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tan	<i>noun</i> : origin, cause
... , tan ...	<i>preposition</i> : from, by, because of, since
tan	<i>verb intransitive</i> : to come from, originate from, come out of
... taso	<i>adjective</i> : only, sole
... taso	<i>adverb</i> : only, just, merely, simply, solely, singly
... taso ...	<i>conjunction</i> : but, however
... tawa	<i>adjective</i> : moving, mobile
... tawa	<i>adverb</i> : moving, mobile
tawa	<i>noun</i> : movement, transportation
... , tawa ...	<i>preposition</i> : to, in order to, towards, for, until
tawa	<i>verb intransitive</i> : go to, walk, travel, move, leave
tawa (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to move, to displace
... telo	<i>adjective</i> : wett, sloppy, moist, damp, humid, sticky, sweaty, dewy, drizzly
... telo	<i>adverb</i> : wett, sloppy, moist, damp, humid, sticky, sweaty, dewy, drizzly
telo	<i>noun</i> : water, liquid, juice, sauce
telo (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to water, to wash with water, to put water to, to melt, to liquify
... tenpo	<i>adjective</i> : temporal, chronological, chronologic
... tenpo	<i>adverb</i> : chronologically
tenpo	<i>noun</i> : time, period of time, moment, duration, situation, occasion
... toki	<i>adjective</i> : speaking, eloquent, linguistic, verbal, grammatical
... toki	<i>adverb</i> : speaking, eloquent, linguistic, verbal, grammatical
toki!	<i>interjection</i> : hello, hi, good morning,
toki	<i>noun</i> : language, speech, tongue, lingo, jargon,
toki	<i>verb intransitive</i> : to talk, to chat, to communicate
toki (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to speak, to talk, to say, to pronounce, to discourse
... tomo	<i>adjective</i> : urban, domestic, household
... tomo	<i>adverb</i> : urban, domestic, household
tomo	<i>noun</i> : indoor constructed space, e.g. house, home, room, building
tomo (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to build, to construct, to engineer
... tu	<i>adjective numeral</i> : 2
tu	<i>noun</i> : duo, pair
tu (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to divide, to double, to separate, to cut in two
... unpa	<i>adjective</i> : erotic, sexual
... unpa	<i>adverb</i> : erotic, sexual
unpa	<i>noun</i> : sex, sexuality
unpa	<i>verb intransitive</i> : to have sex
unpa (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to have sex with, to sleep with, to fuck
... uta	<i>adjective</i> : oral
... uta	<i>adverb</i> : orally
uta	<i>noun</i> : mouth, lips, oral cavity, jaw, beak
uta (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to kiss, to osculate, to oral stimulate, to suck
... utala	<i>adjective</i> : fighting

1.2 Alphabet, Punctuation Marks

Consonants

Except for *j*, all the consonants are pronounced like in English. *j* is always pronounced just like the letter *y*.

letter	pronounced as in
k	kill
l	let
m	met
n	net
p	pit
s	sink
t	too
w	wet
j	yet

Vowels

Toki Pona's vowels are quite unlike English's. Whereas vowels in English are quite arbitrary and can be pronounced tons of different ways depending on the word, Toki Pona's vowels are all regular and never change pronunciation. If you're familiar with Italian, Spanish, Esperanto, or certain other languages, then your work is already cut out for you. The vowels are the same in Toki Pona as they are in these languages.

letter	pronounced as in
a	father
e	met
i	peel
o	more
u	food

The More Advanced Stuff

All official Toki Pona words are never capitalized. They are lowercase even at the beginning of the sentence! The only time that capital letters are used is when you are using unofficial words, like the names of people or places or religions.

Special Characters

.	<i>separator</i> : A declarative sentence ends with a full stop.
!	<i>separator</i> : An imperative or an interjection sentence ends with an exclamation mark.
?	<i>separator</i> : A question always ends in a question mark.
:	<i>separator</i> : A colon is between an hint sentences and a sentences.
,	<i>separator</i> : A comma is used after an 'o' to addressing people.

Separators

In these lessons, special characters are referred to as separators. Separators separate phrases from each other. For example, a dot separates a sentence from the next sentence. In Toki Pona also special words serve as separators.

Types of Sentences

Toki Pona has how many languages, different types of sentences.

Most sentences are declarative sentences and end with a period. Declarative sentences make statements or an assumptions.

Question sentences are interrogative sentences that formulate a question. They end with a question mark.

Imperative sentences are sentences that formulate a command. They end with an exclamation mark.

Exclamatory sentences (interjections) are sentences that express admiration or astonishment. This also includes greetings. They end with an exclamation mark or a period.

Headlines (titles) are usually not complete sentences and do not end with a punctuation mark.

Please always pay attention to correct punctuation marks. Wrong or missing Punctuation marks impair the intelligibility.

...sike ...sike sike sike (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> round, cyclical, of one year <i>adverb:</i> rotated <i>noun:</i> circle, ball, cycle, sphere, wheel; round or circular thing <i>verb transitive:</i> to orbit, to circle, to revolve, to circle around, to rotate
...sin ...sin sin sin (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> new, fresh, another, more <i>adverb:</i> regenerative <i>noun:</i> news, novelty, innovation, newness, new release <i>verb transitive:</i> to renew, to renovate, to freshen
sina ...sina ...e sina	<i>personal pronoun:</i> you <i>possessive pronoun:</i> yours <i>reflexive pronoun:</i> yourself, yourselves
...sinpin sinpin	<i>adjective:</i> facial, frontal, anterior, vertical <i>noun:</i> face, foremost, front, wall, chest, torso
...sitelen ...sitelen sitelen sitelen (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> figurative, pictorial, metaphorical, metaphoricsh <i>adverb:</i> pictorially <i>noun:</i> picture, image, representation, symbol, mark, writing <i>verb transitive:</i> to draw, to write
...sona sona sona sona (e ...) kama sona (e ...) sona ...	<i>adjective:</i> knowing, cognizant, shrewd <i>noun:</i> knowledge, wisdom, intelligence, understanding <i>verb intransitive:</i> to know, to understand <i>verb transitive:</i> to know, to understand, to know how to <i>transitives Verb:</i> to learn, to study
...soweli soweli	<i>adjective:</i> animal <i>noun:</i> animal, especially land mammal, lovable animal, beast
...suli ...suli suli suli (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> big, tall, long, adult, important <i>adverb:</i> big, tall, long, adult, important <i>noun:</i> size <i>verb transitive:</i> to enlarge, to lengthen
...suno ...suno suno suno (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> sunny, sunnily <i>adverb:</i> sunny, sunnily <i>noun:</i> sun, light <i>verb transitive:</i> to light, to illumine
...supa supa	<i>adjective:</i> flat, shallow, flat-bottomed, horizontal <i>noun:</i> horizontal surface, e.g furniture, table, chair, pillow, floor
...suwi suwi suwi (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> sweet, cute <i>noun:</i> candy, sweet food <i>verb transitive:</i> to sweeten
...tan	<i>adjective:</i> causal,

musi musi musi (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : fun, playing, game, recreation, art, entertainment <i>verb intransitive</i> : to play, to have fun <i>verb transitive</i> : to amuse, to entertain
... mute ... mute ... mute mute mute (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : many, very, much, several, a lot, abundant, numerous, more <i>adjective numeral</i> : 20 (official Toki Pona book) <i>adverb</i> : many, very, much, several, a lot, abundant, numerous, more <i>noun</i> : amount, quantity <i>verb transitive</i> : to make many or much
... namako namako namako (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : spicy, piquant <i>noun</i> : spice, something extra, food additive, accessory <i>verb transitive</i> : to spice, to flavor, to decorate
nanpa ... nanpa nanpa (e ...)	<i>adjective numeral</i> : To build ordinal numbers. <i>noun</i> : number, numeral <i>verb transitive</i> : to count, to reckon, to number
... nasa ... nasa nasa nasa (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : silly, crazy, foolish, drunk, strange, stupid, weird <i>adverb</i> : silly, crazy, foolish, drunk, strange, stupid, weird <i>noun</i> : stupidity, foolishness, silliness, nonsense, idiocy, obtuseness, muddler <i>verb transitive</i> : to drive crazy, to make weird
... nasin nasin	<i>adjective</i> : systematic, habitual, customary, doctrinal <i>noun</i> : way, manner, custom, road, path, doctrine, system, method
... nen nen	<i>adjective</i> : hilly, undulating, mountainous, hunchbacked, humpbacked, bumpy <i>noun</i> : bump, hill, extrusion, button, mountain, nose, protuberance
... ni ni	<i>adjective demonstrative pronoun</i> : this, that <i>noun demonstrative pronoun</i> : this, that
nimi nimi (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : word, name <i>verb transitive</i> : to name
... noka ... noka noka	<i>adjective</i> : foot-, lower, bottom <i>adverb</i> : on foot <i>noun</i> : leg, foot; organ of locomotion; bottom, lower part
o! ... o , ... o ...! ... o ...!	<i>interjection</i> : hey! (calling somebody's attention) <i>interjection</i> : addressing people <i>subject</i> : An 'o' is used for imperative (commands). 'o' replace the subject. <i>separator</i> : An 'o' is used for imperative (commands): 'o' replace 'li'.
... oko oko	<i>adjective</i> : optical, eye- <i>noun</i> : eye
... olin olin olin (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : love <i>noun</i> : love <i>verb transitive</i> : to love (a person)

The Ambiguity of Toki Pona

Do you see how several of the words in the vocabulary have multiple meanings? For example, *suli* can mean either 'long', 'tall', 'big', 'important' or 'the size'. By now, you might be wondering, 'What's going on? How can one word mean so many different things?'

Welcome to the world of Toki Pona! The truth is that lots of words are like this in Toki Pona. Because the language has such a small vocabulary and is so basic, the ambiguity is inevitable. However, this vagueness is not necessarily a bad thing. Because of the vagueness, a speaker of Toki Pona is forced to focus on the very basic, unaltered aspect of things, rather than focusing on many minute details.

Another way that Toki Pona is ambiguous is that it can not specify whether a word is singular or plural. For example, *jan* can mean either 'person' or 'people'. If you've decided that Toki Pona is too arbitrary and that not having plurals is simply the final straw, don't be so hasty. Toki Pona is not the only language that doesn't specify whether a noun is plural or not. Japanese, for example, does the same thing.

Toki Pona has no Tenses. The verbs don't change. If it's absolutely necessary, there are ways of saying that something happened in the past, present, or future.

As you can see in the vocabulary list, most words can be used in different word types. They remain unchanged. The word part is derived from the position in the sentence. In this lesson, we will deal with nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and a special separator.

A noun is a word for a person, place or thing. An adjective is a word that describes a noun. A verb describes an action.

Pronouns are proxies for different types of words. They are used in the same place as the word to be represented and have the same grammatical characteristics as this one. Pronouns are not words of content, but they denote persons or things by referring to the context. Personal pronouns (I, you, ...) represent nouns. Possessive pronouns (my, your, ...) represent adjectives. In the next few lessons we will learn more about other types of pronouns.

The Personal Pronouns *mi* or *sina* as Subject

With the pronoun *mi* or the pronoun *sina* at the beginning and a subsequent verb a simple sentence in Toki Pona is already complete. A declarative sentence ends with a full stop. Toki Pona has no nested subordinate clauses and nearly no commas.

mi moku.	I eat.
sina pona.	You fix.

In these sentences pronouns *mi* and *sina* are in each case the subject phrase. In Toki Pona, a subject phrase is always at the beginning of the sentence. In these examples, the subject phrases consist of only one subject (*mi* or *sina*).

The subject is the carrier of the action, process or state. It is the most important addition to the verb in the sentence, a complete sentence always contains a subject. You ask for the subject with whom or what.

Verbs as Predicates

The verbs *moku* and *pona* form the predicate phrase in these examples. The predicate is a core element in a sentence and is the statement of the sentence.

In most languages, a predicate is formed by a verb, but this is not mandatory in all languages. As we will soon see, in Toki Pona the predicate is not necessarily formed by a verb. The difference between verb and predicate is that verb designates a word part and predicate designates a grammatical function. A predicate and possible objects form a predicate phrase.

Nouns or Adjectives as Predicates

One of the first principles you'll need to learn about Toki Pona is that there is no form of the verb 'to be' like there is in English. That's why the verb slot can be empty and after *mi* or *sina* can follow also a noun or adjective. In these lessons, the term 'slot' is used to indicate a valid position of a word type in the sentence.

Regular sentences can also be formed in other languages without a verb appearing in them. Examples are Russian and Arabic. A noun then functions as a predicate noun or an adjective serves as predicate adjective. But this noun or adjective does not become a verb. An empty verb slot cannot, however, form a predicate phrase on its own. A noun or adjective must follow. That is, directly after *mi* or *sina* the sentence cannot be finished yet.

The mpty verb-slot is marked with an apostrophe in these lessons.

mi moku.	I eat.
mi ' moku.	I am food.
sina pona.	You fix.
sina ' pona.	You are good.

Because Toki Pona lacks 'to be', the exact meaning is lost. *moku* in this sentence could be a verb, or it could be a noun; just as *pona* could be an adjective or could be a verb. In situations such as these, the listener must rely on context. After all, how often do you hear someone say 'I am food.'? I hope not very often! You can be fairly certain that *mi moku* means 'I'm eating'.

The Separator *li*

For sentences that don't use the personal pronouns *mi* or *sina* as the subject, there is one small catch that you'll have to learn. Look at how *li* is used. *li* is a grammatical word that separates the subject phrase from the predicate phrase. The predicate marker *li* is only used when the subject is not *mi* or *sina*. Although the separator *li* might seem worthless right now, as you continue to learn Toki Pona you will see that some sentences could be very confusing if *li* weren't there.

telo li pona.	Water is cleaning.
suno li suno.	The sun is shining.
moku li ' pona.	The food is good.
ona li ' moku.	It is food.

Is the verb slot empty, after *li* can follow a noun or adjective as well. As already written, an empty verb slot cannot form a predicate phrase on its own. A noun or adjective must follow. That is, directly after *li* the sentence can not yet be finished or an object can follow.

lupa (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to pierce, to stab, to perforate
... ma ma	<i>adjective</i> : countrified, outdoor, alfresco, open-air <i>noun</i> : land, earth, country, (outdoor) area
... mama mama mama (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : of the parent, parental, maternal, fatherly, motherly, mumsy <i>noun</i> : parent, mother, father <i>verb transitive</i> : to mother sb., to wet-nurse, mothering
... mani ... mani mani	<i>adjective</i> : financial, financially, monetary, pecuniary <i>adverb</i> : financially <i>noun</i> : money, material wealth, currency, dollar, capital
... meli meli	<i>adjective</i> : female, feminine, womanly <i>noun</i> : woman, female, girl, wife, girlfriend
mi ... mi ... e mi	<i>personal pronoun</i> : I, we <i>possessive pronoun</i> : my, our <i>reflexive pronoun</i> : myself, ourselves
... mije mije	<i>adjective</i> : male, masculine, manly <i>noun</i> : man, male, husband, boyfriend
... moku ... moku moku moku (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : eating <i>adverb</i> : eating <i>noun</i> : food, meal <i>verb transitive</i> : to eat, to drink, to swallow, to ingest, to consume
... moli ... moli moli moli moli (e ...) kama moli	<i>adjective</i> : dead, dying, fatal, deadly, lethal, mortal, deathly, killing <i>adverb</i> : mortally <i>noun</i> : death, decease <i>verb intransitive</i> : to die, to be dead <i>verb transitive</i> : to kill <i>intransitives Verb</i> : dieing
... monsi monsi	<i>adjective</i> : back, rear <i>noun</i> : back, rear end, butt, behind
... monsuta monsuta	<i>adjective</i> : fearful, afraid <i>noun</i> : monster, monstrosity, fearful thing, fright, mythical creatures, fear
... mu ... mu mu! mu mu (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : animal nois- <i>adverb</i> : animal nois- <i>interjection</i> : woof! meow! moo! etc. (cute animal noise) <i>noun</i> : animal noise <i>verb transitive</i> : to make animal nois
... mun mun	<i>adjective</i> : lunar <i>noun</i> : moon, lunar, night sky object, star
... musi ... musi	<i>adjective</i> : artful, fun, recreational <i>adverb</i> : cheerfully

...jaki ...jaki jaki! jaki jaki (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : dirty, gross, filthy, obscene <i>adverb</i> : dirty, gross, filthy <i>interjection</i> : ew! yuck! <i>noun</i> : dirt, pollution, garbage, filth, feces <i>verb transitive</i> : to pollute, to dirty
...jan ...jan jan jan (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : human, somebody's, personal, of people <i>adverb</i> : human, somebody's, personal, of people <i>noun</i> : person, people, human, being, somebody, anybody <i>verb transitive</i> : to personify, to humanize, to personalize
...jelo jelo	<i>adjective</i> : yellowish, yellowy <i>noun</i> : yellow, light green
...jo jo jo (e ...) kama jo (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : private, personal <i>noun</i> : having, possessions, content <i>verb transitive</i> : to have, to contain <i>verb transitive</i> : to get
...kala kala	<i>adjective</i> : fish- <i>noun</i> : fish, marine animal, sea creature
...kalama kalama kalama kalama (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : noisy, loud, rowdy <i>noun</i> : sound, noise, voice <i>verb intransitive</i> : to make noise <i>verb transitive</i> : to sound, to ring, to play (an instrument)
...kama ...kama kama kama kama ... kama (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : coming, future <i>adverb</i> : coming, future <i>noun</i> : event, happening, chance, arrival, beginning <i>verb intransitive</i> : to come, to become, to arrive, to happen <i>auxiliary verb</i> : to become, to mange to <i>verb transitive</i> : to bring about, to summon
...kasi kasi kasi kasi (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : vegetable, vegetal, biological, biologic, leafy <i>noun</i> : plant, vegetation, herb, leaf <i>verb intransitive</i> : to grow <i>verb transitive</i> : to plant, to grow
ken ken la ... ken ken ... ken (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : possibility, ability, power to do things, permission <i>noun</i> : if possibility, if ability, if permission <i>verb intransitive</i> : can, is able to, is allowed to, may, is possible <i>auxiliary verb</i> : to can, may <i>verb transitive</i> : to make possible, to enable, to allow, to permit
kepeken ..., kepeken ... kepeken kepeken ...	<i>noun</i> : use, usage, tool <i>preposition</i> : with <i>verb intransitive</i> : to use <i>auxiliary verb</i> : to use
...kili	<i>adjective</i> : fruity

Transitive Verbs, the Separator *e* and Direct Objects

We saw how phrases such as *mi moku* could have two potential meanings. 'I'm eating' or 'I am food'. There is one way to specify that you want to say.

mi moku e kili.		I eat fruit.
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Also we discussed how *sina pona*, like *mi moku*, has two possible meanings. 'You are good' or 'You're fixing'. Normally, it would mean 'You are good' simply because no one really says 'I'm fixing' without actually telling what it is that they are trying to fix.

ona li pona e ilo.		She's fixing the machine.
mi pona e ijo.		I'm fixing something.

