

Maasai Nouns and tones

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This document presents in table format the nouns found in Tucker and Mpaayei (1955), and present some statistical information.

Section 1 presents the tonal classification of Tucker and Mpaayei, and gives a rough analysis.

Section 2 presents the statistical information of the distribution of tonal classes presented in the table in section 3.

Section 3 presents the roughly 500 nouns that the dictionary of Tucker and Mpaayei in tables, with information about singular and plural morphology and tones on nominative/accusative/singular and plural.

No attempt has been made to systematize the data gathered on Kisongo Maasai, the language we worked on in fieldmethods. For many of our nouns we do not have complete information (most often we have singular and plural accusatives, or singular accusative and nominatives). Most data seem to follow Tucker and Mpaayei; some of the subclasses (1f for example) seems to be lacking.

Section 1:

Maasai nouns belong to four tonal classes (based on accusative/nominative tones).

Tonal class 1: Acc: h * (h) Nom: l h

Nominatives have an invariant L H pattern with H attaching to final syllable;

Accusatives are more variable. All have initial high tones; there is some variation on penultimate and final syllable. (some have a h hl pattern).

NB: this class has exactly two syllables in CaseP; looks like accusative is: h hl on penultimate and final syllable. (just like class 1c), which has more syllables.

- 1c Acc⁻ h * h 1 Nom 1 h

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h & & h l \\ \sigma & (\sigma) & [\sigma \sigma] \end{array}$$

- 1d. Acc: h m Nom: l h (This is our final h alternating with l)
 (acc; hhh)

This is a variation of class 1a; the suffix here is outside the Case domain.

- 1f: compounds: with specific morphemes
hhh (lh) nom: lh

Tonal class 2:

- **Nominative always has a h l (l) surface pattern.**
- **Accusative patterns: Final H on penultimate or final syllable; variation on initial syllables;**

h
l h L (high on penultimate)
l H (high on final syllable)

2a: acc: h h h Nom h l (l)
2b: acc: l* h l Nom: h l

(I wonder if this hl in accusative shows up high in non-final position)

2c. acc : l h Nom: h l

tonal class 3.

Nominative (3a) :

h h l #surface pattern. h hl on bisyllable ending in: in, wa, ran, ngoi, la, nyi, ki, pi
h h l on trisyllabic: uki api, oli ongi

Accusative varies:

3a.. h l (l) nom: h hl

(3b: agentive nominals) l h l l nom: h h h h

3.b. agentive nominals (check final nonfinal) (look at data)
(starting from a)..l h l l .. nom (h h h h h)
olariponi (guard)

3c. l l h nom: h h h

3d. (2 highs..) 1 h nom: h l

3e. more than one high.. (looks like you simply add a H[for nominative) Always initial H, H does not spread, other tones remain unchanged:.

acc: l h l nom h hl
l l h l nom: h l h l
l h h hl nom h l h hl
l l h nom: h l l h

3f. (genitive plural agreement)

acc: l h
nom: h l

Tonal class iv: no change:

accusative is H(h)L; nominative is H L

Preliminary analysis.

- o Case is a morphosyntactic category (projecting CaseP), the expression of Case are tones. There are several allomorphs of the tones that coocur with different Ns (i.e. these are tonal classes). Some tones are prefixes, some suffixes, some both
- o Nouns themselves are in general toneless
- o H (spreading high)
- o HL (non spreading high, yield hl (l) surface pattern
- o associate from left to right
- o last tone spreads within domain (CaseP)

	accusative	nominative
Class 1	H#	L# #H
Class 2	(?) L#	#HL HL#
Class 3	(L)+/-initial H on Nstem	#HL
Class 4	#HL	HL#

- o Ns in class 2 are grouped together because of the way they form nominative. I suspect there are more singular accusative classes. (the distinction between class 2 and class 3 singulars is not always clear; they classified according to the form of the nominative. I think that the classification should be rethought...)
- o It is probably useful to further decompose the tonal system in tones (h/l) and stress: a high tone on a stressed syllable → hl) etc.)

Some statistics.

The tables below give some statistics about the data presented in section 3. (distribution of nouns per tonal class, and per singular and plural association.)

The tables are presented from most general to more specific.

Total N per class

		allNs	sg/pl
singular 1		189	(159)38%
singular 2		139	(112)27%
singular 3		158	(123)30%
singular 4		26	(22) 5%
		512	416

- o a reasonable equal distribution for 1, 2 and 3. Few members in 4.

Percentage of singular Ns only (mass nouns, pronouns, nominalizations):

singular	1		30 (16%)	
	2		27 (19%)	
	3		35 (22%)	
	4		4 (15%)	

Singular and plural tonal classes

- o Nouns in Maasai can have singulars in one class and plural in another class. This is strongly reminiscent of noun classes: however, if there is an underlying noun class system in Maasai, it is non-transparent.

Same singular and plural class:

singular	1	plural	1	52/159	32%
	2		2	67/112	60%
	3		3	73/123	60%
	4		4	6/22	27%

Singular and plural pairings

pairings 1-2 or 2-1					
singular	1		2	52/159	32%
	2		1	10/112	9%
1-3 or 3-1					
Total:	1		3	35/159	22%
	3		1	6/123	12%
1-4 or 4-1					
	1		4	20/159	13%
	4		1	5/22	23%

	2		3	32/112	28%
	3		2	37/123	30%
	2		4	3/112	3%
	4		2	1/22	5%
	3		4	14/22	63%
	4		3	10/112	9%

Tonal class 1 is not frequent as a plural pattern. 52 of the 73 cases are class 1 in singular.

