Words

berz up

bexer be fine, good birr forest (birri pl)

boz gray či things

denda lend (past) [dên + da]

dočik tail
gošna ... ser listen
her donkey, m.
hera donkey, f.
herdiš e beard, f.
kye mere rock, f.
kyeža yellow/ blond

merik man

mesela story, problem (pl meselê)

 $\begin{array}{ll} musna & show \ (past) \\ non & bread \\ per, p \epsilon lg & leaf \\ p^h ir & full \end{array}$

p^hir religious leader, older man

pot bake (past) qesike talk

qesik^yert speak (past) rot sell (past)

šánɨkε children's story, f. sε how

ser head, m.
ser war
ser lion

šɨkɨna can, be able to spewa white-gray xɛr favor

xɨrab bad (Adj / Adv?)

zarf very

zɨmɛ li moustache, pl vatɛ say (past)

zana can, know how to

[ž and j are separate phonemes?]

Minimal pairs

ser lion ser war

per, pɛlg leaf

birr forest (birri pl)

 $p^h ir$ full

p^hir religious leader, older man

(1) à tastike p^h irra Is the bowl full?

the bowl full-fem

(2) heq to verdo God bless you

God you bless

(3) heq emre to $dergk^y$ ero $(derg + k^y ero)$

God life your prolong

(4) tasɨka p^hɨrrɛ full bowl

Datives

(5) čeneke mire šanikevate the girl told me a story

girl me story told

(6) mɨ gošna čɛnɛkɛ sɛr I listened to the girl

I hear-to girl gošna ... ser 'listen'

(7) mɨ gošna to ser I listened to you

(8) čeneke non pot the girl baked bread

girl bread baked

(9) čeneke mire non pot the girl baked me bread

(10) ceneke layikire šanike vate the girl told a story to the boy

(11) čeneke layikáre šanike vate (friendly)

(12) čeneke lajáre šanike vate

layik boy (layiki pl) lajek boy (lajeki pl)

xort young adult (unmarried) man

(13) layík dergo the boy is tall

(14) láyiko derg the tall boy

(15) čeneke láyikie dergire šárike vate the girl told a tall boy a story (dergire: postposition?)

(16) kɨtabe layiki the boy's book

(17) kɨtabe layikie dergi the tall boy's book

(18) layik der(g) bi the boy was tall (bi: Aux?)

boy tall was

(19) čeneke kitab/kitav da mi the girl gave me a book

(20) čeneke kitab musna mi the girl showed me a book

(21) čeneke kitab rot mi the girl sold me a book

(22) čeneke kitab denda mi the girl lent me a book

(23) čeneke kitabi musnai mi the girl showed me books

(24) čeneke kitáb músna layikí the girl showed the book to the boy

(25) čeneke kitáb musna layiká the girl showed the book to the boys

Future

(26) čeneke kitab musnena mi the girl will show me a book

(27) čeneke kitabá musnena mi the girl will show me books (musnina: OBL)

(28) čeneki kitab musnene mi the girls will show me a book

[The present form seems to be able to refer to future as well]

Ezafe (in boldface); **specific – nonspecific forms**

[Past: ergative; future: nominative agreement]

Ezafe introducing adjectives:

-o masc

-a fem

-e pl

(29) čeneke layikire šanike vate the girl told a story to a boy

(30) čeneka derge layikire šanike vate the tall girl told a story to a boy

(31) čeneke layikire šanike derge vate the girl told a (nonspecific) long story to a boy

(32) čeneke layikire šanik a derge vate the girl told a (specific) long story to a boy

(33) čeneke layikie dergire šanike vate the girl told a tall boy a story

(34) čeneke layikiya šanike vana the girl will tell a story to a boy

(35) čeneke layikiya šanika vana the girl will tell stories to a boy

(36) čeneke layikiya šaniká**n**e dergá vana the girl will tell long stories to a boy [-ne (epenthetic n?)]

(37) čeneke layikiya šanikáde dérge vane the girl will tell the boy a long story (nonspecific)

(38) čeneke layikiya šanika dérge vane the girl will tell the boy a long story (specific)

šanike story (acc)

šanikádedérge long story sg, nonspecific (?) (acc)

šanika dérge long story sg, specific (acc)

(39) [čenek**a**_{OBL} derge] layik di the tall girl saw the boy

(40) [čɛnɛk**a**NOM dergɛ] layiki vinena the tall girl will see the boy

Stacked genitives

[ezafe introducing possessors: boldface and italics]

Ezafe introducing possessors:

-e masc -a fem -e pl

(41) dočike heri donkey's tail

(42) here meríki man's donkey

(43) $do\check{c}ike_{NOM} \ h\grave{e}re_{NOM} \ meriki_{OBL}$ the man's donkey's tail

(44) dočike here brae meriki the man's brother's donkey's tail

Adjectival agreement

[ezafe introducing adjectives: boldface]

[herdiš ϵ beard, f.

her donkey, m.]