Only a (composite) verb can stand in front of the *e*. More specifically, it is a slot for a transitive verb. Transitive verbs are verbs after which a direct object (accusative object) can stand. A transitive verb does something to the direct object.

The separator *e* preface the direct object. An object is an optional record supplement. A direct object is most strongly influenced by the action (i. e. the predicate). Your can ask for direct object (accusative object) by 'Who' or 'What' ('What does she repair?'). The direct object is part of the predicate phrase.

In the direct object is the first slot after the separator *e* always a noun or pronoun slot. In the above examples the noun slots were filled with *kili* and *ijo*.

Reflexive Pronouns

A reflexive pronoun represents the subject in the direct object. So a slot for a reflexive pronoun is located after the separator *e*. In the following example, *ona* is a reflexive pronoun, since it refers to the subject *jan*.

jan li telo e ona.		A person washes himself.
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In this sentence the first *mi* is a personal pronoun. The *mi* after the *e* is a reflexive pronoun.

mi telo e mi.		I wash myself.
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Here a sentence with *sina* as personal and reflexive pronouns

sina telo e sina.		You wash yourself.
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Here a sentence with *ona* as personal and reflexive pronouns

ona telo e ona.		She washes herself.
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Compound Sentences

There are two ways to make compound sentences in Toki Pona; one way involves using *li*, and the other way involves using *e*. Since you've now studied both of these words, we'll cover how to use both of them to make compound sentences.

Several *li* Separators for Several Predicate Phrases

It is possible to use the separator *li* several times in a sentence. Each separator *li* starts a new predicate phrase. This allows you to assign several actions or properties to one subject.

ma tomo Kakawi
ma tomo Monkela
ma tomo Alipasi
ma tomo Sensan
ma tomo Manten
ma tomo Sawi
ma tomo Sesija
ma tomo Sije
ma tomo Wankuwa
ma tomo Paki
ma tomo Akajela
ma tomo Mesiko
ma tomo Ele
ma tomo Sanpansiko
ma tomo Kenpisi
ma tomo Pasen
ma tomo Nujoka
ma tomo Polan
ma tomo Alana
ma tomo Putapesi
ma tomo Ansetan
ma tomo Iwesun
ma tomo Osaka
ma tomo Tokijo
ma tomo Lanten
ma tomo Peminan
ma tomo Pesin
ma tomo Esupo
ma tomo Lesinki
ma tomo Tanpele
ma tomo Tuku
ma tomo Sene
ma tomo Kunte
ma tomo Anpu
ma tomo Minsen
ma tomo Pelin

Calgary (Canada)
Montreal (Canada)
Halifax (Canada)
St. John's (Canada)
Moncton (Canada)
Sackville (Canada)
Shediac (Canada)
Dieppe (Canada)
Vancouver (Canada)
Paris (France)
Cairo (Egypt)
Mexico City (Mexico)
Los Angeles (USA)
San Francisco (USA)
Cambridge (USA, GB)
Boston (USA)
New York City (USA)
Portland (USA)
Atlanta (USA)
Budapest (Hungary)
Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Hilversum (Netherlands)
Osaka (Japan)
Tokyo (Japan)
London (England)
Birmingham (England)
Beijing, Peking (China)
Espoo (Finland)
Helsinki (Finland)
Tampere (Finland)
Turku (Finland)
Geneva (Switzerland)
Bangkok (Thailand)
Hamburg (Germany)
Munich (Germany)
Berlin (Germany)

A.5.18 Weather

kon en sewi
seli li lon
lete li lon
suno li lon
telo li kama
ko lete li kama
telo kiwen lili li kama
tenpo lete
tenpo seli
tenpo telo
nasin li jo e telo kiwen
telo lili li lon kon
kon sewi li jo e walo
mun li sike (ale)
mun li pimeja (ale)
mun li pimeja e suno

weather
it's warm or hot
it's cold
it's sunny
it's raining
it's snowing
it's hailing
winter
summer
rainy season
the roads are icy
it's humid
it's cloudy
it's full moon
it's new moon
solar eclipse

Adverbs

Adverbs refer to the circumstances in which an action takes place. Since actions are described by verbs, adverbs describe verbs. For example, in the phrase 'You sing well.' the verb 'singing' is described in more detail with the adverb 'well'.

In Toki Pona adverbs follow the verb they describe. Possible adverb slots are therefore only available after verbs. Adverbs cannot therefore stand after nouns, adjectives, prepositions or separators.

Since verbs belong to the predicate phrase, adverbs also belong to the predicate phrase. In *toki pona* a predicate phrase can contain a noun as predicate noun or an adjective as predicate adjective. In this case the verb slot is empty, so there are no adverb slots in such a predicate phrase.

In this sentence the transitive verb *lawa* with adverb *pona* is described.

mi lawa pona e jan.	I lead people well.
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In the following sentences adverbs describe *ike*, *sewi*, *mute*, *lili* the respective verbs *utala*, *lukin*, *wile*, *lukin*.

mi utala ike.	I fight badly.
sina lukin sewi e suno.	You look up at the sun.
ona li wile mute e ni.	He wants that a lot.
mi lukin lili e ona.	I barely saw it.

You should not use more than three adverbs after a verb. An adverb should not be used more than once.

ona li pona ike mute e ilo.	He was very bad at fixing the machine.
mi mute lukin mute e ma.	I'm visibly increasing the size of the country.

Auxiliary Verbs

An auxiliary verb is placed in front of the main verb and supplements it. An auxiliary verb belongs to the predicate phrase.

To say that you want to do something definite, use *wile* as auxiliary verb.

mi wile lukin e ma.	I want to see the countryside.
mi wile pakala e sina.	I must destroy you.
ona li wile jo e ilo.	He would like to have a tool.
sina kama e ni: mi wile moku.	You caused this: I want to eat.
	You made me hungry.

Also *kama* can be used as an auxiliary verb with another verb. Very often the auxiliary verb *kama* is used together with the main verb *jo*.

kama jo	get
mi kama jo e telo.	I got the water.

Practice (Answers: Page 89)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

What are adverbs?
Can an adverb be ranked according to a predicate noun?
Where are slots for adverbs located?
What kind of words describes an action?
When does a predicate phrase contain slots for adverbs?
What is an auxiliary verb used for?
Which phrase in the sentence can contain an auxiliary verb?
Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool <i>Toki Pona Parser</i> ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.
jan li pona ilo e ilo. sina lukin unpa mute e mi. jaki li jaki lili e mi. sina len nasa jaki e sina. ilo li sewi sewi e sewi. ona li lawa utala e utala. mi wile unpa e ona. jan li wile jo e ma.
She increases the property very badly. I want to have a lot of sex with you. She was barely dressed. The sun shines warmly on the land. She's good. He wants to destroy the tool. She is thirsty.

tenpo ale tenpo ala tenpo mun tenpo sike tenpo sin tenpo lete tenpo seli tenpo telo suno li lon pimeja li lon tenpo lili la mi wile weka tenpo seme la ona li kama lon tomo sina? kulupu pi tenpo suno luka tu tenpo suno nanpa wan tenpo suno nanpa tu tenpo suno nanpa tu wan tenpo suno nanpa tu tu tenpo suno nanpa luka tenpo suno nanpa luka wan tenpo suno nanpa luka tu kulupu pi tenpo mun tenpo mun nanpa wan tenpo mun nanpa tu tenpo mun nanpa tu wan tenpo mun nanpa tu tu tenpo mun nanpa luka tenpo mun nanpa luka wan tenpo mun nanpa luka tu tenpo mun nanpa luka tu wan tenpo mun nanpa luka tu tu tenpo mun nanpa luka luka tenpo mun nanpa luka luka wan tenpo mun nanpa luka luka tu	always, all the time never month year again winter summer rainy season it is day it is night I must leave soon When is he coming to your house? days of the week Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Month January February March April May June July August September October November December
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A.5.17 Towns

ma tomo ma tomo lawa sina lon ma tomo seme? sina lon ala lon ma tomo Wankuwa? mi lon. ma tomo Solu ma tomo Asina ma tomo Sakata ma tomo Telawi ma tomo Loma ma tomo Milano ma tomo Napoli ma tomo Pilense ma tomo Wenesija ma tomo Alawa ma tomo Towano	town capital What city do you live in? Do you live in Vancouver? Yes, i do. Seoul (South Korea) Athens (Greece) Jakarta (Indonesia) Tel Aviv (Israel) Rome (Italy) Milan (Italy) Naples (Italy) Florence (Italy) Venice (Italy) Ottawa (Canada) Toronto (Canada)
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lukin e toki	read
sitelen e toki	to write
toki sitelen	written language
sitelen toki	writing
toki nanpa wan	primary language

A.5.11 Occupations

pali	occupations
jan pali	worker, employee
jan lawa	leader, boss, master, chairperson, president, director
jan lawa ma	president of country, governor of state, premier of province
jan lawa pi ma tomo	mayor
jan pi kama sona	student
jan pi musi sijelo	athlete
jan (pi pali) moku	chef, cook
jan (pi pali) unpa	sex worker, prostitute
jan pi pana sona	teacher
jan pi pona pilin	good psychotherapist
jan pi pona sijelo	good doctor, healer
jan pi tomo pali	office worker, etc.
jan sona	knowledgeable person, wise person, educated person, academic, specialist
jan sona sijelo	doctor, physician
jan sona nanpa	mathematician
jan sona pilin	psychologist
lon tenpo pi pali ala	to be taking a sabbatical, break from work
lukin jo e pali	to be looking for a job
pali ala	not working
tomo pali	work(place), office, factory, etc.

A.5.12 People

jan	person, people, inhabitant, member
jan ike	bad person, jerk, negative person, enemy
jan kulupu	member of a group
jan lili	small, short, thin or young person, child
jan nasa	strange, foolish, unconventional or crazy person
jan olin	loved one
jan pona	good person, friend, positive person
jan pi ma ante	foreigner
jan pi ma sama	fellow citizen of same country or land
jan pi tomo sama	housemate, roommate
jan sama	similar person, counterpart, peer, person in same situation, sibling
jan sulì	big, tall or fat person, adult
jan toki	speaker, messenger, person communicating

A.5.13 Personal Traits

jan li seme	personal traits
(ona) li seme?	what is (she/he) like?
ike lukin	ugly
jo e linja mute	to be hairy

mi mute	we, us
ona mute	they, them
telo nasa	alcohol, beer, wine
tomo telo	restroom
ilo suno	flashlight

Several predicate adjectives are also possible. However, it is usually not possible to distinguish between a predicate noun at the first position in the predicate phrase and a predicate adjective. While *mute* in this example can only be an adjective, *pona* can be an adjective or a noun.

jan li 'pona mute.	Man is very good. / The human being is the many good th
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Gender

Toki Pona doesn't have any grammatical gender like in most Western languages. However, some words in Toki Pona (such as *mama*) don't tell you which gender a person is, and so we use *mije* and *meli* to distinguish.

mama	a parent in general (mother or father)
mama meli	mother
mama mije	father

Possessive Pronouns

A possessive pronoun expresses a property or affiliation and is placed after the corresponding (composite) noun. This means that for a noun with adjectives, the possessive pronoun is placed after the adjectives. For a noun without adjectives, the possessive pronoun is located after the noun. In these examples are *mi*, *sina* and *ona* possessive pronouns.

tomo pona mi	my nice house
ma sina	your country
telo ona	his/her/its water

The Demonstrative Pronoun *ni*

The demonstrative pronoun is a kind of word with which the speaker refers to an item of conversation. The demonstrative pronoun *ni* can be used both like an adjective and like a noun. A slot for an adjective demonstrative pronoun is therefore possible after a noun.

jan ni li pona.	This bloke is good.
jan li lukin e ijo ni.	The guy's looking at this thing.

A noun demonstrative pronoun is used instead of the noun. Slots for noun demonstrative pronouns therefore correspond to the positions of noun slots in the sentence.

ni li pona...	This is good.
jan li lukin e ni.	The guy looks at that one.

Practice (Answers: Page 90)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

What does a possessive pronoun replace?
What types of demonstrative pronouns are there?
What is more complex in Toki Pona: adjectives or adverbs?
By what kind of words are nouns described?
What is the difference between adverbs and adjectives?
Where are adjective slots located?
Can an adjective follow a predicate noun?

See how well you can read the following poem.

mi jo e kili.
ona li ' pona li ' lili.
mi moku lili e kili lili.

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

The leader drank dirty water.
I need a fork.
An enemy is attacking them.
That bad person has strange clothes.
We drank a lot of vodka.
Children watch adults.

mi lukin e ni.
mi lukin sewi e tomo suli.
seli sumo li seli e tomo mi.
jan lili li wile e telo kili.
ona mute li nasa e jan suli. *
mi kama e pakala.

* Notice how even though *nasa* is typically an adjective, it is used as a verb here.

tomo moku	dining room, kitchen, grocery store, restaurant
kili	vegetable, fruit
kili lili	small vegetable, fruit, e.g. berry, olive
kili loje	reddish fruit or vegetable, e.g. tomato
kili ma	earth vegetable, e.g. potato
kili suwi	(sweet) fruit
pona moku	delicious, tasty
sike mama waso	egg
soweli	meat from a mammal, e.g. beef, pork
supa moku	dinner table
telo	water, beverage, liquid, sauce
telo kili	juice
telo kiwen	ice
telo mama soweli	cow milk
telo nasa	intoxicating liquid, e.g. alcohol
telo seli	hot beverage, e.g. coffee
telo seli jelo	green tea
telo seli wawa	coffee
telo pi lape ala	coffee
telo seli pimeja pi lape ala	coffee
mi wile sin e telo pi lape ala.	I need more coffee.
telo wawa	energy drink
waso	chicken, poultry

A.5.9 Household Things

ijo lon tomo	household things
ilo musi	toy, thing used for entertainment
ilo pi sitelen toki	pen, pencil
ilo pi sitelen tawa	TV
ilo sona	smart tool or machine, e.g. computer
ilo suno	lamp
ilo toki	communications device, e.g. telephone, online chat
kule lon palisa luka	nail polish
lipu toki	paper with written information, document, text, book
lupa (tomo)	window, door
poki lete	refrigerator
poki seli	oven, microwave
poki telo	sink, bathtub
supa lape	bed
supa lawa	pillow
supa monsi	chair, couch
supa pali	work desk
tomo lape	bedroom
tomo telo	bathroom
tomo unpa	bedroom, boudoir

A.5.10 Languages

toki	language
toki kepeken toki ...	to speak in a language
toki pona e toki	to speak a language well
sona e toki	to know, speak, understand a language
sona pona e toki	to master a language

A.5.2 Buildings

tomo	buildings
tomo mani	bank
tomo moku	grocery store, restaurant
tomo pi telo en moku pana.	restaurant
tomo pali	work(place), office, factory, etc.
tomo sona	school, university
tomo unpa	brothel, sex house

A.5.3 Clothing

len	clothes, article of clothing, cloth, fabric
len lawa	hat, hood, bonnet, headdress

A.5.4 Colours

kule	colour
walo	white, light
pimeja	black, dark
loje	red
jelo	yellow, light green
laso	blue, blue-green
loje walo	light red, pink
laso pimeja	dark blue
pimeja laso	blueish black
loje laso (pimeja)	(dark) blueish red, purple
len ni li kule seme?	What colour is this article of clothing?