$73 - 52 = 21$ cases

If we subtract these, then there is only 4% class 1 in the plural $21/469 = 4\%$

Singular: Tonal class 1

singular	1			30	
singular	1(a)	plural	1	52	
singlar	1(a)	plural	2a		5
	1		2b		3
	1		2c		44
	1		2	52	
	1a		3a		16
	1d/e		3d		5
	1a/e		3e		14
Total:	1		3	35	
	1b		4a		1
	1a		4b		1
	1a		4c		9
	1a		4d		9
	1		4	20	

Total singular 1				159 (+30)= 189	
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Singular Tonal class 2

singular	2			27	
singular	2	plural	1	10	
singlar		plural	2a		1
	2a/b/c		2b		30
			2c		35
	2		2	67	
			3a		5
			3d		2
			3e		25
Total:			3	32	
			4a		
			4b		
			4c		3
			4d		
			4	3	
Total singular 2				112 (+27)= 139	

Singular Tonal class 3:

singular	3			35	
singular		plural	1		6
singlar		plural	2a		37
			2b		
			2c		
	3		2	37	
			3a		17
			3b		
			3c		4
			3d		18
			3e		32
			3f/g		2
Total:	3		3	73	
			4a		
			4b		
			4c		1
	3a		4d		12
	3		4	13	
Total singular 3				123 (+35)= 158	

Singular tonal class 4.

singular	4			4	
singular		plural	1	5	
singlar		plural	2a		
			2b		
			2c	1	
	4		2	1	
			3a		7
			3d		1
			3e		2
Total:	4		3	10	
			4a		
			4b		
			4c		
			4d		
	4		4	6	
Total singular 4				22 (+4)= 26	

Tables

CLASS 1

Tucker and Mpaayezi tonal classes (from dictionary); beware of transcription (not always consistent, sometimes our conventions sometimes sometimes T&Mp) Also final tones do not always print.

<i>Class I Accusative</i>	<i>Nominative</i>		<i>Plural Accusative</i>		<i>Plural class</i>	<i>Nominative</i>	
H	L .. HJ		1a				
in kólák			1a				urine
ε léléró			1a				youth young folf
en jiata			1a				sifting (nom)
en kírútótó		a	1a				surprise, fight
en kúetátá akúét			1a				running
méná			1a				father
e módoó			1a				blindness
nánú			1a				I, me
ε nayaroré		órè	1e				wrestling (from V)
ε jórrátá			1a				effort (a jók)
ε jóráré			1a				hunting
ol óilolé			1a				bustle, business
ol púrdá			1a				meat preserved in fat
ɔ ramátēi		ēi	1e				cattle ¹ management, cattle culture
e rí kórè			1c				leading (gerund)
e rrípórè		órè	1e				guarding (gerund)
e rrípótó			1a				guarding, protection
ε sáyatá			1a				entreaty, marriage request (nom)
ε sápúkó			1a				bigness, size
ʃómátá			1a				top, heaven, above
o síadí			1a				anus
ε súlárè			1e				scandal
ε śnkúréiò			1e				guile

¹ from aramát “to tend cattle”

<i>Class 1 Accusative</i>	<i>Nominative</i>			<i>Plural Accusative</i>		<i>Plural class</i>	<i>Nominative</i>	
H	L .. HJ			1a				
e súpáñjò			1e					goodness
táténé			1a					right hand side
en tídiyaí			1a					smallpox
il tújánákareî			1b					populace
en túrótó			1a					digging, cultivation
			1a					the establishing ceremony for warriors
approximate count: 30... no plurals, mostly nominalizations and mass nouns, + fatyher, me urine,								
e lúkúnýa		a	1a	i lúkúny		1a		head
em pôór	empôór		1a	impôóri	i	1a		water whole
en áisjó	enaijó	o	1a	inaisi	i	1a		honey(beer)
en géém			1a	in géémí		1a		fat piece of meat
en kótók			1a	in kútúkié		1a	ie	mouth, language
al akira			1a	ílakir		1a		star
e lúkúná	elukujná	a	1a	ilúkújn		1a	ilùkújn	head
ɔ leínyúá		a	1a	ílenyók	k	1a	ok	tail hairs
ε mójítá		a	1a	i mójít		1a		entrails
ɔl mójýó	ɔ ?	1a	íl mójí	i	1a			ox
e mówuó		a	1a	i mówuárák	arak	1a		horn
ɔl máséri	ĩ	Id		íl másér		1a		tick
e mûgúr			1a	i mûgúrrí	i	1a		water hole
ε mókáré		are	1a	ε mókátá	ata	1a		brewing
ε náwá			1a	i nawaítíé	itie	1a	itie	udder
ɔl ñóbór			1a	íl ñóbórrí	i	1a		skin, hut
ε ñóròyònì		àni	1e (irr)	i ñóróyók	ak	1a		woman, wife (often pej.)
ɔl pápítá		a	1a	íl pápít		1a		hair
em pôór			1a	im pôóri	i	1a		stony place, eroded land
ol pûrkél			1a	íl pûrkélí	i	1a		dry steppes, wet season pasture
ɔ sínáí		i	1a	i síná		1a		sand
en tómónómí			1d	tómónók		1a		woman who just had a baby
en dûlé			1a	indûlé ñ	n	1b		flute
en gírrá			1a	in gírrâ n	n	1b		half calabash, bowl

