

Problem #5. The Nahuatl sentences begin with the predicate. The subject and object (or objects) follow in any order, preceded by *in* (a definite article).

The verb receives the following prefixes:

- subject: *ni-* 1st person sg, *ti-* 2nd person sg, —— 3rd person sg;
- object: *nēch-* 1st person sg, *mitz-* 2nd person sg, *k-* 3rd person sg;
- another object: *tē-* ‘somebody’, *tlā-* ‘something’.

As well as the following suffixes:

- ‘make …’:
 - <intansitive verb>-*tia* (with lengthening of a preceding *i*),
 - <transitive verb>-*lia*;
- ‘do for …’: -*lia* (with change of a preceding *a* to *i*).

Often the same action with and without an object is expressed by different verbs.

Answers:

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| (a) | 18. <i>tiktlazohtlaltia</i>
<i>in zihuātl in kuauhxīnki</i> | you make the woman love the carpenter;
you make the carpenter love the woman |
| | 19. <i>nēchtzāhtzītia</i> | he makes me shout |
| | 20. <i>tikhuiteki</i> | you beat him |
| | 21. <i>nikēhuilia in kikatl in tīzītl</i> | I sing the song for the healer |
| | 22. <i>nikneki in ātōlli</i> | I want the atole |
| | 23. <i>mitztlakāhualtia</i> | he makes you leave something |
| (b) | 24. he makes me prepare the atole
25. you prepare the wine for somebody
26. the healer makes you sleep
27. I sing something
28. I fall | <i>nēchchīhualtia in ātōlli</i>
<i>tiktēchīhuilia in oktli</i>
<i>mitzkochītia in tīzītl</i>
<i>nitlaēhua</i>
<i>nihuētzi</i> |