(45) hero derg tall donkey

(46) herdiša mɨ derga my beard is long

(47) herdiš **a** derge long beard

(48) herdiš**a** heri donkey's beard (-i genitive)

(49) herdiš \boldsymbol{a} heri derga_{FEM} the donkey's beard is long

(50) herdiš a heria derg ε_{FEM} the donkey's long beard

(51) herdiš \boldsymbol{a} here dergi the tall donkey's beard (? -i-o (gen + ezafe) becomes -e)

(52) herdiš a here dergiy \mathbf{a}_{MASC} derg ε_{FEM} the tall donkey's long beard (? -ya ezafe on dergiya)

(53) herdiš a merike dergi the tall man's beard (?or merkie (cf. here above))

(54) zɨmele meriki the man's moustache

(55) zɨmɛle meriki derge the man's moustache is long

[Ezafe introducing adjectives on right edge of possessive construction]

Evidential ~ non-evidential

Evidential				Non-evidential		
	Masc	Fem	Pl	Masc	Fem	Pl
Intransitive	amo	ama	ame	ame	ame	ami
Transitive	herno	herna	herne	herna	hernε	hernai
	kyɛrdo	kyɛrda	kyɛrdi	kyɛrt	kyɛrde	kyɛrde

(56) čenéko láyiki ámi / am ϵ_{EV} the girl and the boy came

girl-& boy came / came_{EV}

(57) čeneko layiki ene the girl and the boy will come

girl-& boy come-fut (present morphology)

(58) layikiyo čeneke ami / am ϵ_{EV} the boy and the girl came

boy-& girl came / came_{EV}

(59) layiki ami / am ε_{EV} the boys came

boys came / $came_{EV}$

(60) layik ame / amo $_{\rm EV}$ the boy came

boy came / came_{EV}

(61) čeneke ame / ama_{EV} the girl came

girl came / came_{EV}

(62)	čeneke kitab herno _{EV}	the girl $bought_{EV}$ a book	
(63)	čeneke kitab herna	the girl bought a book	
(64)	čeneke k \dot{i} tabi herne $_{\mathrm{EV}}$	the girl bought $_{\mathrm{EV}}$ books	
(65)	čeneke kitabi hernia	the girl bought books	
(66)	čeneke qeleme herne	the girl bought a pen	
(67)	čeneke qeleme herna _{EV}	the girl bought $_{\mathrm{EV}}$ a pen	
(68)	to kɨtab hɛrna / hɛrno _{EV}	you bought a book	
(69)	čeneke derheqe mide xirap qesik ^y ert	the girl insulted me	
(70)	čeneke derheqe mide zaf xirab či vate $_{\mathrm{EV}}$	the girl insulted me ('said very bad things')	
(71)	čeneke derheqe mide zaf xirap či vati	the girl insulted me	
(72)	layiki ez pači kyerda	the boy kissed me	
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(73)	layiki ceneke paci kyérde / kyérda _{EV}	the boy kissed the girl	
(74)	čeneke layik pači kyerd/kyerdo _{EV}	the girl kissed the boy	
(75)	čєпєкє layiki pači kyєrdi / kyєrde $_{\mathrm{EV}}$	the girl kissed the boys	

Imperatives

(76)	láyiki páči ke!	kiss the boy!
(77)	láyika pači kε!	kiss the boys!
(78)	be!	come!
(79)	kitáb bitherne!	buy the book!
(80)	kɨtáb bɨwánɛ!	read the book!
(81)	kɨtáb bɨwane!	read _{pl} the book!
(82)	kɨtáb bɨdɛ mɨ!	give me the book!
(83)	mire šanike vaje!	tell me a story!
(84)	mire mesεla xo qesi bɨkε / qesikε!	tell me a story!
(85)	non poj̃ε / požε	bake bread!

Infinitives (?)

(86) Ez zana non poži I know (how) to bake bread

(87) Ez šikina non poži I can bake bread

(88) Ez zana čeneke se pači kiri / ki I know how to kiss a girl

(89) mɨ kyɛmere kyerde berz I lifted a rock

I rock did up

(90) mɨ kyɛmeri kyerdi berz I lifted rocks

(91) mɨ kyɛ meri onti I carried rocks

(92) EZ Šikina kye merá berz kiri I can (am able to) lift rocks

(93) EZ Šɨkɨna kyɛ mɛ rá bikyeri bɛrz I can lift rocks

(94) Ez zana kyemerá berz kiri I know (how) to lift rocks

(95) Ez zana se kyemerá berz kiri I know how to lift rocks