

Problem 5. Rules:

- word order:

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

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

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

* 'to see' = yɛn (O) lé

* after a consonant: lé > é

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| | 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, ʔ̃: ʔ̃ > ʔ̃

Answers:

- (a) 16. bvúsòw nú 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 nú 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 dièmsě̃n 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 nú gé: yó dièmsě̃n èbèn.
 24. Today, the man saw you(sg). dièmsě̃n bê: yèn wò lě èbèn.