A.5.5 Drugs

ilo nasa	drugs
ilo lape	sleeping pill
ilo lape soweli	animal tranquilizer or anesthetic, e.g. ketamine
ilo nasa wawa	energy-giving drug, e.g. amphetamine
kepeken kasi nasa	to smoke pot
kepeken ike e ilo nasa	to abuse drugs
kepeken lili e ilo nasa	to use drugs in moderation
ko (walo) wawa	cocaine
moku e telo nasa	to drink alcohol
moku lili	pill
moku lili pi pilin pona mute	strong euphoric drug taken orally, e.g. MDMA
pilin nasa	drunk, high
telo nasa	alcohol, e.g. beer, wine, whisky
telo nasa wawa	vodka, whisky,
telo nasa pi wawa ala	weak beer, US American beer
kasi nasa	intoxicating plant, e.g. marijuana

Practice (Answers: Page 90)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

How you can not ask for an indirect object?
Which object type is strongly influenced by the predicate?
Which phrase in the sentence does the indirect object belong to?
What slot is in the first position in an indirect object?
What do you call verbs that don't affect an object?
What stands in front of an indirect object in Toki Pona?
Where is a slot for an adjective demonstrative pronoun possible?
Where's an auxiliary verb slot?

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

This is for my friend.
The tools are in the container.
That bottle is in the dirt.
They are arguing.

1.8 Prepositional Objects

Vocabulary

... ali	<i>adjective:</i> all, every, complete, whole
... ali	<i>adverb:</i> always, forever, evermore, eternally
ali	<i>noun:</i> everything, anything, life, the universe
pipi	<i>noun:</i> bug, insect, spider
... sama	<i>adjective:</i> same, similar, equal, of equal status or position
... sama	<i>adverb:</i> just as, equally, exactly the same, just the same, similarly
sama	<i>noun:</i> equality, parity, equity, identity, par, sameness
..., sama ...	<i>preposition:</i> like, as, seem
sama (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to equate, to make equal, to make similar to
... sona	<i>adjective:</i> knowing, cognizant, shrewd
sona	<i>noun:</i> knowledge, wisdom, intelligence, understanding
sona	<i>verb intransitive:</i> to know, to understand
sona (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to know, to understand, to know how to
kama sona (e ...)	<i>transitives Verb:</i> to learn, to study
sona ...	<i>auxiliary verb:</i> to know how to
... tan	<i>adjective:</i> causal
tan	<i>noun:</i> origin, cause
..., tan ...	<i>preposition:</i> from, by, because of, since
tan	<i>verb intransitive:</i> to come from, originate from, come out of

A.5 Thematic Vocabulary

A.5.1 Body

sijelo	body
anpa lawa	neck, throat
anpa pi sinpin lawa	chin
ko jaki	shit, feces, pooh
ko jaki lon nena sinpin	boogers
kule lon palisa luka	nail polish
linja (lawa)	hair
linja lili oko	eyebrows, eyelashes
linja sinpin	beard, facial hair
linja uta	moustache
luka	hand, arm
lupa	hole, orifice
lupa jaki	anus
lupa kute	ear
lupa meli	vagina
lupa monsi	anus
lupa nena	nostrils
lupa pi telo jelo	urethra
monsi	back, behind, butt
nena (lawa)	nose
nena lili pi nena mama	nipples
nena lili (unpa) meli	clitoris
nena mama, nena meli	breasts
noka	foot, leg
olin e meli	to love women
olin e mije	to love men
olin e meli e mije	to love women and men
oko	eye
palisa lili noka	toes
palisa luka	finger
palisa mije	penis
palisa uta	tongue
pana e ko jaki	to pooh, to shit
pana e telo jelo	to pee, to urinate
pilin	heart
poki kon	lungs
sewi monsi	upper back, shoulders
sewi pi sinpin lawa	forehead
sinpin (lawa)	face
telo e mi	to shower
telo jaki lon nena sinpin	snot
telo jelo	urine, pee
telo loje	blood
telo (loje) mun	menses
uta	mouth
walo uta	teeth
wan sijelo	body part
oko sina li pona lukin	you have beautiful eyes
oko mi li lukin pona	my eyes see well

Lesi	Brittany, Breton
Lipija	Libya
Lisensan	Liechtenstein
Lomani	Romania, Romanian
Losi	Russia, Russian
Lowasi	Croatia, Croatian
Lowenki	Slovakia, Slovak
Lowensina	Slovenia, Slovenian
Lunpan	Lebanon
Lusepu	Luxemburg
Luwanta	Rwanda
Maketonija	Macedonia
Malakasi	Madagascar, Malagasy
Malasija	Malaysia, Malay
Malawi	Malawi
Mali	Mali
Malipe	Morocco
Masija	Hungary, Hungarian
Masu	Egypt
Mesiko	Mexico
Mewika	USA, American
Mijama	Myanmar
Motowa	Moldova
Mulitanija	Mauritania
Namipija	Namibia
Naselija	Nigeria
Netelan	Netherlands, Dutch
Nijon	Japan, Japanese
Nise	Niger
Nosiki	Norway, Norwegian Bokmål
Nusilan	New Zealand
Ontula	Honduras
Osalasi	Austria
Oselija	Australia
Pakistan	Pakistan
Palakawi	Paraguay
Palani	Bahrein
Palata	India
Panama	Panama
Panla	Bangladesh, Bengali
Papeto	Barbados
Papuwanijukini	Papua New Guinea
Pasila	Brasil
Pawama	Bahamas
Pelalusi	Belarus, Belarussian
Pelu	Peru
Pemuta	Bermuda
Penezuwela	Venezuela
Penin	Benin
Pesije	Belgium
Pilipina	Philippines, Tagalog
Pilisin	Palestine

Since directly after *li* no preposition can follow, *sama* is here an adjective.

jan ni li ' sama mi.		That person is like me.
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In the next sentence is *tan* a preposition.

mi moku, tan ni: mi wile moku.		I eat because I'm hungry.
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Indirect Objects vs. Prepositional Objects

Neither indirect objects nor prepositional objects are directly influenced by the predicate. Prepositional objects are therefore a special form of indirect objects. In the following example the indirect object *ilo ni* is used with the intransitive verb *kepeken*.

mi pona e tomo tawa. mi kepeken		I repair the car. I use this tool.
ilo ni.		

It is possible to formulate the statement shorter and more clearly, if *kepen* as preposition the prepositional object *ilo ni* introduces.

mi pona e tomo tawa, kepeken ilo ni.		I repair the car with this tool.
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However, if one absolutely wants to use this tool, one must use *kepeken* as an intransitive verb. Auxiliary verbs can only be used with verbs and not with prepositions. Before the intransitive verb *kepeken* auxiliary verb *wile* is used here.

mi pona e tomo tawa. mi wile		I repair the car. I want to use this tool.
kepeken ilo ni.		

In other lessons *tawa* is used as an intransitive verb.

mi tawa sina.		I'll go to you.
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This sentence is ambiguous. *tawa* can be here also a predicate noun or predicate adjective.

mi tawa sina.		I am your movement.
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It is better to use a prepositional object. If, as recommended in these lessons, a comma is placed before the preposition, the sentence becomes clearer.

mi tawa, tawa sina.		I'll go to you.
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On closer inspection it is noticeable that *tawa* here is no intransitive verb at all. It is also possible to formulate the sentence with the reflexive pronoun *mi* as a direct object. The first *tawa* is here a transitive verb. The second *tawa* is a preposition.

mi tawa e mi, tawa sina.		I move towards you.
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Practice (Answers: Page 91)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

What is closely related to a preposition?
Which phrase in the sentence does the prepositional object belong to?
Where are preposition slots located?
At which position in the sentence can a prepositional object be located?
Which separators can be used to form composite sentences?
Which slots are possible in the second position in the prepositional object?

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

I fixed the flashlight using a small tool.
I like Toki Pona.
We gave them food.
I want to go to his house using my car.
People look like ants.

sina wile kama, tawa tomo toki.
jan li toki, kepeken toki pona, lon tomo toki.
mi tawa, tawa tomo toki. ona li 'pona, tawa mi.
sina kama jo e jan pona, lon ni.
sama li 'ike.
mi sona e tan.

Equality is bad.

A.4 Unofficial Words

Continents

ma suli Amelika	the Americas
ma suli Amelika lete	North America
ma suli Amelika seli	South America
ma suli Antasika	Antarctica
ma suli Apika	Africa
ma suli Asija	Asia
ma suli Elopa	Europe

Countries and National Languages

Akanisan	Afghanistan
Alan	Ireland, Irish Gaelic
Alensina	Argentina
Anku	Korea, Korean
Antola	Andorra
Awisi	Haiti, Haitian Creole
Ekato	Ecuador
Elena	Greece, Greek
Epanja	Spain, Spanish
Esi	Estonia, Estonian
Esuka	Basque Country, Basque
Ilakija	Iraq
Ilan	Iran, Persian
Inli	England, English
Intonesija	Indonesia, Indonesian
Isale	Israel
Isilan	Iceland, Icelandic
Italija	Italy, Italian
Jamanija	Yemen
Kalalinuna	Greenland, Greenlandic
Kana	Ghana
Kanata	Canada
Kanse	France, French
Katala	Qatar
Katelo	Georgia, Georgian
Katemala	Guatemala
Kenata	Grenada
Kepeka	Quebec
Keposi	Cyprus
Kilipasi	Kiribati
Kinla	Wales, Welsh
Konko (pi ma tomo Kinsasa)	Congo, Dem. Rep.
Konko (pi ma tomo Pasawi)	Congo, P. Rep.
Kosalika	Costa Rica
Kosiwa	Côte d'Ivoire
Kupa	Cuba
Kusala	Gujarat, Gujarati
Kuwasi	Kuweit
Lanka	Sri Lanka

A.2.30 kalama musi pi tenpo pimeja pi jan tawa

lape li lon
sewi pi nena ali.
sina pilin lili e kon
lon lawa pi kasi suli.
waso li kalama ala
lon ma kasi. o awen.
tenpo kama lili la
sina kin li lape.

Wanderer's Nightsong IIJohann Wolfgang von Goethe

jan Jon li pali e ni. [\[3\]](#)

Practice (Answers: [Page 91](#))

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

How do you create relative location information in Toki Pona? What is a possessive pronoun? Where is a slot for a substantive demonstrative pronoun possible? Which separator is at the end of a declarative sentence? What is a predicate adjective? Which sentence phrases can contain spatial nouns be found?	
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Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([\[17\]](#)) for spelling and grammar check.

My friend is beside me. The sun is above me. The land is beneath me. Bad things are behind me. I'm okay because I'm alive. * I look at the land with you.	
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poka mi li ' pakala. mi kepeken poki li kepeken ilo moku. jan li lon insa tomo.	
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* *lon* as a verb by itself means to exist, to be real, etc.

1.10 Negation, Yes/No Questions

Vocabulary

... ala	<i>adjective</i> : no, not, none, un-
... ala	<i>adverb</i> : don't
ala	<i>noun</i> : nothing, negation, zero
ken	<i>noun</i> : possibility, ability, power to do things, permission
ken	<i>verb intransitive</i> : can, is able to, is allowed to, may, is possible
ken ...	<i>auxiliary verb</i> : to can, may
ken (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to make possible, to enable, to allow, to permit
... lape	<i>adjective</i> : sleeping, of sleep, dormant
... lape	<i>adverb</i> : asleep
lape	<i>noun</i> : sleep, rest
lape	<i>verb intransitive</i> : to sleep, to rest
lape (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to knock out
... musi	<i>adjective</i> : artful, fun, recreational
... musi	<i>adverb</i> : cheerfully
musi	<i>noun</i> : fun, playing, game, recreation, art, entertainment
musi	<i>verb intransitive</i> : to play, to have fun
musi (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to amuse, to entertain
... pali	<i>adjective</i> : active, work-related, operating, working
... pali	<i>adverb</i> : actively, briskly
pali	<i>noun</i> : activity, work, deed, project
pali	<i>verb intransitive</i> : to act, to work, to function
pali (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to do, to make, to build, to create
... wawa	<i>adjective</i> : energetic, strong, fierce, intense, sure, confident
... wawa	<i>adverb</i> : strongly, powerfully
wawa	<i>noun</i> : energy, strength, power
wawa (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to strengthen, to energize, to empower

mute li tawa insa tomo. meli lili pona li kama. ona li jo e len suno pona. mama tu li lukin e ona.

mama meli ike li sona e kama la ona li toki e ni tawa miye ona: "tenpo pini la sina weka e meli lili sina tawa ma suli. o weka e meli lili mi tawa ma suli sama." miye li weka e meli lili li tawa tomo ona.

tenpo lili la jan lawa lete li kama. ona li toki e ni: "meli lili o, sina seli ala seli?"

meli lili li toki utala e ni: "noka mi en luka mi li lete kin! sina sona ala e ni la sina jan nasa!"

jan lawa lete li tawa musi, lon poka ona li kama e lete li awen toki e ni: "meli lili o, sina seli ala seli?"

meli lili li kalama utala li toki e nimi ike tawa jan lawa lete. jan lawa lete li lete e nimi pi lon uta ona. ona li moli lete.

mama meli li awen lon tomo. ona li toki e ni tawa miye ona: "o kama jo e meli lili mi. taso o kama jo e poki suli mani kin."

soweli pi lon anpa supa li mu e ni: "meli lili sina li lete li moli li wile ala e poki suli mani."

meli ike li pakala e soweli. lupa tomo li open. ona li tawa meli lili ona li tawa mani ona. ona li jo e sijelo lete kepeken luka. lete sijelo li moli e meli ike kin.

jan lawa lete | King Frost

jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.29 kala kule mute

insa pi telo suli la kala kule mute li wan li jo e selo pona mute. tenpo la kala laso lili li toki e ni: "sina wile ala wile pana e wan pi selo suno sina tawa mi?" kala kule mute li toki e ni: "ala!" kala ante li tawa weka tan ona. kala kule mute li wan.

ona li tawa lukin e kala luka mute li lukin kute e toki pona. kala luka mute li toki e ni: "o pana e selo suno sina. nasin ni la sina jo ala e selo pona mute. taso sina pilin pona." kala kule mute li toki e ni: "mi ken ala pali e ni!"

tenpo nanpa tu la kala laso lili li kama li toki e ni: "mi wile e wan pi selo suno sina. mi ken ala ken jo e wan?" kala kule mute li toki e ni: ona li ken pana e wan lili taso tawa kala laso lili. kala kule mute li pilin pona kin tan ni: kala laso lili li pilin pona kin. a! ona li pana e selo suno ona tawa kala ante. taso ona li awen e wan. ona li jo e kala pona kin. kulupu kala tawa la ona li pilin pona mute a.

kala kule mute | The Rainbow Fish

jan "Marcus Pfister" pali e ni. jan Sasin li sitelen e ni, kepeken toki pona.

