al-i=malala yi ga s-ong tuts ga*  
 nothing see-CLI:REAL=COND 2PL DSM walk-STAT tomorrow DSM

*Woitap=its.*

(place.name)=LOC

‘If you don’t see anyone/anything then tomorrow you will go on to  
 Waitap (Waitape).’

- (15.24) *Yo Waitapits hindel, val ito.*  
*yol Waitap=its hindel-e val it-o*  
 DIST2.above:LOC (place.name)=LOC arrive-SEQ DIST1:LOC cut-POSB  
 ‘Once you arrive in Waitap (Waitape), then you can sleep there.’

- (15.25) *Hatili, yi ga Honongits yil ents, yi ga*  
*hatilim yi ga Honong=its yi-l em=ts yi ga*  
 dawn 2PL DSM (place.name)=LOC 2PL-POSS house=LOC 2PL DSM

*hindel.*

*hindel-e*

arrive-1/2.IND

‘In the morning, you will arrive in your village (lit. house) in Honong (Ononge).’

- (15.26) *Na-vul av Ai Kasmil, Kog tu*  
 1SG-POSS speech (person.name) (person.name) (person.name) 3DL

*nang etats Ya om Haimbog, Mondots*  
*anang et-ats ya omel Haimbog Mondo=ts*  
 REC say-CLI:IRR 2DL DIST2:LOC (person.name) (place.name)=LOC

*di and-e av et-ong.*  
 1PL stay-SEQ speech say-STAT

‘Tell E Kasmiro and Kog what I say that there in Mondo the two of you  
 stayed and talked to Haimbog.’

- (15.27) *Avuv di nan tam di hetele song*  
*avuv di anang et-a-ma di he-tel-e s-ong*  
 here 1PL REC say-3.IND-ds 1PL ELEV-come-SEQ walk-STAT

*avu.*

here

‘He told us to come up there (lit. here) and we came walking up here.’

- (15.28) *Di ga song avu enamb yalo oko me*  
*di ga s-ong avu enamb yalov oko me*  
 1PL DSM walk-STAT here road food some NEG

*n-e.*

*ne-e*

eat-1/2.IND

‘We walked here and didn’t have any food to eat along the road.’

- (15.29) *U-l av isel di s-ong enam b yalo ok me*  
*u-l av isel-e di s-ong enam b yalov oko me*  
 3SG-POSS speech follow-SEQ 1PL walk-STAT road food some NEG

*n-e.*

*ne-e*

eat-1/2.IND

‘We listened to (lit. followed) what he said and we were walking and did not have any food to eat along the road.’

- (15.30) *Di ga s-ong avu Woitap=iti em=its.*  
 1PL DSM walk-STAT here (place.name)=LOC house=LOC  
 ‘We were walking here to the village (lit. house) in Woitap (Woitape).’

- (15.31) *Ga vai yalo hen tul ind, nono.*  
*ga vai yalov hene tul ind-i ne-o~no*  
 DSM there food some sell give-CLII:REAL eat-POSB~IMPERV  
 ‘Back there we bought some food to eat.’

- (15.32) *Val it.*  
*val it-e*  
 DIST1:LOC cut-1/2.IND  
 ‘And slept back there.’

- (15.33) *Hatilim di g-avu.*  
 dawn 1PL go-1PL.IMP  
 ‘In the morning we will go.’

- (15.34) *Navul a gapa.*  
*Na-vul av ge-apa*  
 1SG-POSS speech DSM- enough  
 ‘I’ve finished what I had to say.’

