

2009 Solutions

(D) Guarani

The Guarani verb consists of:

- 1.prefix *n(d)(a)-*, if negation exists;
- 2.person and number of the subject: *a-* 'I', *o-* 'he', *ja-* 'we', *pe-* 'you (pl.)';
- 3.root;
- 4.-(*r*)*i*, if negation exists;
- 5.ending *-ma* for past tense or *-ta* for future tense.

where:

- the negative prefix should start with *n* (rather than *nd*) in case the root of the verb contains any nasal sound
- the vowel *a* is dropped from the negative prefix in case the personal prefix starts with a vowel.
- if a future tense is to be negated, the suffix is *-mo'āi*, rather than *-(*r*)*i-ta*; the negative suffix is *-ri* after the vowel *i*; *-i* otherwise.

Part 1

akaruma	I was eating
ojupita	He will be waking up
ndavo'omo'āi	I will not be taking
napektororō	you are not crying
ndapyhyima	I wasn't catching

Part 2

you are not shooting	ne-pe-mbokapu-i
he is not singing	ndo-purahei-ri
we will be eating	ja-karu-ta
I will not be singing	nda-purahei-mo'āi