<i>Class 1 Accusative</i>	<i>Nominative</i>			<i>Plural Accusative</i>		<i>Plural class</i>	<i>Nominative</i>	
<i>H</i>	<i>L .. H </i>		<i>1a</i>					
əl kóndí			1a	<i>il kóndíñ</i> ní	n	<i>1b</i>		hartebeest
əl maásaní ¹			<i>If</i>	<i>il máásáñ</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>1b</i>		the Maasai
əl páékí		i	1a	<i>il páéñ</i> k		<i>1b</i>		maize
ε sídaí			1a	i sidâñ		<i>1b</i>		ostrich
ol túalá			1a	<i>il tuálâñ</i>		<i>1b</i>		bell
əm bártá	əmbartá	a	1a	<i>imbártâñ</i>	n	<i>1b</i> ²	imbartañ	horse
ol kúnóní		i	1c	<i>il kúnónò</i>	o	<i>1c</i>	ilkunonó	blacksmith
əlálé			1a	<i>ilálétâ</i>	ta	<i>1c</i>		calves/enclosure
əl mársámua			<i>1e</i> <i>1c?</i> ³	<i>il mársámùà</i>		<i>1c</i>		maggot in nose of animal
əl móñjó			1a	<i>il móñóíñ</i>	iñi	<i>1c</i>		something left over
e mûró			1a	i mûroíñ	iñi	<i>1c</i>		hind leg
ε ñápé			1a	i ñápétâ	ta	<i>1c</i>		post
ol tóiló			1a	<i>il tóilóñ</i>		<i>1c</i>		voice
en túlélei			<i>1f</i>	in túlélè		<i>1c</i>		Sodom apple
o rrípié			1a	i rrípiétâ i rrípiéñ	ta n	<i>1c</i> ⁴ 1 b		guard-hut (from a rrip)
ε máatái			<i>4a</i>	<i>il máat</i>		<i>1d</i> <i>1c?</i>	il maát	locust
əl gárámét			1a	<i>il gárámëtâ</i>	a	<i>1e</i>	il gárámëtâ	tongs
əl ménéjaní		<i>aní</i> ^h	<i>1f</i>	<i>il ménéñâ</i>		<i>1e</i>	il ménéñâ	corpse, ghost
e mûrátâ		a (l)	<i>1d</i>	<i>il mûrátâñ</i>	rε	<i>1e</i>		circumcision
o sipólió			1a	i sipóliò		<i>1e</i>		initiate (male)
e sipólió			1a	i sipóliò		<i>1e</i>		initiate (fem)

52 nouns: 1 (sg) (1 (plural)

<i>H</i>	<i>L H</i>		<i>1a</i>	<i>H</i>		<i>2a</i>	<i>HL</i>	
əm bátá	embatá	a	1a	<i>imbát</i>		<i>2a</i>	<i>imbâñ</i>	side
ən kúñú		u	1a	<i>in kúñ</i>		<i>2a</i>		knee
ənk áiná	ənkainá	na	1a	<i>inkaíñ</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>2a</i>		arm
ən kúkuó		a	1a	<i>in kúk</i>		<i>2a</i>		charcoal
e ñókí		i	1a	i ñóñ		<i>2a</i>		sin, offense
				<i>L HL</i>		<i>2b</i>	<i>H L (l)</i>	
ε lípón			1a	<i>ilipónâ</i>	a	<i>2b</i>		full-grown fem.
ol mírijói			1a	<i>il moríñò</i>		<i>2b</i>		poison arrow tree, senior warrior

² difference between 1 b and 1 c: 1 b are all closed syllables (but maasai) 1c, are open syllables.)

³ we have not find any class 1e nouns, they seem to behave like class 1c

⁴ good example for the distribution of 1b/1c H HL

<i>Class 1</i> <i>Accusative</i>	<i>Nominative</i>			<i>Plural</i> <i>Accusative</i>		<i>Plural</i> <i>class</i>	<i>Nominative</i>	
H	L .. H 		1a					
əl músúnkúí		i	1a	il musúnkù		2b		European
				L (L) H		2b	H L L	
əm báláŋj			1a	im bálàŋgá	a	2c		chest (irregular meaning sg.pl)
əm bólátá		a	1a	im bólát		2c		holding (nom) bOl
en duaata		a	1a	induaát		2c		sight, seeing
en kí tágatá		a	1e	in kitagát		2c		shelter
en kirrágátá		a	1a	in kirragát		2c		sleeping
en kidímátá		a	1a	in kidimát		2c		ability
enk ái		i	1a	ink aitín	tin	2c		rain, sky, god
enk álém	enk além		1a	il alemá	a	2c	il álèmà	knife
enkípáátá		a	1a	inkipaát		2c		dance before raid
enkátá		a	1a	in katitín	itin	2c		time, period, season
al áſě			1b	ilaſjó		2c		calf
en doiŋjó			1a	ildoiŋjó		2c		hill
ol bítir			1a	ilbitiró	a	2c		wart hog
ol kitíkótó	olkitkotó	o	1a	ilkikitkót		2c	ilkikitkót	path
ol béné			1a	ilbeniá	a	2c		bag
ol doiŋjó			1a	ildoiŋjó		2c		mountain
ol kitíkótó		a	1a	il kitikót		2c		path
ε ɻámátá		a	1a	ɻjamát		2c		notch
ol ɻátúŋj			1a	il ɻatupjó		2c		lion
ol ɻéjép			1a	il ɻejepá		2c		tongue
áŋjátá			1a	aját		2c		plain, flat open country, wilderness
enk ópíró			1a	ink opír		2c		feather, “rank and file”
əl pídjátá			1a	il pidját		2c		corner
əm pídjátá			1a	im pidját		2c		point
ol pónótó			1a	il pónót		2c		ear markings
em púkúkúnötó			1f	im pukunót		2c		sort, kind, species
ε rájnátá			1a	ɻ rajnát		2c		singing dancing a rajn
ε ríʃjátá			1a	ɻ riʃját		2c		boundary, space, interval
e rúkótó			1a	ɻ rukót		2c		flowing, safari