#### 4.5 Procedural text 16

This text below is of the procedural genre (cf. Bradshaw 2007:133). An excerpt from the text, modified following the North/South Udab dialect can be found in Bradshaw (2007:134–135). The whole text is given below in the original Central Udab dialect in which it was recorded. It describes the steps followed in building a typical Fuyug village house. Houses in the Goilala District of Central Province are very distinct from houses found in other parts of the province. They are tall A-frame type structures with walls composed of bent pandanus leaves reaching to the ground. They have no windows, and only a small opening in the front

entrance which is closed off at night to keep out the cold (cf. Bradshaw 1989 for further details). Figure 2 shows a closer view of some houses while Figure 3 shows several houses in a row, showing the courtyard. This text was produced by Honong/Central Udab dialect (Lolof village) speaker Tam Emilian E (M, ~20 years old) and recorded in 1989.<sup>30</sup>



Figure 2: Fuyug houses (1988)



Figure 3: Fuyug houses with courtyard (1989)

- (16.01) *Dini em heladimote ferst bu tomalats.*  
*di-ni em hel-adi=mote ferst bul tomal-ats*  
 1PL-EMPH house become-CLI:IRR=DESID first land make-CLI:IRR  
 ‘When we want to build a house, first we prepare (lit. make) the land.’
- (16.02) *Bu toma bo, ise hay muditi.*  
*bul tomal-∅ bol-∅ isel-∅ hay mud=iti.*  
 land make-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH follow-HYPOTH wall hole=ALL  
 ‘Once the land is prepared (lit. made), then the walls are erected (in holes).’
- (16.03) *Hay mud flumad bo enden iyo iyaliti.*  
*hay mud flumad-∅ bol-∅ enden iyov iyal=iti*  
 wall hole finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also vine hand=ALL  
 ‘Once the walls are all erected (lit. holed) then also vines are tied (lit. by hand).’
- (16.04) *Iyo iya bo enden ise duwi ant*  
*iyov iyal bol-∅ enden isel-∅ duwi and*  
 vine hand COMP-HYPOTH also follow-HYPOTH post thing  
  
*halu muditi.*  
*haluv mud=iti*  
 all hole=ALL  
 ‘Once the vines are tied then the foundation (lit. posts) is placed.’
- (16.05) *Mud flumad bo, enden ise kended*  
*mud flumad-∅ bol-∅ enden isel-∅ kended*  
 hole finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also follow-HYPOTH support

<sup>30</sup> Note: They are still built in the same manner as can be observed in recent social media posts.

*andamati.*

*and-a-me-ati*

stay-3.IND-CAUS-CLI:IRR

‘Once all the foundation (lit. posts) is placed (lit. holed), then the supports are erected (lit. placed).’

- (16.06) *Kended andam bo, enden ise*  
*kended and-a-me-ø bol-ø enden isel-ø*  
 support stay-3.IND-CAUS-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also follow-HYPOTH

*em hul fodofof yalimati.*

*em hu-l fodofof iyal-i-me-ati*

house 3SG-POSS roof.support hand-CLII:VBR-CAUS-CLI:IRR

‘Once the supports are erected (lit. placed), then the house’s roof supports are positioned (lit hung).’

- (16.07) *Fodofof yalime hambol andamati.*  
*fodofof iyal-i-me hambol and-a-me-ati*  
 roof.support hand-CLII:VBR-CAUS beam stay-3.IND-CAUS-CLI:IRR  
 ‘Once the roof supports are positioned, the beams are placed.’

- (16.08) *Hombol hondof ye yali bo enden*  
*hombol hondof ye-e iyal-i bol-ø enden*  
 beam floor get-SEQ hand-CLII:VBR COMP-HYPOTH also

*ise fodofof yalimati.*

*isel-ø fodofof iyal-i-me-ati*

follow-HYPOTH roof.support hand-CLII:VBR-CAUS-CLI:IRR

‘The floor beams are placed and then the roof supports are positioned.’

- (16.09) *Yalim flumad bol ende hambol*  
*iyal-i-me flumad-ø bol-ø enden hambol*  
 hand-CLII:VBR-CAUS finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also beam

*folats.*

*fol-ats*

shell-CLI:IRR

‘Once they are all positioned then the beams are stripped (of bark) (lit. shelled).’

