

**Problem 5.** Rules:

- word order:

–  $\boxed{A (T) \text{ nú } B} \left( \text{'A is B'/'A was B', } T = \text{tense: } \begin{cases} \text{cí} & (\text{past}) \\ \emptyset & (\text{future}) \end{cases} \right)$

–  $\boxed{S \text{ } T \text{ } V \text{ } O \text{ (lé)} \text{ } L \text{ } D}$

(S = subject, V = predicate, O = object, L = place, D = day)

\* 'to see' = yɛn (O) lé

\* after a consonant: lé > é

	tense	'just now'/'be about to ...'	today	< 3 days	> 3 days
• tense:	past (V̇)	nô:	bê:	cí nô:	tò nô:
	future (V̇)	nú	nú gé:	nú bóy	nú yú:

- 1st person sg: n- + T/V

– nb > mb

– nk/ng > ŋk/ŋg

– nn > n

- after ʔ, ʔ̃, ʔ̃̃: ʔ̃ > ʔ̃̃

Answers:

- (a) 16. bvúsòw nũ fò shě ntfũ. *Bvusɔw is the day after tomorrow.*  
 17. me nú ngé: nyén kèŋkfũ lé èbèn. *Today, I will see the yam.*  
 18. wvù tò nô: yèn bèsèn ẽ bvúmbòn. *On Bvumbon, he saw us.*  
 19. bèsèn nũ bóy tó fòwǎy bvúzhí:dèn. *On Bvuzhiden, we will come to the market.*

(b)

Bvutfu, Bvun̄ka, Bvuzhi, Bvukema, Bvun̄kaden, Bvuzhiden, Bvusɔw, Bvumbon.

- (c) 20. On *Bvusɔw*, I helped the man. me ncí nô: nfī dièmsɛn bvúsòw.  
 21. The thief stole the yam just now. cǎŋ nô: cǎŋ kèŋkfũ.  
 22. On *Bvun̄kaden*, I will hear the car. me nú nyú: nyów mutù bvún̄kâ:dèn.  
 23. Today, the woman will kill the man. kwô:n nũ gé: yó dièmsɛn èbèn.  
 24. Today, the man saw you(sg). dièmsɛn bê: yèn wò lě èbèn.