

(P) The Greatest Thing Since Boiled Breadfruit (1/2) [Solution]

P1.

- (a) *He told me a story a while ago.*
- (b) *They are telling themselves a story.*
- (c) *I went a while ago.*

P2.

- (a) **Nibiefe walabe.**
- (b) **Nalile wafomelee.**
- (c) **Nibie blulu nemebe.**

P3.

Sentence elements:

- Intransitive, pronoun subject: [verb]
- Intransitive, noun subject: [noun] [verb]
- Transitive, pronoun subject and noun object: [noun] [verb] (*includes indirect “for X” object*)
- Transitive, pronoun₁ subject and pronoun₂ object: [pronoun₂] [verb]

Verb: [stem][object][aspect][person/tense]

Stem:

- na-** = tell story to [obj]
- ne-** = boil [obj] or boil (intransitive) (and **blulu** appears before verb)
- wa-** = go (intransitive)

Object:

- o-** = 1st person singular
- fo-** = 3rd person singular
- te-** = 3rd person plural

Aspect:

- me-** = long time (a while ago or in a while)
- la-** = short time (“soon” or present tense)

Person/tense:

	Past/Present	Future
1st person singular	-ie	-fe
3rd person singular	-lee	-be
3rd person plural	-ne	(not shown)



(P) The Greatest Thing Since Boiled Breadfruit (2/2) [Solution]

Noun/pronoun: [Stem][Suffix]

Stem:

meli = water

nibie = breadfruit

mene = [1st person singular pronoun]

nali = [3rd person singular pronoun]

Suffix:

-le = pronoun, object only

-me = pronoun, both subject and object

-fe = “for [noun]”

(Note that it is also consistent with the data given in the problem to take breadfruit to be **nibi** and to suppose that there is another suffix **-e** which indicates a noun object.)