<i>Class 1 Accusative</i>	<i>Nominative</i>			<i>Plural Accusative</i>		<i>Plural class</i>	<i>Nominative</i>	
H	L .. H 		1a					
e rúpátá			1a	i rúpát		2c		heap (a rup)
e sipátá			1a	i sipát		2c		truth
ɔ síratá			1a	i sirát		2c		mark, line, writing
e sírit			1a	i siritó		2c		band, division of warriors
o soít			1a	i soitó		2c		stone, rock
en táreí			1a	in táré		2c		flock, herd
en táwuó			1a	in tawuá		2c		heifer
entólú			1a	in tolúó		2c		axe
ɔl tómé			1a	il tómia		2c		elephant
en tónátá			1a	in tónát		2c		sitting place, sitting
en túrótó			1a	in turót		2c		digging, chalk
ol túrótó			1a	il turót		2c		puddle
e wálátá			1a	i walát		2c		answer (awal)
ɔlámál			1a	ilamalá	a	2c, or 3 e)	iłamalá ilámalá	deputation, band of initiates
H	L H		1a	HL		3a	H.. HL#	
en gérai	engerái	i	1a	engérà		3a	engérâ	child
en kó kúaí		i	1a	in kókùa		3a		heavy shower, long rains
ol kiyíoí		i	1a	il kiyiò		3a		tear, alarm cry
ɔl maoí			1a	il máò		3a		twin, close friend
ɔl módaí			1a	il módà		3a		fool (see related forms)
e mónkói			1a	i mónkò		3a		lie
ol mónyéí			1a	il mónyò		3a		beard
ɔl mórráñi			1c	il mórràñ		3a		warrior
ɔl ɳósílá			1a	il ɳósíl		3a		branch, bough
ol óito			1d (irr)	il óik		3a		bone
em pálai			1d	im pálà		3a		subcutaneous tissue, paper
o súpukó			1a	i súpùkǐ		3a		cool and wooded country
en titò			1d	in tóyè		3a		girl
en tolít			1d	il tolò		3a		bone marrow
ol túñi			1d	il túñi		3a		buttock
ɔ yíyái			1a	i yíyà		3a		porcupine

<i>Class 1 Accusative</i>	<i>Nominative</i>			<i>Plural Accusative</i>		<i>Plural class</i>	<i>Nominative</i>	
H	L .. H 		1a					
			1d	L H L		3d	H L H	
en kúráré			1e	inkuráren	n	3d	inkúrarén	grave
al ásúrai			1a	il asúriaa		3d		snake
ɔl májátintá			1f	il magáti		3d		enemy
ɔl mísiré			1a	il misirin		3d		brand mark, branding iron
ɔl ɳámátintá		nta	1f	il ɳamáti		3d		enemy See ɔl manatinta
			1a	L L L H		3e	H L(+acc)	
ɛ látiá			1a	i latiaritín	ritin	3e	i látiaritín	the neighbours
ol kíbúlékèny		èn	1e	il kibulekenyí	i	3e		waterbuck
ɔl dísí			1a	ildiisiiní		3e		district commissioner
ol mókóé t			1b	il mokoetí		3e		rations, ox kept for emrgence or future needs
ɔ múnúnyà		à	1e	il múnúnyáni		3e		razor
ɛ ɳénó			1a	i ɳenoritín		3e		cleverness, knwleged (from a ɳenú)
ɛm píkás			1a	im pikasí n		3e		raiding force
ɛ sáyét			1a	i sayetí		3e		poison
o sínkólio			1f	i sinkilioitín		3e		song
o súréei			1a	i sureení		3e		lump of meat
ɔl tamueyiai			1a	il tamueyia		3e		sick person (rel)
en tórós			1a	in tortosí		3e		garment of favour worn by warriors after vowing to win or die
ɔ yóyái			1a	i yóyáiñ	n	3e		porcupine
ɳótóñé			1a	i noó ɳótóñè		3f		his mother
H HL				H H HL		4a	H H L	
ol pórór r			1b	il pórórí		4a		age set, half an age set
				(H) H L L		4b	(H) H L L	
al áímútiai	i	1a		iláímùtia		4b		reed
				L H		4c	L H	
en gúmótó	a	1a		ingumót		4c		hollows, hole, well
en jíŋjátá	a	1a		injját		4c		entering