- (16.10) *Hombol ant halu fol flumad bol enden*  
*hombol and haluv fol-ø flumad-ø bol-ø enden*  
 beam thing all shell-HYPOTH finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also

*ant halu gadeliti.*

*and haluv gadel-iti*

thing all tie-CLII:IRR

‘Once all the beams are stripped (of bark) (lit. shelled), then everything is tied (together).’

- (16.11) *Fodofod yalim bo gadeliti.*  
*fodofod iyal-i-m bol-Ø gadel-iti*  
 roof.support hand-CLII:VBR-CAUS COMP-HYPOTH tie-CLII:IRR  
 ‘The positioned roof supports are tied.’

- (16.12) *Gadel flumad bo, ende tanguf gadeliti.*  
*gadel-Ø flumad-Ø bol-Ø enden tanguf gadel-iti*  
 tie-HYPOTH finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also roof tie-CLII:IRR  
 ‘Once the tying is completed, then the roof is tied.’

- (16.13) *Tanguf gadel flumad bo, ende hengal*  
*tanguf gadel-Ø flumad-Ø bo-Ø enden hengal*  
 roof tie-HYPOTH finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also rafter

*hidats.*

*hid-ats*

set-CLI:IRR

‘Once the roof tying is all completed, then the rafters are cut.’

- (16.14) *Hengal hid flumad bo, ende gufal*  
*hengal hid-Ø flumad-Ø bol-Ø enden gufal*  
 rafter set-HYPOTH finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also pandanus.leaf

*had*

*te*

*bo*

*hemats.*

*had-Ø*

*tel-Ø*

*bol-Ø*

*hem-ats*

hit-HYPOTH

come-HYPOTH

COMP-HYPOTH

shoot-CLI:IRR

‘Once the rafters are all cut, then the pandanus leaves are split (lit. hit come) and inserted (lit. shot).’

- (16.15) *Hem flumad bo, ende yol tanguf*  
*hem-Ø flumad-Ø bol-Ø enden yol tanguf*  
 shoot-HYPOTH finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also DIST2.above:LOC roof

*is=iti.*

*is=ti*

space=ALL

‘Once the insertion is all completed, then the roof is in place up over there.’

- (16.16) *Tanguf is flumad bo, ende hul londiti*  
*tanguf is flumad-Ø bo-Ø enden hu-l lond=ti*  
 roof space finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also 3SG-POSS interior=ALL

*hondof had-ats.*

floor hit-CLI:IRR

‘Once the roof is all positioned, then the floor is erected (lit. hit) inside.’

- (16.17) *Hondof tomal-ats.*  
 floor make-CLI:IRR  
 ‘The floor is made.’



- (16.18) *Henang id ye hete bo.*  
*henang id-Ø ye-e he-tel-Ø bol-Ø*  
 reed cut-HYPOTH get-SEQ ELEV-come-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH  
 ‘Reeds are cut and brought up.’
- (16.19) *Komam id hete bo mats.*  
*komam id-Ø he-tel-Ø bol-Ø me-ats*  
 support cut-HYPOTH ELEV-come-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH put-CLI:IRR  
 ‘Supports are cut and brought up and placed (inside).’
- (16.20) *Me bo ende henang id ye*  
*me-e bol-Ø enden henang id-Ø ye-e*  
 put-SEQ COMP-HYPOTH also reed cut-HYPOTH get-SEQ  
  
*hete gadeliti.*  
*he-tel-Ø gadel-iti.*  
 ELEV-come-HYPOTH tie-CLII:IRR  
 ‘Once they are placed, then the reeds are cut, brought up (inside) and tied.’
- (16.21) *Gadel flumad bo, koto ende dib*  
*gadel-Ø flumad-Ø bol-Ø koto enden dib*  
 tie-HYPOTH finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH and.then also wall  
  
