

Problem no 3. Tangkhul Verbs

The following data is based on the verb forms in Tangkhul.

Tangkhul is a language belonging to the Sino-Tibetan language family and is spoken by Tangkhul-Naga community in Manipur, India.

Little Akham, a Tangkhul-speaking girl, 5 years of age, is chatting with her grandfather who has come to stay with her after many days. Read their dialogue carefully, and fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the Tangkhul verbs given in brackets. If the verbs are not given in the brackets, they must have occurred in the dialogue before. Find the verbs and fill in their appropriate forms.

Akham: Aavaa bazaarli vaa hayra (Father has gone to the market). Aavu aina i ngatsinshon vaara (Mother and I will go in the evening.) Ithum haptakachida bazaarli vaaya (We go to the market every week). Achi i ice-cream-shopli vaara (Today I will go to the icecreamshop). I thangthangpingwi shopli vaangaaya (I want to go to the shop of toys).
I ice-cream_____ (eat = sha) (I will eat ice-cream). I hainathaiwi ice-cream_____ (eat =sha) (I have eaten mango ice-cream). I strawberrywi ice-cream_____ (eat = sha) (I want to eat strawberry ice-cream). I thangthangping lora (I will buy toys).

Grandfather: Hi kaphaa na! (This is good!) I nali raaka (Let me come with you). I nali bazaarli raara (I will come with you to the market). I aathaiyur _____ (I want to buy fruits).
_____(Let me eat ice-cream).

Akham: Kha kassariaping ice-cream mashashap mara (But, old people cannot eat ice- cream). Athum rria! (They are old!).

Grandfather: Chi-aina, i thangthangping_____ (Then I will buy toys).

Akham: Kha, kassariaping mangaryao mana (But old people do not play). Na ithumli bazaarli_____ (You cannot come with us to the market).
Naaoshinaaoping aina athumwi aavu-aavaa bazaarli vaashapra (The children and their parents can go to the market).