<i>Class 1 Accusative</i>	<i>Nominative</i>			<i>Plural Accusative</i>		<i>Plural class</i>	<i>Nominative</i>	
H	L .. H 		1a					
e májátá	emajnatá	a	1a	imaját		4c	imaját	warrior's village
en kútótó		o	1a	inkutót		4c		enclave, locality, ergion
en tjúmátá			1a	intʃumát		4c		summit
ɔl gílátá		a	1a	il gilát		4c		parition (nom)
e muátátá			1a	i muatát		4c		sheep pen
e nöjötó			1a	i nojót		4c		valley
e sékí			1a	i sék		4c		olod man's stick
				H L H		4d	H L H	
<i>e rórê t</i>			<i>Ib</i>	<i>i róretí</i>		<i>4d</i>		lawn, place of short grass
ɔl dükä			1a	ildúkaí		4d		shop
ɔl máreí			1a	il máreí il maréitá		4d 1c		family
ɔl mórrát			1a	il mórratí		4d		spear butt
enk óító			1a	ink óitoí		4d		road
ɛm písáí			1a	im písáí		4d		money (borrowing)
o róreí			1a	i róreí		4d		word
ɔ rrékkié			1a	i rrékieí		4d		track, trail, spoor
o súnkúrói			1a	i sunkuró		4d		guileful person, hypocrite

Class 2:

Class 2							
Acc X ..H (l)	Nom HL						
en dɔ́rón			2c				redness ⁵
en golón			2c				strength
e inóti			2b				true daughter
képér			2a				heaven
en kibórrà			2d				whiteness
en kijápè			2b				coldness, wind
en kirówuàj			2b				heat
enkifón			2b				life
enkísfǖi			2b				life, life force
enkisómà			2b				study, school
en korrúnà			2b				shame
e módañ			2b	see a a módañ and ɔl módañ			foolishness, ignorance
e nanâi			2b				gentleness, softness: from a nanà
e nayiâ			2b				craving for meat (on the part of lions)
nincé			2c				they, them
nijé			2c				he, him, her,..
ŋolé			2c				yesterday
ŋotó			2c				mother of
ol odúá			2c				gall-bladder lit: that which is bitter
em pidján			2c				sharpness, courage from a pijú
em puaán			2c				survival, life
em púruó			2a				smoke
e rɔkán			2c				blackness
ʃatá			3d				wood, ⁶ stick, (see altʃata)
ʃoni			2c				skin (ɔlconi)

⁵ quite typically for nominalizations of adjectival predicates(2c)

⁶ determinerless N

Class 2 (continued)

e sinjáte			2b					salt hunger, craving for tobacco
e waŋán			2c					lightness, brightness
				[H]			L[] H	
alalāi		i	2b	ilálá		1a		tooth, tusk
en kiriŋó		ŋo	2c	in ɿrí		1a		meat
embɔ́ó			2c	imbóóítié	itie	1a		kraal, herd
enk áré			2a	inkáriák	ak	1a		water/rivers
enk aj í	enkáji		2c	inkájíjík	k	1a	inkajíjík	houses
ol owuarú		u	2c	il ówuárâ k	ak	1b		beat of prey, lion skin headdress
ɔ sárgé			2a	i sárgétà		1c		blood
ol tím			2a	il tímitò		1c		branches used..
en kimá			2a	in kimaítiè	itie	1c		fire
ɔl kúkúrí			2a	il kúkúrtò	ta	1c		gourd for milk
				(x) H (l)			H L	
en kitéŋ			2a	inkíſú		2a		cow, cattle
ɔl ŋorét			2c	il ŋorétà		2b		blocked arrowhead for bleeding cattle
em putét			2c	im putétà		2b		tweezers, tongs
al arási		i	2b	il arâ s		2b		rib
e naipóʃà			2b	i náaípɔʃà		2b 3f		lake
e remét			2c	i remétà		2b		spear
o reyíet			2c	i reyíetà		2b		river
o saẽi			2b	i saẽ n		2b		bead
e saé ĩ			2b	i saé n		2b		bead, necklace
e sayét			2c	i sayétà		2b		presents to prospective father in law

Class 2 continued

en arét			2c	in arétà	a	2b		
en amóke			2b	in amóka	a	2b		sandal
entsorúét			2c	iltʃorúétà	a	2b		friend (fem)
ɔl dékét			2c	il déketa	a	2b		curse
en jinét			2c	injinéta	a	2b		the house (that which is entered)
en jípét			2c	in jipétà	a	2b		wedge
ɔlanjét			2c	ilanjétà	a	2b		bridge
e mudón			2c	i mudónò	a	2b		afterbirth, kinship
ɔl ḥabóñ		i	2b	il ḥabólò	a	2b		fig tree,
e orét			2c	i orétà	a	2b		broom
ɔlkerî			2b	il ówúárák	ak	2b		leopard (spotted)
en kitók		k?	2c	in kitúàk	ak	2b		woman from kitok (A)
e motí			2c	i motíòòk	ak	2b		cooking pot
e motí			2c	il motíòòk	ak	2b		tobacco pipe
ol oibónì		(o))ni	2b	il oibónòk	ak	2b		medicine man, diviner, ritual expert
ol goó			2c	il goô n il gotie	n tie	2b 1a		chest
en kóti			2c	in kótf n	n	2b		small calabash
al alásè			2b	il aláséra	ra	2b		
ilconí			2c	ilconítò	ta	2b		skin, hide
ɔltʃoré			2c	iltʃoréta	ta	2b		friend(ms)
en keené		ɛ	2b	inkeéntà	ta	2b		strap, thong, belt
e yéwnà e yewnotó			2b 1f	i yewnot		2c		wish
				kulé		2c		milk