A.2.26 jan Mawi li pana e seli tawa ma.

tenpo pimeja wan la jan Mawi li anpa, lon poka pi seli ona li lukin e seli. seli li tawa nasa li tawa musi. jan Mawi li pilin e ni: "seli li kama tan seme?" jan Mawi li jan pi wile sona. tenpo pimeja la jan ante li lape la jan Mawi li tawa ma ale li telo e seli ale. seli li lon ala. jan Mawi li tawa tomo ona li awen.

tenpo suno kama la jan ale li kalama mute. mama wan li toki e ni: "mi ken seli e moku kepeken nasin seme? seli li lon ala!" mama ante li toki e ni: "mi awen seli lon tenpo pimeja lete kepeken nasin seme?" jan ale li toki e ni: "seli li lon ala la mi ale li ken ala lon!"

jan pi ma tomo li ike pilin mute. ona li toki e ni tawa jan lawa Talana: "mi mute li pali e seme?" jan lawa Talana li toki e ni: "jan li wile tawa meli sewi suli Mapuwika li wile kama jo e seli tan ona." jan ala li wile tawa meli Mapuwika tan ni: meli Mapuwika li lon nena suli seli. taso jan Mawi li tawa meli Mapuwika. ona li pona pilin lon insa tan ni: ona li ken kama sona e tan pi seli ale. jan lawa Talana li toki e ni. "tawa pona! pali pona! meli Mapulika li mama pi kulupu mama sina. taso sina ike tawa ona la ona li ike tawa sina." jan Mawi li toki e ni tawa mama ona: "mi tawa meli mama suli Mapuwika li pana e seli tawa ma."

jan Mawi li tawa nena suli seli lon pini ma kepeken toki pi mama ona. ona li lukin e lupa lon anpa nena. ona li toki sewi kepeken kalama lili tan ni: ona li wile awen lon. taso ona li tawa lupa la ijo suli wawa li lon.

meli sewi Mapuwika li tawa sewi. sijelo ona li seli. linja lawa ona li seli. luka ona li open. oko ona li lon ala li lupa pimeja taso. ona li kama jo e kon. ona li toki e ni: "sina lon tomo mi a. jan ma ni li jan seme?" jan Mawi li toki e ni: "mi jan Mawi pi jan Talana." meli Mapuwika li toki suli e ni. "a! sina jan Mawi pi jan Talana anu seme?" "a! jan sama ale mi li suli tawa mi. mi jan Mawi Sikisiki A Talana." meli Mapuwika li toki e ni. "o sina kama pona tawa ma pi seli ale! jan lili pi jan lili mi o kama pona." meli Mapuwika li tawa jan Mawi li kama jo e kon ona. jan Mawi li awen. taso seli pi meli Mapuwija li seli mute! meli Mapuwija li toki e ni: "sina kama tan seme?" jan Mawi li toki e ni: "seli li lon ala ma. mi kama tan ni: mi wile e seli." meli Mapuwika li kute pona e toki pi jan Mawi li toki musi e nimi. "a a a!" ona li pana e selo pi palisa luka wan tawa jan Mawi. ona li toki e ni: "o pana e seli ni tawa kulupu sina. o pilin e ni: seli ni li suli sama mi." jan Mawi li jo e selo seli li tawa weka.

jan Mawi li tawa lon nasin la ona li pilin e ni: "meli Mapuwika li jo ala e seli la ona li kama jo e seli sin tan ma seme?" jan Mawi li jan pi wile sona. ona li weka e selo lon telo tawa li tawa tomo pi meli Mapuwika. jan Mawi li toki e ni: "mi tawa li anpa a. o pana e selo sin tawa mi." meli Mapuwika li pona pilin. tenpo suli la ona li toki ala tawa jan. jan Mawi li pona tawa ona. ona li pana e selo sin tawa jan Mawi.

taso jan Mawi li telo e selo ni kin li tawa meli Mapuwika li toki e ni: "mi tawa lon telo tawa la kala li pana e telo tawa seli mi." meli Mapuwika li pana e selo sin li pilin ala e ni: jan Mawi li toki e ijo pi lon ala.

jan Mawi li awen pali sama ni. meli Mapuwika li pana e selo ale pi palisa luka ona e selo mute pi palisa noka ona. jan Mawi li kama sin li wile e selo sin la meli Mapuwika li ike pilin mute. ona li sona e ni: jan Mawi li toki e ijo pi lon ala. ona li weka anpa e selo wan pi palisa noka.

seli li sike e jan Mawi. jan Mawi li tawa weka. ona li kama waso wawa li tawa sewi. taso seli li suli mute li seli e anpa pi selo ona. jan Mawi li tawa telo tawa li kama kala. taso seli li seli wawa e telo. jan Mawi li toki tawa mama Tapilimateja pi tenpo pini. "jan sewi wawa pi kon en sewi o pana e pona tawa mi!"

Practice (Answers: Page 92)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

Which separator is at the end of a question? How is a yes/no question formulated in Toki Pona? What is to be considered for a predicate without a verb? How is a verb negated in Toki Pona? How do you answer in Toki Pona negative to a yes/no question? How do you answer positively to a yes/no question in Toki Pona?
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Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

You have to tell me why. * Is a bug beside me? I can't sleep. I don't want to talk to you. He didn't go to the lake.
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sina wile ala wile pali? wile ala. jan utala li seli ala seli e tomo? jan lili li ken ala moku e telo nasa. sina kepeken ala kepeken ni? sina ken ala ken kama? sina pona ala pona?
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* Think: 'You have to tell the reason to me.'

1.11 Unofficial Words

Vocabulary

nimi	noun: word, name
nimi (e ...)	verb transitive: to name
„	separator: Quotation marks are used for words with original spelling or for quotes.

Some unofficial Words

ma suli Amelika	the Americas
ma suli Amelika lete	North America
ma suli Amelika seli	South America
ma suli Antasika	Antarctica
ma suli Apika	Africa
ma suli Asija	Asia
ma suli Elopa	Europe
ma Epanja	Spain
ma Tosi	Germany
ma tomo Lanten	London
ma tomo San-pansiko	San Francisco
toki Inli	English
toki Epelanto	Esperanto
meli Mawija	Maria
jan Santa	Santa Claus

A.2.23 jan wile

mi mije li jo ala e meli. mi sin tawa ma tomo ni. tenpo ala la mi jo e meli. sijelo mi li ike ala. mi wile olin e meli.

mi mije. mi wile e jan pona. anu mi wile e ni: jan li ken pana e sona pi ma tomo ni, tawa mi.

mi mije li wile moku li wile lukin e sitelen tawa, lon poka jan. sitelen tawa ale li pona.

mi mije li ken pali pona e moku tawa sina.

mi wile tawa ma pi tomo tawa kon. jan wan en poki li tawa.

”The Seeker” by Joey To

jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.24 meli pi pana moku

meli pi pana moku li tawa mije li toki e ni: ”sina wile e seme?”

mije li lukin sewi ala li toki e ni: ”mi wile moku taso.” lawa ona li anpa.

”sina wile e moku seme?”

”mi wile moku sike.”

meli li pilin e ni: ”mije ike pi kute ala li lukin ala e mi a!” ona li pana lili e telo uta tawa moku pi mije pini ona.

”Customer Service” by Rachel Burns

meli pi pana moku	waitress
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jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.25 ale li jo e tenpo.

ale li jo e tenpo ona.

tan ale kin li jo e tenpo, lon anpa sewi.

tenpo pi lon sin, tenpo moli

tenpo pali, tenpo moku

tenpo pakala, tenpo pona

tenpo musi, tenpo ike

tenpo pali sin, tenpo pakala

tenpo tawa, tenpo awen

tenpo pi kiwen ala, tenpo pi kulupu kiwen

tenpo ike, tenpo olin

tenpo utala, tenpo pona

tenpo pi ken pilin, tenpo pi ken ala pilin

tenpo sewi, tenpo anpa

tenpo pakala, tenpo pona

tenpo ike, tenpo olin

tenpo pona li ken kama sin a.

”Turn, Turn, Turn” Pete Seeger

jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

Susan is crazy.
I come from Europe.
My name is Ken.
Hello, Lisa.
I want to go to Australia.
mi wile kama sona e toki Inli.
jan Ana o pana e moku, tawa mi!
jan Mose o lawa e mi mute, tawa ma
pona!

1.12 Addressing People, Interjections, Commands

Vocabulary

a	<i>interjection:</i> ah, ha, uh, oh, ooh, aw, well (emotion word)
a a a!	<i>interjection:</i> laugh
... awen	<i>adjective:</i> remaining, stationary, permanent, sedentary
... awen	<i>adverb:</i> still, yet
awen	<i>noun:</i> inertia, continuity, continuum, stay
awen	<i>verb intransitive:</i> to stay, to wait,to remain
awen (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to keep
... mu	<i>adjective:</i> animal nois-
... mu	<i>adverb:</i> animal nois-
mu!	<i>interjection:</i> woof! meow! moo! etc. (cute animal noise)
mu	<i>noun:</i> animal noise
mu (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to make animal nois
o!	<i>interjection:</i> hey! (calling somebody’s attention)
... o, ...	<i>interjection:</i> adressng people
o ...!	<i>subject:</i> An ‘o’ is used for imperative (commands). ‘o’ is the subject.
... o ...!	<i>separator:</i> An ‘o’ is used for imperative (commands): ‘o’ replace ‘li’.
... pu	<i>adjective:</i> buying and interacting with the official Toki Pona book
pu	<i>noun:</i> buying and interacting with the official Toki Pona book
pu ...	<i>auxiliary verb:</i> to buying and interacting with the official Toki Pona book
pu	<i>verb intransitive:</i> to buy and to read (the official Toki Pona book)
pu (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to apply (the official Toki Pona book) to ...
ala!	<i>interjection:</i> no!
ike!	<i>interjection:</i> oh dear! woe! alas!
jaki!	<i>interjection:</i> ew! yuck!
pakala!	<i>interjection:</i> damn! fuck!
pona!	<i>interjection:</i> great! good! thanks! OK! cool! yay!
toki!	<i>interjection:</i> hello, hi, good morning,

A.2.10 toki musi pimeja pi jan lili

pilin ike
mi lon pimeja.
waso ike li tawa sike lon lawa mi.
pipi jaki li moku lili e noka mi.
mi wile e pini.

wan taso
ijo li moku e mi.
mi wile pakala.
pimeja li tawa insa kon mi.
jan ala li ken sona e pilin ike mi.
telo pimeja ni li telo loje mi, li ale mi.
tenpo ale la pimeja li lon.

jan Pije li pali e ni. [9]

A.2.11 soweli pi poki sinpin

soweli pi poki sinpin li lon ma Oselija. ona li lon ma supa. ona li anpa e sinpin
ona li kama jo e kasi kepeken uta. ona li sewi e sinpin ona li moku e kasi. kasi
li pona tawa ona. taso jan li kama jo e soweli ni la ona li ken moku e kili.

luka ona li suli ala. taso noka ona li suli li wawa. ona li wile tawa mute la ona
li kepeken noka taso. monsi linja ona li suli li wawa. soweli pi poki sinpin li ken
anpa lon monsi linja ona li utala kepeken noka wawa. jan li wile utala e ona la
ona li ken utala e jan.

meli pi soweli ni li jo e poki lon sinpin ona. ni li nasa. soweli sin li kama lon
tan mama la ona li lili sama pipi suli. ona li pilin e kon pi telo mama tan poki
insa. tan ni la soweli lili li tawa poki. ona li moku lon poki insa li lape lon poki
insa. mama li tawa lon ma la soweli lili li awen lon poki insa. soweli lili li tawa
ala tan poki insa.

soweli lili li kama suli. tenpo mun tu li pini la soweli li tawa e lawa ona tan poki
mama. ona li kama jo e kasi li moku. tenpo kama la ona li tawa tan poki tawa
ma. ike li lon la ona li tawa weka tawa poki insa. soweli ike li ken ala kama jo
e ona. ni li pona. soweli lili li pilin e ni. ”mama mi li suli li wawa. ona li tomo
mi.”

soweli pi poki sinpin | kangaroo

jan Ote li pali e ni. [8]

A.2.12 toki!

nimi mi li Nikita. ni li lipu mi pi toki pona. sina ken sona e toki ni la sina sona
e toki pona. sina ken ala la o tawa lipu ni. ona li tomo pi toki pona en tomo pi
nanpa wan! jan mute li toki e ni: toki pona li lili ike. ni li lon ala! lon la toki
pona li lili. taso ona li lili ike ala. jan li ken toki kepeken toki pona. jan li ken
pali e toki musi kepeken ona. mi pali e toki musi mute. sina ken lukin e ona
lon lipu ni.

jan Pije li pali e ni. [9]

A.2.8 jan sewi li lon tan seme?

toki musi ni li tan lipu pona ni.

toki tan pona lukin

jan lili ni li pona lukin anu seme?

kili ni li pona lukin anu seme?

jan kasi ni li pona lukin anu seme?

jan suno ni li pona lukin anu seme?

jan sewi taso li ken pali e ona.

jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan ijo sewi

sijelo pi mama mi li pakala.

jan pi pona sijelo li pali e ike mute tawa ona.

ona li toki e ni tawa jan sewi: o pona e mi!

ona li pona.

jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan pilin ike mute

jan sewi li lon ala la mi ken moli.

ni li lon la mi pilin ike mute.

jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan wawa

sina lukin ala lukin e ilo moli mi?

jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan nanpa

jan mute kin li pilin e ni: jan sewi li lon.

ali li ken ala pilin e lon ala!

jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan wawa pi ilo musi

jan Eliku Kulaputon li jan sewi.

jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki nanpa wan tan lukin ala

jan li pilin e ni: jan sewi li lon ala.

ona li ken ala lukin.

jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki nanpa tu tan lukin ala

jan sewi li olin.

olin li ken ala lukin.

jan Sipi Wanta li ken ala lukin.

jan Sipi Wanta li jan sewi.

jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan sona ala

sona jan li ike.

jan li ken ala pakala e toki ali tan ni.

mi toki e ni: jan sewi li lon.

jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan pakala pi ali ala

tomo tawa kon li pakala. jan mute mute li moli.

jan lili wan li moli ala. ona li seli mute taso.

jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan ali ante

ali li ante la ali li ante.

Practice (Answers: Page 93)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

Which separator ends a command sentence (imperative)?

What is the subject of the command form if no one is addressed directly?

How do you address people by name?

What do injections consist of?

Which separator stands bevor the predicate if someone is directly addressed in a command?

Which separator ends an interjection (exclamation)?

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

Go!

Mama, wait.

Hahaha! That's funny.

F-ck!

Bye!

mu!

o tawa musi, lon poka mi!

tawa pona!

o pu!

1.13 Questions

Vocabulary

... olin olin olin (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> love <i>noun:</i> love <i>verb transitive:</i> to love (a person)
seme	<i>question pronoun:</i> what, which, wh- (question word)
... sin ... sin sin sin (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> new, fresh, another, more <i>adverb:</i> regenerative <i>noun:</i> news, novelty, innovation, newness, new release <i>verb transitive:</i> to renew, to renovate, to freshen
... supa supa	<i>adjective:</i> flat, shallow, flat-bottomed, horizontal <i>noun:</i> horizontal surface, e.g furniture, table, chair, pillow, floor
... suwi suwi suwi (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> sweet, cute <i>noun:</i> candy, sweet food <i>verb transitive:</i> to sweeten

A.2.6 nasin tawa pi jan Nuton

nasin nanpa wan ijo awen li awen. ijo tawa li tawa. ijo awen li tawa tan wawa. ijo tawa li awen tan wawa. nasin nanpa tu wawa pi ijo lili li lili. wawa pi ijo suli li suli. ijo li tawa lili la wawa ona li lili. ijo li tawa suli la wawa ona li suli. nasin nanpa tu wan ijo wan li wawa e ijo tu la ijo tu li wawa e ijo wan. wawa tu li sama.	
nasin tawa pi jan Nuton	Newton's Laws

jan "Michael F." pali e ni. [1]

A.2.7 tenpo pi ma ali

ali li open.

tenpo pini mute kin la ala li lon. ma li lon ala. kon li lon ala. telo li lon ala. pimeja taso li lon.
a! ijo suli li kama! kon li kama tan ijo suli ni. kon li mama ali. tenpo suli li pini. sike kon suli li lon. sike kon suli ni li seli mute li pana e suno. tenpo pimeja la sina ken lukin sewi e sike kon ni!
tenpo suli la sike kon taso li lon. seli mute li lon sike kon ni. seli en kon li kama e ni: kiwen li lon. kiwen mute li wan la ma li lon. pona! sama la seli en kon li kama e telo.

kasi pi nanpa wan

kiwen mute li wan li kama e ma ni. telo li lon kin. taso kasi li lon ala. kala en soweli en pipi li lon ala. ike.
tenpo suli la ala li kama. suno li tawa sewi. suno li tawa anpa. tenpo suli la ala li ante. waso li kalama ala musi. jan lili li musi ala. kalama ala li lon. ali li ike. tenpo li pini la ijo lili li wan li kama e ijo sin. ijo sin ni li kasi pi nanpa wan! kasi ni li lon telo taso.
tenpo mute li pini. kasi ni li ante mute kin li suli. kala li kama kin. tenpo li pini la pipi en soweli en ijo sin mute li kama:

ijo mute li moli.

