No phonemic voicing distinctions	3 way voiced/ voiceless unaspirated/ voiceless aspirated distinction	Rounding distinction in front vowels
Asymmetric sets of front and back vowels	Two or more tones	No coda in syllables
Maximum of 3 consonants in onset, in addition to glides	Vowel harmony between verbs and inflectional affixes	Intervocalic voicing of unvoiced obstruents (stops, affricates, and fricatives)
Synthetic, agglutinative language	Realis-Irrealis tense system	Tripartite case system
Verb initial (VSO/VOS)	Number system includes dual number	No articles (definite/indefinite)
Questions formed using clausal particle (complementizer)	Analytic language (no bound morphemes)	Dative, locative, and instrumental case markers