*hul-its.*  
 erect-CLII:IRR  
 ‘Once the tying is completed, then the walls (of the house) are erected.’
- (16.22) *Last dib hul-its.*  
 last wall erect-CLII:IRR  
 ‘Last the walls are built (the house).’
- (16.23) *Dib hul bo, ende foy yats.*  
*dib hul-Ø bol-Ø enden foy yw-ats*  
 wall erect-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH also ash get-CLI:IRR  
 ‘Once the wall are erected (the house), then ashes are brought (in)’
- (16.24) *Foy ye flumad bo, imal itats.*  
*foy ye-e flumad-Ø bol-Ø imal it-ats*  
 ash get-SEQ finish-HYPOTH COMP-HYPOTH day cut-CLI:IRR  
 ‘Once the ashes are all brought (in), we will sleep (in it).’
- (16.25) *Dini velele; gig.*  
*di-ni vel-hel-e gig*  
 1PL-EMPH like-INCH-1/2.IND enough  
 ‘That is just what we are like; that’s all (lit. enough).’

#### 4.6 Epistolary text 17

This text is a report written to the presiding parish priest at the Ononge mission station on 31 March 1981. The catechist, named Cyprian Asin (M, age unknown) was based at the village

of Elevala, most likely located in the North/South Udab dialect area. (Cf. Bradshaw 2007:125–128 for a comparable epistolary sub-genre example.) Unfortunately, it was not a very positive report.

- (17.01) *Na ge Jesu hu-l av me na et-e.*  
 1SG DSM (person.name) 3SG-POSS word NEG 1SG say-1/2.IND  
 ‘I did not preach (say) Jesus (God)’s word.’
- (17.02) *Melek me me.*  
*melek me me-e*  
 plate NEG put-1/2.IND  
 ‘I did not put (out the offering) plate.’
- (17.03) *Av an kusi me yalame.*  
*av an kus-i me yalam-e*  
 word person pour-CLII:VBR NEG teach-1/2.IND  
 ‘I did not preach (lit. pour out) the word to anyone.’
- (17.04) *Deov hu-l av es=ing me yalam-e.*  
 God 3SG-POSS word child=PL NEG teach-1/2.IND  
 ‘I did not teach (any) children God’s word.’
- (17.05) *Na ge an alidimote em me ge enden eklesia*  
*na ge an al-idi=mote em me ge-e enden eklesia*  
 1SG DSM person see-CLII:IRR=DESID house NEG go-SEQ also church
- hu-l komiti me al-i; es sesen me hel-a;*  
 3SG-POSS committee NEG see-CLII:REAL child birth NEG become-3.IND
- amul el an number me yed-e.*  
 woman and man number NEG call-1/2.IND  
 ‘I didn’t go try to see anyone in their houses and also I didn’t see the church committee; no children were born; I didn’t call the people’s number.’
- (17.06) *An number Deo hongol av hade ete me me*  
*an number Deov hongol av had-e et-e me me-e*  
 person number God near word hit-SEQ say-SEQ NEG put-SEQ
- tel-a.*  
 come-3.IND  
 ‘The number of people God’s word was preached to was not recorded.’
- (17.07) *Sal helel aning ende buka mu ange*  
*sal hel-e~le an=ing enden buka mu ang-e*  
 illness become-SEQ~IMPERV person=PL also book 3PL remain-1/2.IND

*me ge.*  
*me ge-e*  
 NEG go-1/2.IND  
 ‘Those who were becoming ill were also not recorded in the book.’

(17.08) *An ongo us me ang-a.*  
 person some death NEG remain-3.IND  
 ‘No one died.’

## 5. Conclusion

My involvement in language development and linguistic analysis with the Fuyug language speaking community took place from 1988–2000. Since that time I have met speakers in Port Moresby on a few occasions and have been in correspondence with one speaker via social media since 2019. Other than that, I have not had any other interaction since 2000.

A brief grammar of the language was published 18 years ago (Bradshaw 2007b); it was felt that it would be a valuable endeavour to attempt an update through analysis of several texts. Such an analysis was enhanced by further research into other Papuan (and specifically Southeast Papuan) languages conducted since that time in conjunction with the investigation into 15 interlinearised texts of approximately 50 pages. These texts include mainly short first person narratives (§4.1.1–§4.1.12) in one dialect (Central Udab) as well as a longer narrative of 127 lines (§4.2) and a shorter narrative (§4.3) in a second dialect (North/South Udab). Another narrative (§4.4) in a third dialect (West) was also included. The remaining texts include a procedural text in the Central Udab dialect (§4.5) and a written report (epistolary genre) in the North/South Udab dialect (§4.6). Unfortunately texts in other genres were no longer accessible.