akesi suli li lon. ona li wawa. taso kiwen suli li kama tan sewi li moli e akesi suli ali e ijo sin mute.
kiwen li pakala e ijo mute. jaki li tawa sewi li awen lon kon. jaki ni li kama e ni: kasi li ken ala kepeken suno. kasi li moli. soweli li ken ala moku e kasi li moli. ijo mute li moli. pipi lili taso en soweli lili li lon.

soweli li suli. jan li kama.

akesi suli li moli la soweli li ken suli. ni li pona tan ni: jan li soweli! o lukin e sitelen ni:
jan li lon! pona! jan li pali e seme? sina wile sona la o tawa lipu ni [9].

jan Pije li pali e ni. [9]

A.1 Proverbs

toki sona
nasin ale
nasin pona li ' mute.
ante li kama.
mi pona e ale mi la mi pona e mi.
ike li kama.
ale li jo e tenpo.
ale li ' pona.
nasin ante li ' pona, tawa jan ante.
sina pana e ike la sina kama jo e ike.
suno li lon poka pimeja.
kili li tawa anpa, lon poka kasi.
pali pona li lawa, tawa lon.
tenpo li tawa la sona li kama.
pini li ' pona la ale li ' pona.
waso li ken ala lukin la ona li ken kin jo
e kili.
jan
o olin e jan poka.
jan li ' suli mute. mani li ' suli lili.
jan lili li sona ala e ike.
utala li ' ike.
mi weka e ike jan la mi weka e ike mi.
meli en mije
lupa meli li mama ale.
palisa mije li lawa e mije.
meli li nasa e mije.
olin suli li ' awen.
sona
sin en ante li sin e lawa li pana e sona.
jan sona li ' jan nasa.
weka lili li ' pona, tawa lawa.
wile sona li mute e sona.
pali
o sona ala. o pali.
pali li pana e sona.
o sona e sina!
toki
toki li ' pona.
toki pona li toki pona.
ike
nasin mani li ' ike.
jo ijo mute li ike e jan.
jan utala ali li ' nasa
ma
o pana e pona tawa ma.
sijelo
telo li ' pona.
lape li ' pona.
wawa li lon insa.
pilin pona li pana e sijelo pona.
tenpo li sijelo e sijelo ike ale.

proverbs
The Way of Life
The good ways are many. There are many right ways of doing things.
Change comes. Times change.
When I improve all areas of my life, I am making myself good.
Bad comes. Shit happens.
There is a time for everything. Everything in its right context.
All is good. Life is beautiful. Everything will be OK.
Different ways are good for different people.
If you give evil, you will receive evil.
Light is beside darkness. Opposites are interconnected. Yin and yang.
The appel drops not far from the tree.
Good work is most important in live. / Order is the half of the live.
Time comes – advice comes.
Is the end good – everything is good.
A blind chicken can find a corn too.

People
Love thy neighbour.
People are more important than money.
Children are innocent.
Conflict is bad.
When I forgive somebody’s wrongdoings, I cleanse myself of negativity.

Gender
A woman’s womb is the mother of all things.
A man’s penis control him.
Women will drive men crazy.
Old love never rusts.

Wisdom
Novelty and change freshen the mind and bring insight.
A wise man is a fool. A genius thinks unconventionally.
Temporary isolation is good for meditation.
Curiosity feeds wisdom. One learns by asking questions.

Work
Stop thinking. Do stuff.
One learns by experience.
Know thyself!

Language
communication is good.
Toki Pona is a good language.

Bad
Capitalism is negative.
A lot of possession corrupts.
All soldiers are stupid.

Ecology
Love the earth. Take care of our planet.

Health
Water is good.
Sleep and rest are good.
Energy comes from inside. Youth is all in the heart.
Positive feelings grant good health. Mind over matter.
The time heals every wounds.

Miscellaneous

supa

supa	table, chair, sofa, ...
supa lape	bed

suwi

As an adjective *suwi* means 'sweet' or 'cute'. It don't mean that it's sexy, attractive, or anything like that. As a noun *suwi* means 'candy' or some other type of sweet food.

jan lili sina li ' suwi.	Your baby is cute.
telo kili ni li ' suwi.	This fruit drink is sweet.
mi wile e suwi!	I want a cookie!

sin

sin as an adjective and simply means 'another' or 'more'.

jan sin li kama.	More people are coming.
mi wile e suwi sin!	I want another/more cookie(s)!

olin

This word is used to mean 'love'. However, it only refers to affectionate love, like loving people. For example, you might *olin* your girlfriend or your parents. In this example *olin* is a transitive verb.

mi olin e sina.	I love you.
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You can't *olin* things or objects. Then the familiar pattern is used:

ni li pona tawa mi.	I like this.
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Practice (Answers: Page 93)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

How does the sentence structure change for a question in *toki pona*?
What kind of word has the word *seme*?
What is a reflexive pronoun?
What can represent the word *seme*?
How do you ask for a person (who, whom)?
How is a Why question asked?
How do you ask for an indirect object?
How to ask for a prepositional object?
Are there nested subordinate clauses in *toki pona*?

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

What do you want to do?
Who loves you?
Does it sweeten?
I'm going to bed.
Are more people coming?
Give me a lollipop!
Who's there?
Which bug hurt you?
He loves to eat. *

jan Ken o, mi olin e sina.
ni li ' jan seme?
sina lon seme?
mi lon tan seme?
jan seme li ' meli sina?
sina tawa ma tomo, tan seme?
sina wile tawa, tawa ma seme?

* Think carefully! This one is tricky.

Appendix A

Appendix

Colors

Which kinds of word are possible in the slot after the conjunction <i>en</i> ? How are color pattern of an item described in <i>toki pona</i> ? How are color tones described for which there is no word in <i>toki pona</i> ? Which kinds of word are possible in the slot after the separator <i>pi</i> ? What kinds of words have the words for colors in <i>toki pona</i> ?	Noun or pronouns. Item + <i>pi</i> + 1. colour + <i>en</i> + 2. colour ... Through several words. Noun or pronouns. Adjectives and nouns.
I don't see the blue bag. A little green person came from the sky. A little green person came from the sky. I like the color purple. I like the color purple. The sky is blue. Look at that red bug. I want the map. Do you watch The X-Files? Which color do you like? suno li ' jelo. telo suli li ' laso. mi wile moku e kili loje. ona li kule e tomo tawa. ma mi li ' pimeja. kalama ala li lon mi lape. mi sona.	mi lukin ala e poki laso. jan laso jelo lili li kama, tan sewi. / jan jelo laso lili li kama, tan sewi. kule loje laso li ' pona, tawa mi. / kule laso loje li ' pona, tawa mi. sewi li ' laso. o lukin e pipi loje ni! mi wile e sitelen ma. sina lukin ala lukin e sitelen tawa X-Files? kule seme li ' pona, tawa sina? The sun is yellow. The big water [ocean] is blue. I want to eat a red fruit. He's painting the car. My land is dark. No sound exists. I sleep. I know.

Living Things

I want a puppy. Ahh! The dinosaur wants to eat me! The mosquito bit me. Cows say moo. Birds fly in air. Let's eat fish. Flowers are pretty. I like plants. mama ona li kepeken kasi nasa. akesi li pana e telo moli. pipi li moku e kasi. soweli mi li kama moli. jan Pawe o, mi wile ala moli. mi lon ma kasi.	mi wile e soweli lili. a! akesi li wile moku e mi! pipi li moku e mi. soweli li toki e mu. waso li tawa, lon kon. mi mute o moku e kala! kasi kule li ' pona lukin. kasi li ' pona, tawa mi. His mother used pot. The snake emitted venom ("deadly fluid"). Bugs eat plants. My dog is dying. Forrest, I don't want to die. I'm in the forest.
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The Body

Kiss me. I need to pee.	o pilin e uta mi, kepeken uta sina! mi wile pana e telo jelo.
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Possessives

In Toki Pona also compound nouns are used to identify property. If you wanted to say 'my house' you say *tomo mi*. Similarly, 'your house' is *tomo sina*. If you want to name a specific person who owns the house, you have to use the separator *pi*.

tomo pi jan Lisa kili pi jan Susan ma pi jan Keli len pi jan Lisa	Lisa's house Susan's fruit Keli's country Lisa's clothes
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Also, if you want to use the plural pronouns you have to use the separator *pi*.

nimi pi mi mute tomo pi ona mute	our names their house
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Opposites

Composite nouns are also used to formulate the opposite of a word or group of words. The separator *pi*, the word or group of words and the adjective *ala* is used. This could change the word type. In the first examples *wawa* is a *adjectiv*. But after the separator *pi* only a noun or pronoun slot is possible. So *wawa* can only be a noun here.

jan wawa jan pi wawa ala jan wawa ala	a strong person a person with weakness, a weak person No strong people.
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Whose

A compound noun is also used for questions of ownership. In this case after the separator *pi* follows a noun *jan* and the question pronoun *seme* as representative of adjective.

ni li tomo pi jan seme?	Whose house is this?
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Several *pi* Phrases for one Compound Noun

The English language knows compound nouns consisting of more than two nouns. For example, the word 'open source software'. Here too, the last noun is the main noun. After all, it is software.

In *toki pona* several *pi* phrases for a main noun are possible. This is similar to the other separators *li* and *e*. (Multiple predicate phrases (*li*) belong to one subject. Several direct objects (*e*) belong to one predicate. Accordingly, all further *pi* phrases are associated with the first noun. So *pi* phrases are not nested. You can change the order. However you should avoid several *pi* phrases if you can. In the next lesson we will learn a way to avoid several *pi* phrases.

kulupu pi kalama musi pi ma Inli li pona. kulupu pi ma Inli pi kalama musi li pona.	The English rock band is good. The English rock band is good.
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Common mistakes with *pi*

After the separator *pi* have to be at least two words. The word immediately after the separator *pi* is a noun or pronoun, followed by an adjective.

jan ~~pi wawa~~ pi pona mute li kama. | Wrong!

The *pi* before *wawawa* is wrong. Right is:

jan wawa pi pona mute li kama. | A strong, very good man is coming.

Another mistake is that people use the Separator *pi* when they should use the preposition *tan*.

mi kama, tan ma Mewika. | I come from America.

Do not separate adjectives, numbers or verbs by *pi*.

At the beginning the separator *pi* is unfamiliar. But it helps to understand a sentence.

A *pi* shows that after the *pi* can only be a noun or pronoun.

How is an answer-question formed in *toki pona*?

Is there a comma before or after the conjunction *taso*?

What are alternative-questions?

What connects the conjunction *taso*?

What connects the conjunction *en*?

How is an alternative-question formed in *toki pona*?

How is a yes/no-question with predicate nouns or predicate adjectives formed in *toki pona*?

Do you want to come or what?

Do you want food, or do you want water?

I still want to go to my house.

This paper feels cold.

I like currency of other nations.

I want to go, but I can't.

I'm alone.

Do you like me?

This lake is cold.

mi olin kin e sina.

mi pilin e ni: ona li jo ala e mani.

mi wile lukin e ma ante.

mi wile ala e ijo. mi lukin taso.

mi pilin lete.

sina wile toki, tawa mije anu meli?

The conjunction *anu* and the question pronoun *seme* is ad

No, it is not.

A selection of several options is requested.

It refers to the previous sentence.

It combines (composite) nouns or pronouns.

With the conjunction *anu*.

An answer question is formulated.

sina wile kama anu seme?

sina wile e moku anu telo?

mi wile kin tawa, tawa tomo mi.

lipu ni li ' lete, tawa mi.

mani pi ma ante li ' pona, tawa mi.

mi wile tawa. taso mi ken ala.

mi taso li lon.

mi ' pona, tawa sina anu seme?

telo ni li ' lete, tawa mi.

I still love you. / I love you too.

I think that he doesn't have money.

I want to see other countries.

I don't want anything. I'm just looking.

I'm cold.

(lit. "I feel cold.")

Do you want to talk a male, or a female?

The land is beneath me.
Bad things are behind me.
I'm okay because I'm alive.
I look at the land with you.
poka mi li ' pakala.
mi kepeken poki li kepeken ilo moku.
jan li lon insa tomo.

ma li lon anpa mi.
ijo ike li lon monsi mi.
mi ' pona, tan ni: mi lon.
mi lukin e ma, lon poka sina.
My hip hurts.
I'm using a bowl and a spoon.
Somebody's inside the house.

Negation Yes/No Questions

Which separator is at the end of a question?
How is a yes/no question formulated in Toki Pona?
What is to be considered for a predicate without a verb?
How is a verb negated in Toki Pona?
How do you answer in Toki Pona negative to a yes/no question?
How do you answer positively to a yes/no question in Toki Pona?

A question mark.

The adverb *ala* is added to the verb and the verb is repeated.

It is not possible to formulate a yes/no question with the adverb *ala*.

By placing the adverb *ala* after the verb.
One repeats the verb of the question and adds the adverb *ala*.

One repeats the verb of the question.

You have to tell me why.
Is a bug beside me?
I can't sleep.
I don't want to talk to you.
He didn't go to the lake.
sina wile ala wile pali? wile ala.
jan utala li seli ala seli e tomo?
jan lili li ken ala moku e telo nasa.
sina kepeken ala kepeken ni?
sina ken ala ken kama?
sina pona ala pona?

sina wile toki e tan, tawa mi.
pipi li lon ala lon poka mi?
mi ken ala lape.
mi wile ala toki, tawa sina.
ona li tawa ala, tawa telo.
Do you want to work? No.
Is the warrior burning the house?
Children can't drink beer.
Are you using that?
Can you come?
Do you fix (something)?

Unofficial Words

What are proper names in Toki Pona?
Where are slots for predicate adjectives located?
How are names in *toki pona* highlighted?
How is the original spelling of a name marked?
Which slots can unofficial words fill?
What kind of word type must unofficial words be used together with?

Unofficial words, adjectives

After the separator *li*.

The first letter is a capital letter.

By quotation marks.

Adjective slots.
With a noun.

Susan is crazy.
I come from Europe.
My name is Ken.
Hello, Lisa.
I want to go to Australia.
mi wile kama sona e toki Inli.
jan Ana o pana e moku, tawa mi!

jan Susan li ' nasa.
mi kama, tan ma sulì Elopea.
mi ' jan Ken. / nimi mi li Ken.
jan Lisa o, toki!
mi wile tawa, tawa ma sulì Oselija.
I want to learn English.
Ana, give me food.

1.15 Conjunctions and Temperature

Vocabulary

... ante
ante
ante (e ...)

adjective: different, dissimilar, changed, other, unequal, differential
noun: difference, distinction, differential, variation, variance, disagreement
verb transitive: to change, to alter, to modify

... anu ...

conjunction: or (used for decision questions)

... en ...

conjunction: and (used to coordinate head nouns)

... kin

adjective: indeed, still, too

... kin

kin can be the very last word in an adjective group.
adverb: actually, indeed, in fact, really, objectively,
kin can be the very last word in an adverb group.
noun: reality, fact
interjection: really!

kin
kin!

... lete
... lete
lete
lete (e ...)

adjective: cold, cool, uncooked, raw, perishing
adverb: bleakly
noun: cold, chill, bleakness
verb transitive: to cool down, to chill

... lipu
lipu

adjective: book-, paper-, card-, ticket-, sheet-, page-
noun: paper, book, card, ticket, sheet, (web-)page, list ; flat and bendable thing

... mani
... mani
mani

adjective: financial, financially, monetary, pecuniary
adverb: financially
noun: money, material wealth, currency, dollar, capital
adjective: sensitive, feeling, empathic

... pilin
... pilin
pilin
pilin
pilin (e ...)

adverb: perceptively
noun: feelings, emotion, feel, think, sense, touch,
verb intransitive: to feel, to sense
verb transitive: to feel, to think, to touch, to fumble, to fiddle

... taso
... taso
... taso ...

adjective: only, sole
adverb: only, just, merely, simply, solely, singly
conjunction: but, however

Conjunctions

Conjunctions connect words and phrases. Conjunctions have similar tasks to prepositions. Unlike prepositions, conjunctions do not cause cases. In *toki pona* there are conjunctions *anu* (or), *en* (and) and *taso* (but, however).

Alternative-questions with the Conjunction *anu*

The conjunction *anu* is used to make alternative-questions. The alternative-question is the combination of two (or rarely more) choices. In the following questions there is a choice between two subjects. Between these subjects there is the conjunction *anu*.

jan Susan anu jan Lisa li moku e suwi?	Susan or Lisa ate the cookies?
ona anu jan ante li ' ike?	Is he bad, or is it the other person who's bad?