Class 2 continued

en deróni		ni	2b	inderó		2c		rat
ol gosōi		i	2b	il gosó		2c		rope
				i motorí		2c		soup
				il əmón		2c		speech, address, news
əl əmóni		i	2b	il əmón		2c		stranger, visitor
enk opitó		a	2c	ink opít		2c		cord, string
a rémóré			2a	i remót		2c		spear thrust
əl táú			2a	il taudjá		2c		heart , spirit
əltʃaní			2c	ilkeék	k	2c		tree
əlbəɔ̃j			2c	ilbəɔ̃j	O	2c		chin
e modiéi		i	2b	i modiok	ok	2c		cow dung
əl góś			2a	il gosó	a	2c		throat
enkér			2a	in kerrá	a	2c		sheep
en kóp			2a	in kuapí	i (?)	2c		country, land
enjóré	enjórè		2a	in jorín	in	2c		war
en kíné			2a	in kenejí	ji	2c		goat
en kejú		?	2c	inkejék	k	2c 4c		foot, leg
əl kejú			2c	ilkejék	k	2c 4c		river
e műrt			2a	i murtó	o	2c		neck, chief's adviser
en kúé			2a	in kueshí	shi	2c		skull, head
en kumé			2c	il kumeʃí n	shi n	2c		nose
ol kipiei		i	2b	il kipieú	u	2c		lung, lung troubles
ɛ ŋój			2a	i ŋojó	ɔ	2c		vein, artery
				(l) HI			Nom: [H H(L)]	
e mús			2a	i műši	i	3a		swarm
enk əlój			2c	ink ólòŋj	i	3a		sun, day

Class 2 continued

enk omóm			2c	ink ómòmí	i	3a		face
enk oríón			2c	ink óriòñjí	i	3a		back,
e muá			2a	i múañin	in	3a		color, sort, kind
əljødžínè			2b	il nødží' niaa		3d		hyena (as adjective: lame)
enkisómí			2b	in kisómin	n	3d		fate, extended family
en kísórotó		a	1f	in kisorunót		3e	in kisorunót	giving
əl əpéñ			2c	il əpéñ		3e	il əpéñ	owner (ms) ⁷
ən əpéñ			2c	in əpéñ		3e		owner (fem.)
əl payán			2c	il payaní	i	3e		old man, husaban
em poút			2c	im poutí	i	3e		ditch, trough See empeút
o risásí			2c	i risansiní	ni	3e		bullet, cartridge
e ropiyà			2c	i ropiyaní	ni	3e		two shilling piece
e saánî			2b	i saaniní	ni	3e		plate
ʃakéní			2b	ʃakeniní il tʃakeniní	ni	3e		witness ⁸
e siankíkí			2b	i siankikí n	n	3e		young woman, bride
e siaŋáù			2b	i siaŋaú n	n	3e		small gourd
sukúùl			2b	i sukuuluní	ni	3e		school
en kualalé			2c	in kulaleñ n	in	3e		wooden ear- plug
al ámeyú		o?	2a	il ameyitín	itin	3e		famine, drought
en keéyà			2b	inkeeeyaitín	itin	3e		death, disease
en kewarié			2c	inkewarietín	itin	3e		night
əl əsek			2c	il osekí n	in	3e		trick of the trade, short cut
əndukúyà			2b	indukuyaní	ni	3e		head
en gaséñi			2b	in gasetiní	ni	3e		newspaper

⁷ relative clause structure (he who owns, they who own

⁸ determinerless N

Class 2 continued

en kalámù			2b	in kalamuní	ni	3e		pencil, pen
enkardasi			2b	inkarsasiní	ni	3e		paper
en kijíkò			2b	in kijikoní	ni	3e		spoon
ol muaátē			2b	muatení	ni	3e		deserted site
enk olópà			2b	ink olapaní	ni	3e		poisonous centipede
e mueýán		n	2c	i mueyaritín	riti n	3e		illness
o léjötí		i	2b	ilejót		4c		large firewood log
enk ɔjú		u	2c	ink ɔjék	ɛk	4c		eye
ol dámà			2a	il damát	t	4c		hillside,spur

Class 3:

Class 3								
<i>this pattern is very general ani 3b –ak 3c: but killer árani (3a) iláràk (4)</i>								
en gírà	‘	en gírá̂	3a					silence
en górlò			3a					anger
en kiyanjet			3a					breath
en kuré			3d					thirst
keen unia			3e					laughter, amusement
akuéní								
ol mená			3d					contempt
e munyán			3d					white salt
e munyáni			3d					good fortune, grace
ŋkakúyiaâ			3e					grandfather, see ɔlakuyia
ɛ jnamáli			3d					difficulty, trouble (from V)
ɛ jnokiéní			3d					redness
ɛ njidà			3a					pride, joy from ajidā
ɛ njornâ			3e					butter
ol ejíjlilí			3e					drop of liquid
enk oilélio			3e					dew
enk oilioólò								
enk ɔmen kewán			3e					one who despises himeself
enk omonó			3e					form of prayer, worship
ol ejelínjolí			3e					trouble, row
ol eósañ n			3f					the East
ol oforó			3e					porridge
ol ɔsinkó			3e					center part of a “manyata”

