

## Problem no 4. Tangkhul Adjectives

Study the following sentences or phrases from Tangkhul-Naga language, spoken in Manipur, India.

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| 1. Kachuia shinaao            | Tall woman               |
| 2. Katyeoa shim               | Small house              |
| 3. Kaphaa lairik              | Good book                |
| 4. Kathi thingrong            | Dead tree                |
| 5. Kathum                     | Three                    |
| 6. Phangaa                    | Five                     |
| 7. Shinaao-hi chuia           | This woman is tall.      |
| 8. Hi shim-phangaa na         | There are five houses.   |
| 9. Hi kachuia shinaao na      | This is a tall woman.    |
| 10. Kachui                    | Tall                     |
| 11. Kaphaa                    | Good                     |
| 12. Katyeo                    | Small                    |
| 13. Kathi                     | To die/ Dead             |
| 14. Thingrongping thi dalai   | Trees are dying.         |
| 15. Thingrong-chi thira       | That tree will die.      |
| 16. Thingrong-chi chuire      | The tree will be tall.   |
| 17. Kashung khamong           | The closed door          |
| 18. Aa-na khamong shunga.     | He closed the door.      |
| 19. I-na khamong-chi shungra. | I will close the door.   |
| 20. Hi kaphangaa lairik na.   | This is the fifth book.  |
| 21. Chi kakathuma shim na.    | That is the third house. |
| 22. I-na lairik pama          | I wrote a book.          |
| 23. Aa-na lairik pam delai    | I am writing a book.     |

### A] Translate the following in Tangkhul:

1. The good house.
2. He wrote five books.
4. He is writing the fifth book.
5. The small woman
6. The small woman closed the second door.
7. He will be small.
8. That is a dead tree.
9. This tree is dead.
10. This door is closed.

**B] Can you find any pattern in the forms that the adjectives and verbs of Tangkhul-Naga language take according to where they occur in a sentence? Explain the pattern, if there is any. What can you say about the categories of verbs and adjectives in this language?**