In the following question the decision is made between two direct objects.

sina jo e kili anu telo nasa?	Do you have the fruit, or is it the wine that you have?
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In the following question, the decision is made between two prepositional objects. The preposition is only used once.

sina toki, tawa mi anu ona?	Are you talking to me, or are you talking to him?
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Answer-Questions with the conjunction *anu*

In answer-questions is the answer already included in the question. A confirmation or denial is expected as an answer. In English there is the saying '... or what?' or '... isn't it?'. In Toki Pona answer questions are formed by adding the conjunction *anu* and the question pronoun *seme* after the statement.

sina kama anu seme?	Are you coming or what?
sina wile moku anu seme?	Do you want to eat or what?
sina wile e mani anu seme?	Do you want the money or what?

Yes/No questions with predicate nouns or predicate adjectives

We had learned that yes/no questions with the adverb *ala* require a verb. That there is no verb in Toki Pona, the verb slot can remain empty. The predicate is then formed by a predicate adjective or predicate adjective. Yes/no questions with the adverb *ala* are not possible. To form yes/no questions with predicate nouns or predicate adjectives *anu seme* is used. A answer-question is therefore formulated.

sina ' pona anu seme?	Are you OK (or what)?
ona li ' mama anu seme?	Is she a mother (or what)?

Declarative Sentences with the Conjunction *anu*

The conjunction *anu* can be used in declarative sentences also.

Where's an auxiliary verb slot?	An auxiliary verb is placed in front of the main verb.
This is for my friend. The tools are in the container. That bottle is in the dirt. They are arguing.	ni li tawa jan pona mi. ilo li lon poki. poki ni li lon jaki. ona mute li utala toki.

Prepositional Objects

What is closely related to a preposition? Which phrase in the sentence does the prepositional object belong to? Where are preposition slots located? At which position in the sentence can a prepositional object be located? Which separators can be used to form composite sentences? Which slots are possible in the second position in the prepositional object?	A preposition is closely connected to the verb. It is an optional part of a predicate phrase. At the beginning of a prepositional object. At the end of a sentence. With the separators <i>li</i> and <i>e</i> . A noun or pronoun slot.
I fixed the flashlight using a small tool. I like Toki Pona. We gave them food. I want to go to his house using my car. People look like ants.	mi pona e ilo suno, kepeken ilo lili. toki pona li ' pona, tawa mi. mi mute li pana e moku, tawa ona mute. mi wile tawa tomo ona, kepeken tomo tawa mi.
sina wile kama, tawa tomo toki. jan li toki, kepeken toki pona, lon tomo toki. mi tawa, tawa tomo toki. ona li ' pona, tawa mi.	jan li lukin, sama pipi.
sina kama jo e jan pona, lon ni. sama li ' ike. mi sona e tan.	You should come to the chat room. People talk in/using Toki Pona in the chat room. I go the chat room. It is good for me. I like to go to the chat room. You will get friends there. Equality is bad. I know the reason. / I know why.

Relative Location Information

How do you create relative location information in Toki Pona? What is a possessive pronoun? Where is a slot for a substantive demonstrative pronoun possible? Which separator is at the end of a declarative sentence? What is a predicate adjective? Which sentence phrases can contain spatial nouns be found?	With an indirect verb or a preposition and a compound spatial noun. A possessive pronoun expresses a characteristic or affiliation instead of a noun. A full stop. An adjective that is used as predicate. In an indirect object or prepositional object.
My friend is beside me. The sun is above me.	jan pona mi li lon poka mi. suno li lon sewi mi.

1.22 **Answers**

Pronunciation, Alphabet and Punctuation Marks

What are separators?	Separators separate phrases from each other.
Which phrase has no punctuation character at the end?	A heading (headline) has no punctuation character at the end.
Which separator is at the end of a declarative sentence?	A full stop.
When are official <i>toki pona</i> words capitalized?	Never.
What is usually not allowed before or after a separator?	Another separator.

Basic Sentences

What is a verb	A verb describes an action.
What is a noun?	A noun is a word for a person, place or thing.
What is <i>li</i> used for?	It separates the subject phrase from the predicate phrase.
What does a personal pronoun replace?	It replaces a noun.
How to recognize nouns, pronouns, verbs and adjectives in <i>toki pona</i> ?	At their position in the sentence.
What is a subject?	The subject is the carrier of the action, process or state.
After which subject phrases is <i>li</i> not used?	It is only used if the subject phrase is not <i>mi</i> or <i>sina</i> .
Where does the subject stand in the sentence?	In Toki Pona it is always at the beginning of the sentence.
Can an empty verb slot alone form a predicate?	No!
When can a verb slot be empty?	If the predicate is formed by a noun or adjective.
What is a predicate?	It is a core element in a sentence and the statement of the sentence.
A complete sentence in <i>toki pona</i> always contains...	a subject and a predicate phrase.
What kinds of words can be used in <i>toki pona</i> to form a predicate?	Verbs, nouns or adjectives.
What is an adjective?	An adjective is a word that describes a noun.
Where are possible adjective slots?	After a noun, after a pronoun and according to <i>li</i> .
Why can't a sentence be ended after <i>li</i> ?	Because then the predicate is missing.
People are good.	jan li ' pona.
I'm eating.	mi moku.
You're tall.	sina ' suli.
Water is simple.	telo li ' pona.
The lake is big.	telo li ' suli.
suno li ' suli.	The sun is big.
mi ' suli.	I'm important. / I'm fat.
jan li moku.	Somebody is eating.

Practice (Answers: Page 94)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

What are conjunctions?
What is an answer-question?
What is the difference between conjunctions and prepositions?
How is an answer-question formed in <i>toki pona</i> ?
Is there a comma before or after the conjunction <i>taso</i> ?
What are alternative-questions?
What connects the conjunction <i>taso</i> ?
What connects the conjunction <i>en</i> ?
How is an alternative-question formed in <i>toki pona</i> ?
How is a yes/no-question with predicate nouns or predicate adjectives formed in <i>toki pona</i> ?

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

Do you want to come or what?
Do you want food, or do you want water?
I still want to go to my house.
This paper feels cold.
I like currency of other nations.
I want to go, but I can't.
I'm alone. *
Do you like me?
This lake is cold.
mi olin kin e sina.
mi pilin e ni: ona li jo ala e mani.
mi wile lukin e ma ante.
mi wile ala e ijo. mi lukin taso.
mi pilin lete.
sina wile toki, tawa miije anu meli?

* Think: 'Only I am present.'

1.16 Colors

Vocabulary

...jelo jelo	<i>adjective:</i> yellowish, yellowy <i>noun:</i> yellow, light green
...kule kule kule (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> colourful, pigmented, painted <i>noun:</i> color, colour, paint, ink, dye, hue <i>verb transitive:</i> to paint, to color
...laso laso	<i>adjective:</i> bluish, bluey <i>noun:</i> blue, blue-green
...loje loje	<i>adjective:</i> reddish, ruddy, pink, pinkish, gingery <i>noun:</i> red
...pimeja pimeja pimeja (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> black, dark <i>noun:</i> darkness, shadows <i>verb transitive:</i> to darken
...sitelen ...sitelen sitelen sitelen (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> figurative, pictorial, metaphorical, metaphorphisch <i>adverb:</i> pictorially <i>noun:</i> picture, image, representation, symbol, mark, writing <i>verb transitive:</i> to draw, to write
...walo walo walo (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> white, whitish, light-coloured, pale <i>noun:</i> white thing or part, whiteness, lightness <i>verb transitive:</i> to whiten, to whitewash

1.21 Conclusion

tenpo ni la sina sona e toki pona. toki pona li pona anu seme? mi wile e ni:
ona li pona tawa sina.

tenpo ni la sina ken pali. o pana e sona pi toki pona tawa jan ante. o toki
kepeken toki pona! mi wile e ni: jan mute li sona e ona.

o pona!

tenpo pi mute seme la sina sike e suno?		How old are you?
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Birthdays come once a year, and each time you have a birthday, you have gone around the sun one complete time. To answer and tell someone how old you are, just replace the *pi mute seme* with your age.

tenpo tu tu la mi sike e suno.		Four times (<i>la</i>) I circled the sun.
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Here are further examples of compound nouns or pronouns as conditional phrases. The first word in the conditional phrase is in each case a noun.

sama pi ni en ona la mi wile jo e ni tu.		If this and that is the same, I want both.
tawa mi la mi pilin pona.		Am I in motion, I feel good.
tan ni la mi sona e nasin.		If this is the cause, we know the solution.
lon ona la mi ken lukin e ona.		If it has suchness, we can see it.

In this example, the conditional phrase consists of a conjunction and a pronoun.

taso ni la mi pilin pona.		Only this one makes me feel good.
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Here are further examples with one noun each as a conditional phrase.

sama la sina en mi li utala ala.		In case of equality we don't fight.
ante la ni li ' ike.		In case of deviations it is unfavourable.
ike la sina moku e ni.		If you feel nauseous, swallow this.
pona la sina jo e mani.		Luckily, you have money.

Complete Sentences as Conditional Phrases

A conditional phrase can also be a complete sentence.

mama mi li ' moli la mi pilin ike.		My parents die, I feel bad.
mi lape la ali li ' pona.		When I'm asleep, everything is good.
sina moku e telo nasa la sina nasa.		If you drink beer, you'll be silly.
sina ' moli la sina ken ala toki.		If you are dead, you can't speak.
mi pali mute la mi pilin ike.		When I work a lot, I feel bad.

Commas together with the separator *la* are neither necessary nor useful.

Several Conditional Phrases in one sentence

It is possible to use *la* two times in a sentence. But please not more than two.

ken la tenpo pimeja la ni li ' pona.		Maybe in the night it will be ok.
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Conditional Phrases versus Prepositional Objects with *lon*

The (compound) noun of the prepositional object after the preposition *lon* can be placed before *la* with (nearly) the same meaning. This only applies if the sentence contains only one predicate phrase with only one prepositional object.

mi moku e telo, lon tenpo ni.		I drink now.
tenpo ni la mi moku e telo.		If it's now, I'll drink. / I drink now.

Conditional Phrases with Spatial Nouns

If a (composite) noun of a prepositional object after the preposition *lon* can also be placed before *la* with (almost) the same meaning, then spatial nouns can also be used in a conditional phrase.

Practice (Answers: Page 96)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

Which kinds of word are possible in the slot after the conjunction <i>en</i> ? How are color pattern of an item described in <i>toki pona</i> ? How are color tones described for which there is no word in <i>toki pona</i> ? Which kinds of word are possible in the slot after the separator <i>pi</i> ? What kinds of words have the words for colors in <i>toki pona</i> ?	
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Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

I don't see the blue bag. A little green person came from the sky. I like the color purple. The sky is blue. Look at that red bug. I want the map. Do you watch The X-Files? Which color do you like?*	
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suno li ' jelo. telo sul li ' laso. mi wile moku e kili loje. ona li kule e tomo tawa.	
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* Think: 'Which color is good for you?'

And now try reading this Toki Pona poem.

ma mi li ' pimeja. kalama ala li lon mi lape. mi sona.	
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1.17 Living Things

Vocabulary

...akesi akesi	<i>adjective</i> : amphibian-, reptilian-, slimy <i>noun</i> : reptile, amphibian; non-cute animal
...alasa alasa alasa (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : hunting-, -hunting, hunting <i>noun</i> : hunting <i>verb transitive</i> : to hunt, to forage
...kala kala	<i>adjective</i> : fish- <i>noun</i> : fish, marine animal, sea creature
...kasi kasi kasi kasi (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : vegetable, vegetal, biological, biologic, leafy <i>noun</i> : plant, vegetation, herb, leaf <i>verb intransitive</i> : to grow <i>verb transitive</i> : to plant, to grow
...moli ...moli moli moli moli (e ...) kama moli	<i>adjective</i> : dead, dying, fatal, deadly, lethal, mortal, deathly, killing <i>adverb</i> : mortally <i>noun</i> : death, decease <i>verb intransitive</i> : to die, to be dead <i>verb transitive</i> : to kill <i>intransitives Verb</i> : dieing
...monsuta monsuta	<i>adjective</i> : fearful, afraid <i>noun</i> : monster, monstrosity, fearful thing, fright, mythical creatures, fear
...namako namako namako (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : spicy, piquant <i>noun</i> : spice, something extra, food additive, accessory <i>verb transitive</i> : to spice, to flavor, to decorate
pan pan (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : cereal, grain; barley, corn, oat, rice, wheat; bread, pasta <i>verb transitive</i> : to sow
...soweli soweli	<i>adjective</i> : animal <i>noun</i> : animal, especially land mammal, lovable animal, beast
...waso waso	<i>adjective</i> : bird- <i>noun</i> : bird, bat; flying creature, winged animal

Conditional Phrases

With the help of the separator *la* a conditional sentence is formed. In front of the separator *la* there is the conditional phrase. This is the condition. In the English language, a condition is formed using the word 'if'. In Toki Pona the separator *la* serves for this purpose. After *la* a complete main sentence begins.

Conditional phrases with a noun or pronoun

A conditional phrase can have different structures. In the simplest case, a conditional phrase consists of a single word. This single word can only be a noun or pronoun. So if there is only one word slot before *la* it can only be filled with a noun or pronoun.

ilo li ' pakala.	The tool is broken.
ken la ilo li ' pakala.	Maybe the tool is broken.

The noun *ken* means 'possibility'. *ken la* therefore means 'If there is a possibility' or better 'Maybe'.

ken la jan Lisa li jo e ona.	Maybe Lisa has it.
ken la ona li lape.	Maybe he's asleep.
ken la mi ken tawa ma Elopa.	Maybe I can go to Europe.

Composite Noun or Pronouns as Conditional Phrases

A conditional phrase can be also a composite noun or Pronoun. That is, the noun or pronoun followed by one or more adjectives or *pi* phrases. Optionally, a conjunct (*anu*, *en*, *taso*) can be used before the noun or pronoun.

Typical examples of this are time specifications. Time Specifications are formed with the noun *tenpo* and adjectives.

tenpo suno	day (sun time)
tenpo pimeja	night (dark time)
tenpo ni	the present (this time)
tenpo suno ni	today (this sun time)
tenpo pimeja ni	tonight (this dark time)
tenpo kama	the future (coming time)
tenpo kama lili	soon (little coming time)
tenpo pini	the past (past time)
tenpo suno pini	yesterday (past sun time)
tenpo pimeja pini	last night (past dark time)
tenpo suno kama	tomorrow (coming sun time)
tenpo mute	often (many times)

Time specifications as a conditional phrase define the time in which the statement of the main record takes place. Literally translated, it would mean something like this: 'If time... is, then happens...'.

tenpo pini la mi ' weka.	In the past, I was away.
tenpo ni la mi lon.	At this time, I am here.
tenpo kama la mi lape.	In the future, I'll sleep.
taso tenpo pimeja pini la mi kama nasa.	But, Last night, I became drunk.

With a question pronoun *seme* in a conditional-phrase it is possible to ask for age.

Miscellaneous

Today’s word is *weka*. As a verb, it just means ‘to get rid of’, ‘to remove’, etc.

o weka e len sina.	Remove your clothes.
o weka e jan lili, tan ni.	Remove the kid from here
ona li wile ala kute e ni.	He shouldn’t hear this.

weka is also used very often as an adjective and as an adverb.

mi ’ weka.	I was away.
mi wile tawa weka.	I want to leave.

It can also be used to mean the equivalent of ‘far’ or ‘distant’.

tomo mi li ’ weka, tan ni.	My house is away from here.
ma Elopa li ’ weka, tan ma Mewika.	Europe is away from the USA.

And add *ala* to mean that it’s somewhere closeby.

ma Mewika li ’ weka ala, tan ma Kupa.	The USA is not away from Cuba.
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esun

mi nanpa e mani mi, lon esun suli.	I count my money at a supermarket.
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Practice (Answers: Page 96)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

I want a puppy.
Ahh! The dinosaur wants to eat me!
The mosquito bit me.
Cows say moo.
Birds fly in air. *
Let’s eat fish.
Flowers are pretty. **
I like plants.

mama ona li kepeken kasi nasa.
akesi li pana e telo moli.
pipi li moku e kasi.
soweli mi li kama moli.
jan Pawe o, mi wile ala moli.
mi lon ma kasi.

* Think: ‘Birds go in air.’
* Think: ‘Colorful plants are good to see.’

