

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

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|--------------|----------------------|
| 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

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

