

To-do list

- Comparison
- Archaic contemporatives in schwa
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- A taste of causative

The one compared with - 'than N'

is put in the ablative case ({mit}/ {nit})

' . is bigger than Narsaq ' Narsamit .

' . faster than bearded seals ' . ussunnit .

Comparison (comparative and superlative)

Adjectives do not constitute a part of speech in Greenlandic. Comparison is a verbal quality.

Vb+NIRU = 'to Vb more' as in

/atuar+NIRU+TAR+vuq/ in:

Nuliara uannit atuarnerusarpoq 'My wife normally reads more than me' and

/paasi+NIRU+vaa/ in:

Tamanna ilinnit paasineruaa 'He understands this better than you do'

N+GƏ is tricky in the beginning

The morpheme N+GƏ is widely used. It means 'has the object as one's N'. It is the only way to express 'somebody is somebody's .. '

'to be a wife' = *nuliaavoq* and 'my wife' = *nuliara* are not compatible. Therefore

'Karen is my wife' = 'I have Karen as wife' = /nuliaq+gə+vara/ = *Karen nuliarivara*

Comparison cont.

A few nouns means something that is logically comparable

nukarleq 'a younger one': *Tikamit*

nukarleq 'somebody younger than Tika'

angajulleq 'an older one': *Uagutsinnit*

angajulleq 'somebody older than us'

The contemporative mood has a variety after schwa

Verbs with the morpheme N+GƏ as *aqqutigi-* and *oqarfigi-* have a bit deviating shape in contemporative:

aqqutigivaa 'he took that way' but *aqqutigalugu* 'that SUBJECT took that way' and *oqarfigivara* 'I told him' but *oqarfigalugu* 'that SUBJECT told him'

***note that there are no variations
in negated contemporative***

aqqutiginnilaa 'he did not take that way'
and *aqqutiginagu* 'that SUBJECT did not
take that way'

oqarfiginnilara 'I did not tell him' and
oqarfiginagu 'that SUBJECT did not tell
him'

***Passive by means of Vb+NIQAR
and the original subject in
ablative case***

Tikap atorpaa/ Tikamit atorneqarpoq 'Tika
used it/ It was used by Tika'

*Arnat taakku ilinniartippakka/ Arnat
taakku uannit ilinniartinneqarput* 'I teach
those women/ Those women are taught by
me'

***Causative is a mood used for
'because' and 'as/ when'***

Modal marker is {+ga} and {+(m)m}
with intransitive and transitive stems

The personal endings differ somehow
from the ones you know already:

'I-him' is {kku}: *atorakku* 'as I used it'

'I' is {ma}: *suligama* 'as I worked'

'he-me' is {aqa}: *atormanga* 'as he used me'