1.18 The Body

Vocabulary

ko ko (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : semi-solid or squishy substance; clay, dough, glue, paste, powder, gum <i>verb transitive</i> : to squash, to pulverize
... kute kute kute (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : auditory, hearing <i>noun</i> : hearing, ear <i>verb transitive</i> : to hear, to listen,
... linja linja	<i>adjective</i> : elongated, oblong, long <i>noun</i> : long and flexible thing; string, rope, hair, thread, cord, chain, line, yarn
... luka luka	<i>adjective</i> : tangible, palpable <i>noun</i> : arm, hand, tactile organ
... lupa lupa lupa (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : hole-, holey, full of holes <i>noun</i> : hole, orifice, door, window <i>verb transitive</i> : to pierce, to stab, to perforate
... nena nena	<i>adjective</i> : hilly, undulating, mountainous, hunchbacked, humpbacked, bumpy <i>noun</i> : bump, hill, extrusion, button, mountain, nose, protuberance
... oko oko	<i>adjective</i> : optical, eye- <i>noun</i> : eye
... palisa palisa palisa (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : long <i>noun</i> : long hard thing; branch, rod, stick, pointy thing <i>verb transitive</i> : to stretch, to beat, to poke, to stab, to sexually arouse
selo selo (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : skin, outer form, bark, peel, shell, skin, boundary, shape <i>verb transitive</i> : to shelter, to protect, to guard
... sijelo ... sijelo sijelo sijelo (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : physical, bodily, corporal, corporeal, material, carnal <i>adverb</i> : physically, bodily <i>noun</i> : body (of person or animal), physical state, torso <i>verb transitive</i> : to heal, to heal up, to cure
... sike ... sike sike sike (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : round, cyclical, of one year <i>adverb</i> : rotated <i>noun</i> : circle, ball, cycle, sphere, wheel; round or circular thing <i>verb transitive</i> : to orbit, to circle, to revolve, to circle around, to rotate
... uta ... uta uta uta (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : oral <i>adverb</i> : orally <i>noun</i> : mouth, lips, oral cavity, jaw, beak <i>verb transitive</i> : to kiss, to osculate, to oral stimulate, to suck

jan mute lili li kama.	A small amount (of) people are coming.
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Ordinal Numbers

If you understood how the cardinal numbers work, the ordinal numbers only require one more step. Like I said, if you understood the cardinal numbers, it's easy because you just stick *nanpa* in between the noun and the number.

jan nanpa tu tu	4th person
ni li jan lili ona nanpa tu.	This is her second child.
meli mi nanpa wan li ' nasa.	My first girlfriend was crazy.

Other Uses of *wan* and *tu*

wan can be used as a verb. It means 'to unite'.

mi en meli mi li ' wan.	My girlfriend and I got married.
jan pali pi ma ali o wan!	Proletarians of all countries, unite!

tu used as a verb means 'to split' or 'to divide'.

o tu e palisa ni.	Split this stick.
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The Meaning of Life

ali li ' seme?	The Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe and Everything
ni li ' mute mute tu.	The answer is 42.

Practice (Answers: Page 96)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

Kiss me. *
I need to pee.
My hair is wet.
Something is in my eye.
I can't hear your talking.
I need to crap.
That hole is big.

a! telo sijelo loje li kama, tan nena
kute mi!
selo mi li wile e ni: mi pilin e ona.
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o pilin e nena.
o moli e pipi, kepeken palisa.
luka mi li ' jaki. mi wile telo e ona.
o pana e sike, tawa mi.
mi pilin e seli sijelo sina.

* We sorta have an idiom for this. Think: 'Touch my mouth using your mouth.'
* This sentence is sorta idiomatic. Look at the answer if you can't figure it out.

1.19 Numbers

Vocabulary

...ala	<i>adjective numeral</i> : 0
...wan wan wan (e ...)	<i>adjective numeral</i> : 1 <i>noun</i> : unit, element, particle, part, piece <i>verb transitive</i> : to unite, to make one
...tu tu tu (e ...)	<i>adjective numeral</i> : 2 <i>noun</i> : duo, pair <i>verb transitive</i> : to divide, to double, to separate, to cut in two
...luka	<i>adjective numeral</i> : 5
...mute	<i>adjective numeral</i> : 20 (official Toki Pona book)
...ale	<i>adjective numeral</i> : 100 (official Toki Pona book)
...esun esun esun (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : marketable, for sale, salable, deductible <i>noun</i> : market, shop, fair, bazaar, business, transaction <i>verb transitive</i> : to buy, to sell, to barter, to swap
nanpa ... nanpa nanpa (e ...)	<i>adjective numeral</i> : To build ordinal numbers. <i>noun</i> : number, numeral <i>verb transitive</i> : to count, to reckon, to number
...weka weka weka (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : absent, away, ignored <i>noun</i> : absence <i>verb transitive</i> : to remove, to eliminate, to throw away, to get rid of
#	<i>unofficial</i> : Number sign

Use Numbers Sparingly!

The method that you’re about to learn for making higher numbers should be avoided as much as possible.

Cardinal Numbers

There are only few number words in Toki Pona. When we need to make higher numbers, we combine these numbers together.

wan	1
tu	2
tu wan	2 + 1 = 3
tu tu	2 + 2 = 4
luka	5
luka wan	5 + 1 = 6
luka tu	5 + 2 = 7
luka tu wan	5 + 2 + 1 = 8
luka tu tu	5 + 2 + 2 = 9
luka luka	5 + 5 = 10
luka luka wan	5 + 5 + 1 = 11
luka luka tu	5 + 5 + 2 = 12
luka luka tu wan	5 + 5 + 2 + 1 = 13
luka luka tu tu	5 + 5 + 2 + 2 = 14
luka luka luka	5 + 5 + 5 = 15
mute wan	20 + 1 = 21 (Is rarely used.)
ali tu	100 + 2 = 102 (Is rarely used.)

These numbers are added onto nouns just like adjectives. When used together with other adjectives, numbers are inserted at the end. Only pronouns can used after numbers. You can insert unofficially a # before numbers.

jan # luka tu	7 people
jan lili # tu wan	3 children

As you can see, it can get very confusing if you want to talk about numbers higher than 14 or so. However, Toki Pona is simply not intended for such high numbers. It is a simple language.

Use *mute*. Conserve the Numbers.

Okay, so it’s a bad idea to use the numbers when you don’t absolutely need them. So, instead, we use *mute* for any number higher than two.

jan mute li kama.	Many people came.
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Of course, this is still pretty vague. *mute* in the above sentence could mean 3 or it could mean 3 000. Fortunately, *mute* is just an adjective, and so we can attach other adjectives after it. We have learned that you should not repeat a word. *mute* and *lili* are exceptions some people repeat it up to three times to represent higher numbers. This is not a good style. Better is to use *mute kin*.

jan mute kin li kama!	Many, many, many people are coming!
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More than likely, that sentence is saying that at least a thousand people are coming. Now suppose that you had more than two people but still not very many. Let’s say that the number is around 4 or 5. Here’s how you’d say that.

Body Parts

All the words that you see above in the vocabulary list are used to make the name of a body part. However, some of the words have other uses as well.

oko	eye
nena kute	ear
nena kon	nose
uta	mouth
ijo uta walo	teeth
linja lawa	hair (of head)
lawa	head
anpa lawa	neck (bottom of head)
luka	hand, arm
len luka	gloves, mittens
poka	hip
noka	leg, foot
len noka	shoe, pants
sinpin	chest, abdomen, face
nena sike meli	female breasts
lupa meli	vagina
palisa mije	penis
sike mije	man’s testicles
monsi	a person’s back
selo	skin

Bodily Fluids and Wastes

telo walo mije	The fluid that a man releases during <i>unpa</i> .
telo sijelo loje	blood (red bodily fluid)
telo jelo	urine (yellow fluid)
mi pana e telo jelo.	I peed.
ko jaki	feces
mi pana e ko jaki.	I crapped.

ko is not used very much at all, except to say *ko jaki*. However, you can say ‘porridge’ by saying *ko moku*.

kute

<i>kute</i> can also be used a verb	
mi kute e toki sina.	I hear your talking.
mi kute e kalama musi.	I’m listening to music.

A Song

Here the version of ‘Heads, shoulders, knees and toes’ translated in Toki Pona from jan Mali and used in her nice video Toki Pona lessons [5]. As you can see these are not exact grammar sentences because it is lyric.

lawa, sewi luka, palisa noka, palisa noka
lawa, sewi luka, palisa noka, palisa noka
en oko en nena kute en uta en nena kon
lawa, sewi luka, palisa noka, palisa noka

alasa

jan li alasa e soweli.
jan alasa pona li ' wawa.

Somebody hunt a buffalo.
A good hunter is strong.

monsuta

monsuta waso pi pan linja li pali e
ali.

The Flying Spaghetti Monster has created the world.

Practice (Answers: Page 98)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

I saw three birds.
Many people are coming.
The first person is here.
I own two cars.
Some (but not a lot) of people are coming.
Unite!

mi weka e ijo tu ni.
o tu.
mi lukin e soweli luka.
mi ' weka.

1.20 Conditional Sentences

Vocabulary

ante la ...	<i>noun</i> : if difference, if variance, if disagreement
ike la ...	<i>noun</i> : if negativity, if badness, if evil
ken la ...	<i>noun</i> : if possibility, if ability, if permission
kin la ...	<i>noun</i> : if reality, if fact
kipisi kipisi (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : section, fragment, slice <i>verb transitive</i> : to cut
... la ...	<i>separator</i> : A 'la' is between a conditional phrases and the main sentence. Don't use "la" before or after the other separators "e", "li", "pi", ". ", "I", "?", ": ", ", ", " .
... mun mun	<i>adjective</i> : lunar <i>noun</i> : moon, lunar, night sky object, star
... open open open la ... open (e ...) open ...	<i>adjective</i> : initial, starting, opening <i>noun</i> : start, beginning, opening <i>noun</i> : at the opening, in the beginning <i>verb transitive</i> : to open, to start, to begin, to turn on <i>auxiliary verb</i> : to begin, to start
... pini ... pini pini pini (e ...) pini ...	<i>adjective</i> : completed, finished, past, done <i>adverb</i> : ago, past, perfectly <i>noun</i> : end, tip <i>verb transitive</i> : to end, to stop, to turn off, to finish, to close <i>auxiliary verb</i> : to stop, to finish, to end, to interrupt
pona la ...	<i>noun</i> : if good, if simplicity, if positivity
sama la ...	<i>noun</i> : in case of equality, if parity, on identity
... tenpo ... tenpo tenpo	<i>adjective</i> : temporal, chronological, chronologic <i>adverb</i> : chronologically <i>noun</i> : time, period of time, moment, duration, situation, occasion

Ambiguity of Names of Living Things

soweli

soweli is basically for all types of mammals. If you're eating meat that comes from a *soweli* (such as beef or pork), it is still called *soweli*.

soweli ni li 'pona moku.		This cow is good to eat.
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waso

waso includes all birds and flying animals.

mi wile moku e waso.		I want to eat chicken.
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akesi

akesi covers all of the reptiles, amphibians, dinosaurs and monsters.

akesi pi telo moli		venomous snakes, poisonous frogs
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kala

kala is used to talk about fish and other animals that live in water. Also, *kala* can be used as an adjective.

jan kala		mermaid.
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pipi

pipi is used for all types of bugs (spiders, ants, roaches, butterflies, ...).

kasi

kasi is used to talk about all plants and plant-like things.

kasi kule		flower
kasi suli		trees, big shrubs
kasi anpa		grass
ma kasi		forest, jungle
kasi nasa / kasi sona		hemp

pan ni li 'moku ike.		This pasta is unappetizing.
o pana e namako, tawa mi.		Give me some spice.

moli

It can be used to say that something is dead, dying or killing.

pipi li 'moli.		The bug is dead.
soweli li kama moli.		The cheetah is dying.
jan li moli e waso.		The person killed the bird.

***ksitelen* as a Noun or as a as a Verb**

sitelen as a noun means 'picture' or 'image'. As a verb, it means to 'draw' or to 'write'. *sitelen* is most useful for the compound nouns that you can make with it.

sitelen tawa	movie, TV show
sitelen tawa 'Fahrenheit 9/11' li	I like the movie 'Fahrenheit 9/11'.
pona, tawa mi.	
sitelen tawa 'Bowling for	The movie 'Bowling for Columbine' is also good.
Columbine' li pona kin.	
sitelen ma	map
o pana e sitelen ma, tawa mi.	Give me the map.

mi tawa, lon poka sina.	I'll walk beside you.
poka sina la mi tawa.	If at your side, I walk. / I'll walk beside you.

Miscellaneous

comparative and superlative

Now to use this concept in Toki Pona, you have to split your idea up into two separate sentences. Here's how you'd say 'Lisa is better than Susan.'

jan Lisa li ' pona mute. ...	Lisa is very good. ...
... jan Susan li ' pona lili.	... Susan is a little good.

Make sense? You say that one thing is very much of something, while you use another object as the basis for comparison and say that it's only a little bit of something.

mi ' suli mute. sina ' suli lili.	I'm bigger than you.
mi moku mute. sina moku lili.	I eat more than you.

Headlines

Headings can be incomplete sentences and do not end with a punctuation mark.

tenpo mun nanpa luka luka wan
tenpo ni li ike kin, lon ma Tosi.
suno li suli lili kin.
telo li kama, lon sewi.
kasi li moli.
waso li tawa.
tenpo seli o kama!

Practice (Answers: Page 98)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

What is a conditional phrase? What follows the separator <i>la</i> ? What can a conditional phrase consist of? Which word types can be at the beginning of a conditional phrase? Can the question pronoun <i>seme</i> be in a conditional phrase?	
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Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

Maybe Susan will come. Last night I watched X-Files. If the enemy comes, burn these papers. Maybe he's in school. I have to work tomorrow. When it's hot, I sweat. * Open the door. The moon is big tonight. ken la jan lili li wile moku e telo. tenpo ali la o kama sona! sina sona e toki ni la sina sona e toki pona! open la ala li lon!	
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* Think: "Heat is present, I emit fluid from my skin."

Color Combinations

A Shade of Colour

In Toki Pona there are no words for the colors purple, green, grey, etc. But you can create colors from several words. One uses one of these nouns *jelo*, *laso*, *loje*, *pimeja* or *walo*. Then use these adjectives *jelo*, *laso*, *loje*, *pimeja*, or *walo*.

laso loje li ' pona, tawa mi. laso jelo li ' pona, tawa mi. loje jelo li ' pona, tawa mi. loje walo li ' pona, tawa mi. walo pimeja li ' pona, tawa mi.	Purple (reddish blue) is my favourite colour. Green (yellowish blue) is my favourite colour. Orange (yellowish red) is my favourite colour. Pink (whitish red) is my favourite colour. Grey (dark white) is my favourite colour.
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It is also possible to form colors from a noun and several adjectives. The goal of Toki Pona is however the simplicity. Therefore, avoid complex word compositions. Incidentally, the order of the colours doesn't matter.

laso loje li ' pona, tawa mi. loje laso li ' pona, tawa mi.	Purple is my favourite colour. Purple is my favourite colour.
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Colors are usually used as adjectives because they describe nouns. The adjectives *loje* and *laso* describe the noun *len* here.

len loje laso mi li ' pona, tawa mi.	Dieses lila T-Shirt gefÄllt mir.
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Samples in Several Shades of Colour

Suppose that you have a shirt that have pattern with different colors (red and blue). However, you can't call it *len loje laso*, because that means 'purple shirt'. The colours must be separated grammatically. Each color of the pattern is described with a noun and optional adjectives. To separate these color nouns with their adjectives we use the conjunction *en*. To separate the patterned item from its colours the separator serves *pi*. *len*, *loje* and *laso* are nouns here.

len ni pi loje en laso li ' pona, tawa mi.	I like this red and blue patterned t-shirt.
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kule as a Noun or as a as a Verb

kule as noun means 'color'.

ni li ' kule seme?	What color is that?
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As verb *kule* means 'to dye'.

mi kule e lipu	I dye the dress.
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A: mi tawa, tawa ma Elopa.	I went to Europe.
B: pona! mi tawa kin.	Cool! I went too.
A: mi mute o tawa.	Let's go.
B: mi ken ala. mi moku kin.	I can't. I'm still eating.
A: a! sina lukin ala lukin e ijo nasa ni?	Whoa! Do you see that weird thing?
B: mi lukin kin e ona.	I see it indeed.

Temperatures

As nouns *seli* mean 'heat' and *lete* 'cold'. The adjectives *lilili* and *mute* relativize these nouns. We can use these words to express weather temperatures. *lon* is here an intransitive verb.

seli li lon.	It's hot.
lete li lon.	It's cold.
seli mute li lon.	It's very hot.
seli lilili li lon.	It's warm.
lete mute li lon.	It's very cold.
lete lilili li lon.	It's cool.

