

(P) Doubling Up on Nakanai (1/2) [15 Points]

Nakanai (*Lakalai*) is a language spoken by around 13,000 people of the Nakanai tribe in West New Britain, Papua New Guinea. Below are some words in Nakanai given along with their so-called “reduplicated form,” a grammatical form which has a large number of different uses (e.g. plural verb marking, habituative mood¹, and collective plurals).

However, these uses are irrelevant to the derivation of the reduplicated form.

| Underlying Form | Reduplicated Form | Meaning |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>basi</i> | <i>baibasi</i> | ‘bandicoot (a small animal)’ |
| <i>beta</i> | <i>babeta</i> | ‘wet’ |
| <i>galolo</i> | <i>galololo</i> | ‘constantly’ |
| <i>gove</i> | <i>goegove</i> | ‘mountain’ |
| <i>Kise</i> | <i>Kekise</i> | (a name) |
| <i>baimopu</i> | <i>baimoumopu</i> | (a kind of fish) |
| <i>seku</i> | <i>seuseku</i> | ‘to scoop up’ |
| <i>hugu</i> | <i>hugugu</i> | ‘to carry’ |
| <i>sasa</i> | <i>sasasa</i> | ‘one’ |
| <i>mari</i> | <i>marimari</i> | ‘to know’ |
| <i>toa</i> | <i>tatoa</i> | ‘to tread, to kick’ |
| <i>kirosi</i> | <i>kirosirosi</i> | ‘angry’ |
| <i>ligi</i> | <i>ligiligi</i> | ‘to hurt’ |
| <i>kebo</i> | <i>kokebo</i> | ‘weak, exhausted’ |
| <i>kevemuki</i> | <i>kevemuimuki</i> | (a name) |
| <i>baharu</i> | <i>bahararu</i> | ‘widow’ |
| <i>golu</i> | <i>golugolu</i> | ‘thing’ |
| <i>mota</i> | <i>mamota</i> | ‘vine’ |
| <i>ked</i> | <i>keikedi</i> | ‘to be careful’ |
| <i>vigilemuli</i> | <i>vigilemulimuli</i> | ‘to tell a story’ |

¹ A verbal feature denoting that the action takes place habitually; e.g. English “*I usually go on walks*”



(P) Doubling Up on Nakanai (2/2)

P1. Provide the reduplicated forms of the following words in the table below.

| Underlying Form | Reduplicated Form | Meaning |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>tahalo</i> | | 'man' |
| <i>sekela</i> | | 'one at a time' |
| <i>pita</i> | | 'muddy' |
| <i>bake</i> | | (a kind of fish) |
| <i>loke</i> | | 'to break (a rope)' |
| <i>voro</i> | | 'to pound' |
| <i>valolohoka</i> | | 'to warn someone of trouble' |
| <i>pasi</i> | | 'extremely' |
| <i>kusa</i> | | 'to shout' |
| <i>bebe</i> | | 'butterfly' |
| <i>hilo</i> | | 'to see' |
| <i>sivo</i> | | 'to descend' |
| <i>rabu</i> | | 'charred wood' |
| <i>tarile</i> | | 'tree' |
| <i>sobe</i> | | 'young woman' |
| <i>vitaumetari</i> | | 'younger sibling' |
| <i>vituga</i> | | 'to walk' |

P2. Explain your solution.

