

(A) The Tortoise and the Rabbit (1/1) [Solution]

A1.

Malagasy	English
(a) Mihaona ny alika ny sokatra.	The tortoise meets the dog.
Nitsiky ny sokatra mainty.	(b) The black tortoise smiled.

A2.

Malagasy	English
(a) Miteny ity alika kely ity.	This small dog speaks.
Niaro ny saka ity bitro lehibe ity.	(b) This large rabbit protected the cat.
(c) Niarahaba iny sahona kely iny ity vorona maitso ity.	This green bird greeted that small frog.

Vocabulary:

Nouns:

sokatra = tortoise

alika = dog

bitro = rabbit

vorona = bird

saka = cat

sahona = frog

Adjectives:

kely = small

mainty = black

lehibe = large

maitso = green

Determiners:

ny = the

ity ... ity = this

iny ... iny = that

Verbs:

mihaona = meets

niaro = protects

mitsiky = smiles

niarahaba = greets

miteny = speaks

Morphology:

The present tense of each verb starts with m-. To make it past tense, change the m- to n-.

Word order:

The basic word order of the sentence is Verb-Object-Subject.

Adjectives go after nouns.

“The” goes before the noun.

Demonstratives (“this” and “that”) appear twice, once before and once after the noun. If there is an adjective, it appears inside of the demonstrative pair with the noun (e.g., “this frog green this”).

