

## (L) Swallow the Salt (1/3)

Word order: Subject Verb Object (in passive voice, the noun is the subject).

Person and number are prefixed to the verb. Even if the subject is a noun, the prefix is added:

1<sup>st</sup> p.sg. — aʔa-

3<sup>rd</sup> p.sg. — a-

3<sup>rd</sup> p.pl. — i-

Tense combined with polarity follows:

Positive:

past -Ø-

present -b-

future -te-

Negative:

past -ne-

present -se-

Voice follows:

active -Ø-

passive -t-

causative (passive) — one of: š, z, s, ʒ. It must be the same as the sibilant in the stem. If there is no sibilant in the stem, s is used.

Verbs are suppletive based on voice. An interesting fact is that the active voice uses Songay stems, while the passive and causative voices use Berber stems.

Pronouns are the same as the verb prefixes (him/it – a, them – i).

LI.

a. aryen a-ne-t-išu

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# (L) Swallow the Salt (2/3)

b. aya-s-uwud feji

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c. cidi a-te-t-elmez

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d. a-se-dini jifa

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**L2.**

a. He is having the water taken.

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b. I'm having them walked.

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c. The chief did not drink the water.

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