

Problem 5. Rules:

- word order:

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

– S T V O (lé) L 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 (V̄)	nô:	bɛ:	cí nô:	tò nô:
	future (V̄)	nú	nú gé:	nú bój	nú yú:

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

- nb > mb
- nk/ng > ɲk/ŋg
- nn > n

- after ˘, ˇ, ˘: ˘ > ˘

Answers:

- (a) 16. bvúsòw nǔ fò shě ntfū:. *Bvusɔw* is the day after tomorrow.
 17. me nú ɲgé: nyén kèŋkfū lé ɛbèn. Today, I will see the yam.
 18. wvù tò nô: yɛn bèsèn ē bvúmbòn. On *Bvumbon*, he saw us.
 19. bèsèn nǔ bój tó fɔwāy bvúzhī:dèn. On *Bvuzhiden*, we will come to the market.
- (b) **Bvutfu, Bvunka, Bvuzhi, Bvukema, Bvuŋkaden, Bvuzhiden, Bvusɔw, Bvumbon.**
- (c) 20. *On Bvusɔw, I helped the man.* me ncí nô: nfí dìɛmsɛn bvúsòw.
 21. *The thief stole the yam just now.* cɔŋ nô: cɔŋ kèŋkfū.
 22. *On Bvuŋkaden, I will hear the car.* me nú nyú: nyów mutù bvûŋkâ:dèn.
 23. *Today, the woman will kill the man.* kwɔ:n nǔ gé: yó dìɛmsɛn ɛbèn.
 24. *Today, the man saw you(sg).* dìɛmsɛn bɛ: yɛn wò lè ɛbèn.