

Seventeenth International Linguistics Olympiad

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Individual Contest Solutions

Problem 1. Word order:

- (O) V- l_5 (S = subject; O = object; V = predicate)
- $(O_1) V_1-l_5^= (O_2) V_2-l_5$
- $(O_1) V_1-l_{S_1}-a (O_2) V_2-l_{S_2} (S_1 \neq S_2)$
- $N_1-a N_2-a$ ‘ N_1 and N_2 ’ (N = noun)

before a vowel: **b** > **w**

In some verbs the vowel in the last syllable of the root assimilates to the vowel of the first syllable of the ending.

S	$l_5^=$ ($S_1 = S_2$)	l_5		
		past	present	future
1st person sg	-en-i	-aan	-iin	-an-iin
2nd person sg	-en-eb		-eeb	-an-eeb
3rd person sg m	-en-e	-oon	-een	-an-een
3rd person sg f	-en-u	-een	-uun	-an-uun
1st person pl	-en-ub		-uub	-an-uub
3rd person pl	-en-ib		-iib	-an-iib

- (a) 12. **Om benu aneen.** *She took the bread and ate it.*
 13. **Munuuna wunuub.** *She comes and we go away.*
 14. **Wingkiiwa wengamburuun.** *They sing and she hears.*
 15. **Anon ye weng wengamberenib yeedaraniib.** *They will hear the dog and will get up.*
 16. **Oon wedmaniina karub wedmaneeb.** *I will see the fish and you(sg) will see the man.*
 17. **Ok wedmeena aniin.** *He sees the water and I drink it.*
- (b) 18. *We will go away and they will come.* **Wananuuwa mananiib.**
 19. *I take the pig and he takes the fish.* **Awon biina oon been.**
 20. *He saw the water and the house and heard the dog.* **Oka ambiwa wedmene anon ye weng wengamboroon.**
 21. *You(sg) eat the bread and sing.* **Om aneneb wingkeeb.**