

Present

- (1) a. *nyan ban-nyu wandja-n*
 3s DIST-2s.DAT look.for/wait-PRES
 'He/she is waiting/looking for you.' (386)
- b. *nyan ban wandja-n djarak-wu*
 3s DIST look.for-PRES spear-DAT
 'He's looking for a spear'

YestPst

- (2) a. *nyan bu-mi bundguk-ir*
 3s hit-YPA woomera-INSTR
 'He hit (her) with a woomera.'
- b. *ripurrum nyan gar-mi guya-wu, ban bim gar-mi wali-wu*
 yessterday 3sg go-YPA fish-DAT COMP go-YPA food-DAT
 'Yesterday he hunted fish, then he went for vegetable food.'
- c. *naw gukirr gari-mi naw nya-mi gari-m-ani nganaparra*
 1p-exc walk.about-YPA PROG-YPA 1p.exc-ERG see-YPA PROG-YPA-TF buffalo
 'We were walking about and seeing buffalo (while we walked).'
- d. *nyan djijdja-n gari-m-ani*
 3sgNOM leak/rain-PRES HABIT-PRES-TF
 It always rains (at the present season) now.

Today Past

- (3) a. *ngarri marri djaya ngarr garri-yi+n*
 1s little.bit slowly 1s sick-GLS-TPA
 I am not feeling well. (lit. I am a little bit sick.)

Future

- (4) a. *nganuwi naw nyina-k Marrpi*
 1p.EXCL 1p.EXCL sit-FUT Marrpi
 'We will stay at Marrpi.'
- b. *nguniny bilak nyan burrpil-yi-rrak, ngan.ga-rr ngaya-k*
 that FRAME 3s die-INCH-FUT 3s.DAT=1s cry-FUT
 'If he dies I will mourn for him.'
- c. **negated**
waba gar-mak
 NEG go-FUT
 'He won't go.'

Potential

- (5) *barra lay-lay-ya-n* *djininy ga bidap-ani rany balwar-mitj*
 1s REDUP-busy-FACT-PRES PROX then later-TF 1s.ACC come.to-POT

‘I am busy right now, so visit me later on.’

ŋalpim ‘PERF’ (395)

Djinan

- *kiri* ‘PROG’, *giri* ‘HAB’
- < **gara* ‘go’ (cf. Nhanu, Djinba)

Recent past continuous

- (6) a. Cooccurs with *nyini* PROG (cognate w ‘sit’, *kiri* also appears, sometimes no auxiliary appears (exx 216,223))

Libi *kiri-ny* *nyini-ny+a*,
 1plexcNOM come-RPC PROG-RPC+DUR

‘We were walking along.’ (241)