Class 3							
papâ			3e				father, father's brother
em péñò			3a				pierce
em pójít			3a				swelling of stomach
e rékò			3a				red ochre
e rúkò			3a				column on the march
e síkàr			3e				adornment
e sióróg			3d				leather funnel for feeding calf
s sojoúnà			3e				smell of meat roasting
s súmàʃ			3a				hunger
en taáni			3d				nearness (from V)
táání			3b				somebody
en téipà			3a				evening
ol tikaná			3c				malaria
em tulúgumí			3e				old, dry dung
ol wúasò			3d				pride (from a wuasa (to be proud)
ol tágóm			3d	il tágómí	1a		rampart
ol tuŋjáni			3b	il túŋjánák	1a		person
e mátuà			3a	i mátuán	n	1d	piece, part, side
e námù	u?		3a	i námin	in	1d	plunder, loot, theft
ol oſô			3e	il óſon	n	1d	country, tribal section
e sílè			3a	i sílen		1d	debt
ol kínà	na	3a	il ki		2a		breast, teat
alaburrâ	a	3e	ilabur		2b		foam, froth
alakwí		3d	ilakúyiàk	ak	2b		ancestor
ol kumá		3d	il kúmáñ	n	2b		club
e nasáaitâ	ita	3f	i masá à		2b		treasure, pl wealth
e motórokî	i	3e	i mótròk		2b		duck
ol oisótoô	aa	3e	il oisótòk	k	2b		claw, nail, hoof
ol əkerí		3e	il oókèri		2b 3f		field, pasturage ⁹
i rinká		3d	i rinkâ n		2b		club
o síkirià		3a	i sirkô n		2b		donkey
e sirét		3d	i sirétâ		2b		chalk, paint on face..
e sitá		3d	i sitâ n		2b		fence
ol taiká		3d	i taikâ n		2b		warrior's pigtail

⁹ relative clause structure

Class 3							
en taléjoi			3d	in taléjò	2b		magical charm, solemn ceremony
en tapúkâi			3g	in tapúkà	2b		flower
en torróni			3d	in torrô k	2b		evil, bad feeling, trouble
ɔl tuaâ			3e	il tuaâ n	2b		frog
en tuaâ			3e	in tuaâ n	2b		pregnant woman
en turét			3d	in turétà	2b		digging instrument
e wúéjí			3a	i wuejífin	2b		place
enkabobóki	i		3e	inkabobok	k	2c	bark of tree
enk alaóni	ni		3e	inkalaó		2c	ant
ɔltſatá			3d	inkeék		2c	twig, handle
en dáà			3a	indaikí	iki ?	2c	food
en kaparátí	i		3e	in kaparat		2c	phlegm
ɔl kidøŋöi	i		3e	il kidøŋö		2c	tail
ɔl kidøngöi	i		3e	il kidøŋö		2c	tail
ɔl kisisáti	i		3e	il kisirát		2c	shower, short rains
en kulupúoni	ni		3e	in kulupuó k	k	2c	dust, earth
e murúà			3e	i murúá		2c	settlement area
e jaaláti	i		3e	ijaaalát		2c	quid (of tobacco)
ɔl ɔjønání	ni		3c	il ɔjønä		2c	fly
e sekenkéi			3e	i sekenké		2c	large piece of iron
e síiaái			3a	i siaaitín		2c	work
ɔ sikirá ï			3e	i sikirá		2c	cowry
en tókí			3a	in tokitín		2c	thing
ol tulét			3c	il tulétà		2d	gourd in its natural state
ɔlbáè	ɛ?		3a	il báà	a?	3a	wound injury, opinion
entʃórrø			3a	intʃórrroí	i	3a	spring of water
en dapanâ	a		3e	il dápàn		3a	skin of goat
ɔl kúrrök			3a	ilkúrrùkí	i	3a	crow
ɔl kúróm			3a	il kúrùmí	i	3a	anus, behind
olkútù			3a	il kútùi	i	3a	dummy, skin of dead calf
ɔ lé è			3a	i léwà	wa?	3a	man, male
e lóñò			3a	i lóñòi	i	3a	shield
ol móruò			3a	il móruàk	k	3a	old man (adjective: the old one)
e ɲúdi			3a	i ɲúdišin	sin	3a	stick
				il ́ikòp		3a	crime
ɔl órø			3a	il óròi	i	3a	he-goat

