



Read the following text in Malagasy:



Andro tsy fiasana nomoaligny satria tinainin'ny Paska, tsy niasa zaho.

Tsy nianatra ny gaomadiniky mahazany nandeha nitsangatsangana zaho sy ny fianakaviaKO.

Nisoma, nihira, nisakafo zahay.

Nody zahay tamin'ny 4.

Now, use the following glossary to help you understand the text:



Glossary:

Andro tsy fiasana = public holiday

Nomoaligny^{Tsm} / omaly^{off} = yesterday

Tinainy^{Tsm} / alatsinainy^{off} = Monday

Tinainin'ny Paska = Easter Monday

Verbs

miasa = to work,

mianatra = to study,

mitsangatsangana = to walk / have a picnic,

mandeha = to go,

mihira = to sing,

misoma^{Tsm} / milala^{off} = to play,

misakafo = to have a meal,

mody = to return

Fianakaviana = family, fianakavia^{Tsm}KO = my family

Ny gaomadiniky / ny ankizy^{off} = the children

Amin'ny 4 = at 4 o'clock

Satria = because



Grammar rules:

1. Malagasy sentences do not start with the subject. The subject comes at the end.

VERB - SUBJECT

Nitsangatsangana zaho sy ny fianakaviako.
Nisoma zahay



2. If the verb starts with M, it changes to N in the past and H in the future.

Nihira zahay / Mihira zahay / Hihira zahay



3. For negation, TSY is placed before the verb.

- Tsy niasa zaho
- Tsy nianatra ny gaomadiniky



4. We can ask 3 questions which are Manino / Zovy / (Ve = moa), but with Ve, the answer is always Ia (yes) or Ehe (no).

Example: Misoma ny gaomadiniky



Q: MANINO (Maninona)^{off} ny gaomadiniky?
A: misoma

Q: ZOVY (Iza no) misoma?
A: ny gaomadiniky

Q: Misoma VE / MOA ny gaomadiniky?
A: Ia, misoma (ehe, tsy misoma)

5. Personal subject pronouns are: (Tsm / Off)

- zaho / aho
- Ianao
- Izy
- Antsika / isika
- Zahay / izahay
- Areo / ianareo
- Zareo / izy ireo
- I Soa
- Ny gaomadiniky





Exercises:

Translate the following sentences into English:

1. Tsy **n**iasa zaho
2. Tsy **n**ianatra ny gaomadiniky
3. Misoma zahay
4. Tsy mitsangatsangana zaho
5. Mihira zahay

Translate the following into Malagasy:

1. We are going for a walk
2. He sings
3. I played
4. Are you going to sing?