

# Basic Categories of the Ishiculu language

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Ishiculu has nouns, verbs, adjectives, prepositions, and conjunction.

Examples of sentences in Ishiculu:

- (1) *Ni-ki-so ntało kitabu.*  
1SG-3SG-read CLF.vii book(vii)  
'I (will) read the book.'  
(vii = Noun Class 7)
- (2) *Ni-ɬa-mbi Elly ki-ke ntało kitabu.*  
1SG-CAUS-PST Elly 1SG-have CLF.vii book(vii)  
'I gave Elly the book.'
- (3) *Elly pa ki-joani ntało kitabu.*  
Elly not 3SG-like CLF.vii book(vii)  
'Elly doesn't like the book.'
- (4) *Elly ki-ɬatsɿ Philadelphia.*  
Elly 3SG-come.from Philadelphia  
'Elly is from Philadelphia.'
- (5) *Ni-shi-ki-ɬa-mbi Elly fu-Philadelphia ki-hi ntało kitabu.*  
1SG-read\_aloud-3SG-CAUS-PST Elly in-Philadelphia 3SG-hear CLF.vii book(vii)  
'I read the book aloud to Elly.'

Vocabulary list:

- Nouns: *kitabu* 'book', *mama* 'mother'
- Verbs: *ntało* 'read', *shi* 'read aloud'
- Adjectives: *tata* 'big', *ɬoło* 'small'
- Prepositions: *fu-* 'in, at', *tsɿ* 'out of'
- Conjunctions: *aha* 'and', *alo* 'but'