Class 3							
enk óʃòkè			3a	ink óíʃùaã	aa	3a	belly
em pólòs			3a	ím pólòsí		3a	middle, center, loin ((rekated to V))
o sérò			3a	i séroï		3a	bush country, scrub
o sésèn			3a	i sésènï		3a	body
i sírùa			3a	i síruai		3a	eland
embáyšikíñ (S)			3a	ím basikili ní	ni	3c	bicycle
alabá àñí	ani	3b	ílabáák	ak	3c		doctor, healer
al arik oni		3b	íl arikok	ok	3c		tailor
ɔl málímúj	i	3e	íl malimun í	ni	3c		teacher
ɔlbóŋäi		3a	ílbóŋáíkòk	kok	3d		bull
ɔl kila		3e	íl kiláni	ni	3d		cloak
en kila		3e	ín kiláni	ni	3d		clothes, garmentcloak
en kíøk	ak?	3a	in kíyiaa	aa	3d		ear
ol kú ò ò		3a	íl kuóoo		3d		kid, lamb
en kurmá		3d	in kurmá n	n	3d		cultivated fireld, grave
ol mérègèj		3a	íl merégejí	i	3d		ram
ol oíp		3a	íl oípi	i	3d		shadow, politeness
ol órèrè		3a	íl oréren	n	3d		the people, community
ol ósòwùàn		3a	íl osówani	i	3d		buffalo
ol óyiòtè	e	3a	íl oyótiaa	aa	3d		riddle
ɔ súnàʃ		3a	i sunáʃi		3d		castrated bull, pack-ox
e súpèn		3a	i supéni		3d		ewe
e surútiai		3f	i surútia		3d		womes's scrolled earrings
en tákùlè		3a	ín takúlen		3d		forearm
en táràkuè		3a	in tarákuet í		3d		impala
en tásàt		3a	ín tasáti		3d		old woman (fom A)
e wúasò		3a	i wúáson		3d		river
enk atiní		3e	inkatiníñ	n	3e		story
encöí		3d	incöñ	n	3e		beer (from Kikiuyu)
ɔ inkát		3d	iinkati	i	3e		wildebeest
enkiás		3d	inkiaasñ	n	3e		work
enkitojó		3e	in kitojõñ	n	3e		hare
ɔl kɔrɔí		3e	íl kɔrɔñ	n	3e		colombus monkey
ɔ léléo		3d	i leleoní	ni	3e		potsherd, bborken gourd

Class 3								
elúkònjkù			3a	ilukunjkuní	ni	3e		fowl, hen
ol kumpau			3e	ilkumpaú`n	n	3e		tobacco
ɔl malaíkà			3e	i malaíkà		3e		angel
ol melíl			3d	il melilí	i	3e		small spur or range of hills
ɔl meót			3d	il meutí	i	3e		giraffe
ol mógiṛrà			3a	il mogirraní	ni	3e		thumb
e motokáà			3e	i motokaaní	ni	3e		motor-car
ɔl muṣáara			3e	il muṣaaraní	ni	3e		wage
ol okídøjȫi	i		3e	il okídøjò		3e		mud formed from rain and old dung
ol okírisiāi	i		3e	il okírisiá		3e		a small bush
em peút			3c	im peutí		3e		ditch, through
ɔ sagám			3d	i sagamí i sagamîn		3e		bridge
e sarjáb			3d	i sarjabâ n		3e		mud
ɔ sampúrumpú̄i			3e	ɔ sampúru mpúr		3e		butterfly (see sámpù)
e setán			3d	i setaní		3e		witchcraft (Satan?)
en túkùtùk			3a	in tunkutu kuní		3e		motor cycle
yieyið			3e	i nòó yieyi ð		3f		mother ¹⁰
ol otórokî	ki i		3e	ol otórø̄i il otórø̄k	i	3g 2b		bee
ɔl ɔinjón̄i	ni		3b	il ɔinjók	k	4c		bull, young warrior
ɛmbúkù			3a	imbúkúí	i	4d		book
ɛn kámpí			3a	in kámpíí in kampin	i n	4d 1d		
ɛ míjòr			3a	i mijorrí	i	4d		part of animal's intestine
ɛ míṣà			3a	i misáí	i	4d		table
al ájàt			3a	il ájatí	i	4d		coal fire

¹⁰ plural: those x (x is fem) who are mothers(nom)

Class 3								
enk ɔlāt			3a	ink ólatí		4d		needs requirements
em párnàt			3a	im párnatí		4d		permanent village
ɔl tá à			3a	il taaí		4d		lamp
en tékè			3a	in tékéi		4d		aeroplane
ol tóò			3a	il tóoí		4d		barrel, pail
en túdù			3a	in túduí		4d		jigger
ɛ úmà			3a	i úmaí		4d		fork (from aum : to heap together)

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Class 4.

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əl marúá			4c					beer
ε nasiríé			4c					early morning
əl ɳâ m			4a					wilderness
im péréd			4c					remnants, shreds
é nuáaâ ſ			4e	i nuáaafjí	i	1a		sheep
əl maatf		i	4a	il máat		1d		“ hopper”
ε maʃô			4a	i máfon i máfoí	n i	1d 4d		ceremony, feast
o sínkirrî			4a	i sínkir		1d		fish
o súyanâ			4a	i súyan		1d		wild dog
en kílintâ			4a	en kilinitání	ni	2c		little finger
əndâ p			4a	indápí	i	3a		palm of the hand
əldià			4a	ildiâin	in	3a		dog
ol mósořrî	i		4a	il mósoř		3a		egg
e móny			4a	i mónyí	i	3a		rhino
e ɳúes			4a	i ɳúésí	i	3a		wild animal
e sô s			4a	i sôsí		3a		matting, screen
en tî m			4a	in tímí		3a		forest
e mótonyî			4a	il motónyi		3d		bird
en téreét			4d	in tereetí		3e		pot
en túrkulû			4a	in turkuluní		3e		dove
				i siarpíd		4c		tatters
əl ɳárurúmí	i		4b	il ɳárurúm		4d		maneless lion
əl ɳóinõi			4a	il ɳóinõí		4d		maggot
é nóô s			4e	í nóósř	i	4e		wooden container (NB tone on D is h)
ol pû l			4a	ílpúlf		4e		place where warriors

								slaughter cattle ¹¹
é sá ã			4e	íísáãâ		4e		watch ¹²

¹¹ plural determiner has high tone

¹² determiners have high tone