

(A) At Ease in Gilbertese (1/1)

The order of the words/phrases in a Gilbertese sentence conforms to the following pattern:

Person marker	Verb	Prepositional phrase	Pronoun/noun subject	Temporal phrase
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The “person marker” at the beginning of the sentence indicates whether the subject is 1st person singular (I), 2nd person singular (Ko), 3rd person singular (E) or 3rd person plural (A).

A1.

a. e nakonako nakon te auti Meeri n te bong aei
Mary is walking to the house today.

b. i tekateka inanon te kawai ŋai
I am sitting (on) in the road.

c. a nakonako nakon te kawai taian ataei ningaabong
The children will be walking to the road tomorrow.

A2.

a. a takaakaro taian aiine ningaabong
b. ko tekateka irarikin te titooa ŋkoe n te bong aei