In working through these texts, I was able to update the grammatical description. The description was preceded by an introduction (§1) and some background history (§2). The very brief sketch (§3), of approximately 39 pages, covered four areas: 1) phonology and morphophonemics (§3.1), 2) orthography (§3.2), 3) word classes (§3.3) and 4) clauses (§3.4). There were no significant changes in the first two areas since the 2007 analysis. In the third areas there were some changes to demonstratives (§3.3.1.2) and locatives (§3.3.1.3), as well as some further details added for nouns (§3.3.2.1) and adjectives (§3.3.2.2). Slight changes were also in order for the verbs (§3.3.2.3), especially as there were areas that were unclear in the previous morphological analysis. The texts from other dialects proved especially insightful for the final verb morphology (cf. Table 16): specifically irrealis reality status and stative mood. The assumptive (Bradshaw 2007b:71) was reanalysed as the stative and the

participle (Bradshaw 2007b:75) as nominalisation (cf. Derivational process). A most helpful addition to this new analysis was the inchoative aspectual marker (cf. Aspect), especially in light of its high frequency in the longer narrative text (§4.2).

Each text was introduced by some brief biographical details and topics of interest relative to the particular text. Following the texts and these concluding remarks is the appendix. There one will find an index of the texts.

While most of the analysis remains unchanged, it has proved particularly beneficial to those areas which were previously unclear. It has also been cathartic to interact with these texts after such a long hiatus.

## Appendix

The appendix includes an index of the texts exemplified in this paper. The index provides details on the genre, speaker (or author), year the audio file or text was recorded as well as further information on the recording itself, including source file name and location (starting and ending points) and length of the audio recordings.

Number	Genre	Speaker/Author	Year/date	Source information	Start	End	Total
1.	First person narrative	Vali Kasmiro	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 001-007	10:02	10:42	0:40
2.	First person narrative	Vali Kasmiro	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 008-010	10:45	11:03	0:18
3.	First person narrative	Tom Emilian E	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 011-043	11:06	12:42	1:36
4.	First person narrative	Vali Kasmiro	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 044-063	12:43	14:42	2:06
5.	First person narrative	Kasmiro E	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 064-072	14:50	15:51	1:01
6.	First person narrative	Tom Emilian E	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 073-076	15:55	16:17	0:22
7.	First person narrative	Tom Emilian E	1988	AR07B; 77DX.itx cl 077-090	16:20	17:26	1:06
8.	First person narrative	Tom Emilian E	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 091-096	17:30	18:11	0:46
9.	First person narrative	Kasmiro E	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 097-108	18:15	19:02	0:47
10.	First person narrative	(female)	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 109-113	19:03	19:33	0:30
11.	First person narrative	Tom Emilian E	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 114-120	19:36	20:06	0:30
12.	First person narrative	Sud E	1988	AR077B; 77DX.itx cl 121-129	20:07	20:49	0:42
13.	First person narrative	(male)	31-Dec-1991	SA90; SA90-04.txt	05:42	16:37	10:55
14.	Narrative (dialect variant)	<i>Theresa Camillo</i>	16-Apr-1997	BALL01.txt			
15.	Narrative (dialect variant)	Haimbog	21-Jun-1989	AW087A061-087	05:18	07:29	2:11
16.	Procedural	Tom Emilian E	02-Jul-	AU188A041-	03:42	05:40	1:58

Number	Genre	Speaker/Author	Year/date	Source information	Start	End	Total
			1989	063; 188.itx cl 038- 067			
17.	Epistolary	<i>Cyprian Asin</i>	31-Mar- 1981				<hr/> <b>16:16</b>

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