If one wants to describe the temperature of an object, one uses *seli* and *lete* as predicate nouns.

ilo ni li ' lete mute , tawa mi.	This axe feels very cold.
ni li ' seli lili, tawa mi.	This feels warm.

When one freezes or sweats, one says this with the intransitive verb *pilin* and the adverbs *seli* and *lete*.

mi pilin lete mute.	I'm very cold.
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Other uses of *pilin*

You also use the intransitive verb *pilin* to describe how a person or an animal is feeling.

mi pilin pona.	I feel good. / I feel happy.
mi pilin ike.	I feel bad. / I feel sad.
sina pilin seme?	How do you feel?

pilin as a transitive verb means 'to think'.

mi pilin e ni: sina ike.	I think this: You're bad.
sina pilin e seme?	What are you thinking?
mi pilin e ijo.	I'm thinking (about) something.
mi pilin e meli ni.	I'm thinking about that woman.

Direct Objects

How to ask for the direct object? What word type has a predicate before the separator <i>e</i> ? To which phrase in the sentence belongs a direct object? What kinds of words are possible after the separator <i>e</i> ? What is a predicate noun? Where are possible slots for reflexive pronouns? Is it possible to describe several properties of a subject with several <i>e</i> ? How can you create multiple predicate phrases in a sentence?	With 'whom' or ' what' . It is always a transitive verb. To the predicate phrase. A noun or pronoun. A noun used as a predicate. After the separator <i>e</i> . No, because <i>e</i> comes after a transitive verb. With several separators <i>li</i> .
I have a tool. She's eating fruit. Something is watching me. Pineapple is a food and is good. He washes himself.	mi jo e ilo. ona li moku e kili. ijo li lukin e mi. kili li ' moku li ' pona. ona li telo e ona.
mi ' jan li ' suli.	I am somebody and am important.

Verbs, Adverbs, Auxiliary Verbs

What are adverbs? Can an adverb be ranked according to a predicate noun? Where are slots for adverbs located? What kind of words describes an action? When does a predicate phrase contain slots for adverbs? What is an auxiliary verb used for? Which phrase in the sentence can contain an auxiliary verb?	Adverbs describe an action (verb). No, this is not possible. Only after verbs. Verbs. If the predicate phrase contains a verb. It complements the main verb. An auxiliary verb belongs to the predicate phrase.
jan li pona ilo e ilo. sina lukin unpa mute e mi. jaki li jaki lili e mi. sina len nasa jaki e sina. ilo li sewi sewi e sewi. ona li lawa utala e utala. mi wile unpa e ona. jan li wile jo e ma.	The guy improve useful the tool. You're looking at me very sexy. The garbage dirtys me something. You dress disgustingly silly. The machine raises up the roof. He leads fightingly the battle. I want to have sex with him/her. People want to own land.
She increases the property very badly. I want to have a lot of sex with you. She was barely dressed. The sun shines warmly on the land. She's good.	ona li mute ike mute e jo. mi wile unpa mute e sina. ona li len lili e ona. suno li suno seli e ma. ona li ' pona.

He wants to destroy the tool. She is thirsty.	ona li wile pakala e ilo. ona li wile moku e telo.
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Nouns, Adjectives

What does a possessive pronoun replace? What types of demonstrative pronouns are there? What is more complex in Toki Pona: adjectives or adverbs? By what kind of words are nouns described? What is the difference between adverbs and adjectives? Where are adjective slots located? Can an adjective follow a predicate noun?	It replaces a adjective. Adjective and noun demonstrative pronouns. adjectives. By adjectives. Adverbs describe verbs and adjectives describe nouns. Only after nouns and as a predicate adjective in a predicate phrase. Yes, since a predicate noun is a noun.
mi jo e kili. ona li ' pona li ' lili. mi moku lili e kili lili.	I have a fruit. It is good and is small. I nibble (eat a little) the small fruit.
The leader drank dirty water. I need a fork. An enemy is attacking them. That bad person has strange clothes. We drank a lot of vodka. Children watch adults.	jan lawa li moku e telo jaki. mi wile e ilo moku. jan ike li utala e ona mute. jan ike ni li jo e len nasa.
mi lukin e ni. mi lukin sewi e tomo sulì. seli suno li seli e tomo mi. jan lili li wile e telo kili. ona mute li nasa e jan sulì. mi kama e pakala.	I am looking at that. I am looking up at the big building. The sun's warmth heats my home. Children want fruit juice. They drove the adults crazy. I caused an accident.

Indirect Objects

How you can not ask for an indirect object? Which object type is strongly influenced by the predicate? Which phrase in the sentence does the indirect object belong to? What slot is in the first position in an indirect object? What do you call verbs that don't affect an object? What stands in front of an indirect object in Toki Pona? Where is a slot for an adjective demonstrative pronoun possible?	You can't ask 'who' or 'what'. The direct object. To the predicate phrase. A noun or pronoun slot. They are intransitive verbs. An intransitive verb. After a noun.
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mi lukin e mije anu meli.	I see a man or a women.
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The Conjunction *en* Connects Nouns and Pronouns

The conjunction *en* is used to connect two (composite) nouns or pronouns. In the following examples, one subject is formed in each case.

mi en sina li ' jan pona. jan lili en jan sulì li toki. kalama musi en meli li ' pona, tawa mi.	You and I are friends. The child and the adult are talking. I like music and girls.
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The conjunction *en* can be used with the separator *pi* to form complex compound nouns. With *en* you can avoid several *pi* phrases. Such complex nouns are unknown in many languages. In the first sentence *jan lili pi jan Ken en jan Lisa* is one complex noun.

jan lili pi jan Ken en jan Lisa li ' suwi. tomo pi jan Keli en mije ona li sulì.	Ken and Lisa's baby is sweet. The house of Keli and her boyfriend is big.
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Note that *en* is not used to connect two whole sentences, even though this is common in English. Instead, use the multiple-*li* technique (Page 17) or split the sentence into two sentences.

Also note that *en* is not intended to connect two direct objects. For that, use the multiple-*e* technique (Page

The Conjunction *taso*

If you use the conjunction *taso* at the beginning of a sentence you refer to the previous sentence. Separate these sentences not with a comma, but with a full stop. Also do not use a comma after the conjunction *taso*. This mistake is usually made by people who are native English speakers.

mi wile moku. taso mi jo ala e moku. mi wile lukin e tomo mi. taso mi lon ma ante. mi ' pona. taso meli mi li ' pakala.	I want to eat. But I don't have food. I want to see my house. But I'm in a different country. I'm okay. But my girlfriend is injured.
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Other Word Types of *taso*

<i>taso</i> as adjective	
jan Lisa taso li kama. mi sona e ni taso.	Only Lisa came. I know only that. (That's all I know.)
<i>taso</i> as adverb	
mi musi taso. mi pali taso. mi lukin taso e meli ni!	I'm just joking. I just work. (All I ever do is work.) I only looked at that girl!

kin as Adjective or Adverb

kin as adjective or adverb is at the end of an adjective or adverb group.

Practice (Answers: Page 94)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

Can the separator <i>pi</i> be used to separate adjectives? Where is the main noun in <i>toki pona</i> of a compound noun? How many words must at least be between the separator <i>pi</i> and the next separator? Where can adjective slots after the separator <i>pi</i> be located? How do you ask for the owner of an item?	
Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool <i>Toki Pona Parser</i> ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.	
Keli's child is funny. I am a Toki Ponan. He is a good musician. The captain of the ship is eating. Meow. Enya's music is good. Which people of this group are important? Our house is messed up. How did she make that? I look at the land with my friend. Whom did you go with?	
pipi pi ma mama mi li ' lili. kili pi jan Linta li ' ike. len pi jan Susan li ' jaki. mi sona ala e nimi pi ona mute. mi wile toki meli. sina pakala e ilo, kepeken nasin seme? jan Wasintan [Washington] li ' jan lawa pona pi ma Mewika. wile pi jan ike li pakala e ijo.	

jan Mose o lawa e mi mute, tawa ma pona!	Moses, lead us to the good land.
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Addressing People, Interjections, Commands

Which separator ends a command sentence (imperative)? What is the subject of the command form if no one is addressed directly? How do you address people by name? What do injections consist of? Which separator stands bevor the predicate if someone is directly addressed in a command? Which separator ends an interjection (exclamation)?	With an exclamation mark. The interjection word <i>o</i> . <i>jan Name o,....</i> A noun or an interjection word and an exclamation mark. The separator <i>o</i> . With an exclamation mark.
Go! Mama, wait. Hahaha! That's funny. F-ck! Bye! mu! o tawa musi, lon poka mi! tawa pona! o pu!	o tawa! mama meli o awen! a a a! ni li ' musi. pakala! mi tawa! meow, woof, moo, etc. Dance with me! Good bye (spoken by the person who's staying) Buy and read the official Toki Pona book!

Questions

How does the sentence structure change for a question in <i>toki pona</i> ? What kind of word has the word <i>seme</i> ? What is a reflexive pronoun? What can represent the word <i>seme</i> ? How do you ask for a person (who, whom)? How is a Why question asked? How do you ask for an indirect object? How to ask for a prepositional object? Are there nested subordinate clauses in <i>toki pona</i> ?	The sentence structure does not change. It is a question pronoun. A reflexive pronoun represents the subject in the direct object. Sentence parts or all word types (except separators). With the noun <i>jan</i> and <i>seme</i> . With the preposition <i>tan</i> and <i>seme</i> as prepositional object. If <i>seme</i> follows an intransitive verb. If <i>seme</i> follows after a preposition. No, there are none.
What do you want to do? Who loves you? Does it sweeten? I'm going to bed. Are more people coming? Give me a lollipop! Who's there? Which bug hurt you? He loves to eat.	sina wile pali e seme? jan seme li olin e sina? ni li suwi ala suwi? mi tawa supa lape. jan sin li kama ala kama? o pana e suwi, tawa mi! jan seme li lon? / jan seme li lon ni? pipi seme li pakala e sina? moku li pona, tawa ona.

Pardon?	seme?
jan Ken o, mi olin e sina.	Ken, I love you.
ni li ' jan seme?	Who is that?
sina lon seme?	Where are you?
	(lit: You in what?)
	Why am I here?
	(lit: I exist because-of what?)
	Who is your girlfriend/wife?
	Why did you go to the city?
	What place do you want to go to?

Compound Nouns

Can the separator <i>pi</i> be used to separate adjectives?	No, it is not possible.
Where is the main noun in <i>toki pona</i> of a compound noun?	At the beginning.
How many words must at least be between the separator <i>pi</i> and the next separator?	Two words.
Where can adjective slots after the separator <i>pi</i> be located?	On the second and following positions after the separator <i>pi</i> .
How do you ask for the owner of an item?	item + <i>pi</i> + <i>jan</i> + <i>seme</i>
Keli's child is funny.	jan lili pi jan Keli li ' musi.
I am a Toki Ponan.	mi ' jan pi toki pona.
He is a good musician.	ona li ' jan pona pi kalama musi.
The captain of the ship is eating.	jan lawa pi tomo tawa telo li moku.
Meow.	mu!
Enya's music is good.	kalama musi pi jan Enja li ' pona.
Which people of this group are important?	jan seme pi kulupu ni li sul'i
Our house is messed up.	tomo pi mi mute li ' pakala.
How did she make that?	ona li pali e ni, kepeken nasin seme?
I look at the land with my friend.	mi lukin e ma, lon poka pi jan pona mi.
Whom did you go with?	sina tawa, lon poka pi jan seme?
pipi pi ma mama mi li ' lili.	The insects of my homeland are small.
kili pi jan Linta li ' ike.	Linda's fruit is bad.
len pi jan Susan li ' jaki.	Susan's clothes are dirty.
mi sona ala e nimi pi ona mute.	I don't know their names.
mi wile toki meli.	I want to talk about girls.
sina pakala e ilo, kepeken nasin seme?	How did you break the tool?
jan Wasintan [Washington] li ' jan lawa pona pi ma Mewika.	Washington was a good leader of America.
wile pi jan ike li pakala e ijo.	The desires of evil people mess things up.

Conjunctions *kin* Temperature

What are conjunctions?	Conjunctions connect words and phrases.
What is an answer-question?	The answer is already included in the question.
What is the difference between conjunctions and prepositions?	Conjunctions do not cause cases.

Miscellaneous

kalama

Okay, *kalama* is used to mean 'sound' or 'noise'.

kalama ni li ' seme?	What was that noise?
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kalama is usually combined with the adjectiv *musi* to mean 'music' or 'song'.

kalama musi li ' pona, tawa mi.	I like music.
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kalama musi precedes the names of specific songs.

kalama musi 'Jingle Bells' li ' pona, tawa mi.	I like the song 'Jingle Bells'.
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And we can use the separator *pi* to talk about music by a certain group or artist.

kalama musi pi jan Elton-John li ' nasa.	Elton John's music is odd.
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Finally, *kalama* can be used as a verb.

mi kalama, kepeken ilo.	I make noise using an instrument.
o kalama ala!	Don't make noise!

Using *nasin seme* to make 'how'

sina pali e ni kepeken nasin seme?	How did you make this?
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The Separator *pi*

So far we have learned how to combine a single noun with adjectives. Adjectives stand after the noun. This is exactly the opposite of the English language. These possibilities are not sufficient for many terms. The English language knows compound nouns consisting of several nouns. In *toki pona* this is also possible. It is possible to combine several nouns including their adjectives. However, the order is exactly the opposite here as in the English language. The main noun in English is at the end of the compound noun. For example the compound noun 'toothbrush'. Here 'brush' is the main noun. After all, it is a brush and not a tooth.

In *toki pona* the main noun is at the beginning. This is followed by the supplementary nouns and their adjectives. The separator *pi* serves to separate these supplementary nouns and to mark them as nouns. After the separator *pi* must follow at least two words. For example *pi* + noun + adjective or *pi* + pronoun + adjective. That is, after the separator *pi* only a noun or pronoun slot is possible.

The separator *pi* must not stand together with the separators *li* or *e*.

General examples

Now, you might remember that *tomo telo* ('water room') is used to mean 'restroom'. You should also recall that *nasa* means 'crazy', 'silly', 'stupid', and so on. Now, let's look at this sentence.

mi tawa, tawa tomo telo nasa. | I went to the crazy restroom.

Okay, I think you'll agree with me when I say that that is just plain weird. It makes me think about some creepy restroom with neon lights lining the floor and a strobe light in every toilet stall. Now, the person who said this sentence had actually been trying to say that he had gone to a bar. As you probably recall, *telo nasa* is used to mean 'alcohol'. So, a *tomo* with *telo nasa* would be a 'bar'. The only problem is that you can't fit *tomo* and *telo nasa* together, because it will mean 'crazy restroom,' as you just studied. The only way to fix this problem is to use the separator *pi*.

mi tawa, tawa tomo pi telo nasa. | I went to the pub.

We're going to go over a bunch of examples using *pi*; but, you need to be familiar with some of the compound noun combinations that we've learned.

jan pi ma tomo	a city-dweller
kulupu pi toki pona	the Toki Pona community
nasin pi toki pona	the ideology behind Toki Pona
jan lawa pi jan utala	commander, general
jan lawa pi tomo tawa kon	a pilot
jan pi nasin sewi Kolisu	a Christian
jan pi pona lukin	an attractive person
jan pi ike lukin	an ugly person
jan utala pi ma Losi li ike, tawa ma ali.	Soldiers of Russia are bad for the world.

My hair is wet.	linja mi li ' telo.
Something is in my eye.	ijo li lon oko mi.
I can't hear your talking.	mi ken ala kute e toki sina.
I need to crap.	mi wile pana e ko jaki.
That hole is big.	lupa ni li ' suli.
a! telo sijelo loje li kama tan nena kute mi!	Ahh! Blood is coming from my ear!
selo mi li wile e ni: mi pilin e ona.	
	My skin wants this: I touch it.
	This is how we say that our skin itches.
	Touch the button.
	Kill the roach with the stick.
	My hands are dirty. I want to wash them.
	Give the ball to me.
	I feel your bodily warmth.
o pilin e nena.	
o moli e pipi, kepeken palisa.	
luka mi li ' jaki. mi wile telo e ona.	
o pana e sike, tawa mi.	
mi pilin e seli sijelo sina.	

Numbers

I saw three birds.	mi lukin e waso tu wan.
Many people are coming.	jan mute li kama.
The first person is here.	jan pi nanpa wan li lon.
I own two cars.	mi jo e tomo tawa tu.
Some (but not a lot) of people are coming.	jan mute lili li kama.
Unite!	o wan!
mi weka e ijo tu ni.	I got rid of those two things.
o tu.	Break up. Split apart.
mi lukin e soweli luka.	I saw five mammals.
mi ' weka.	I was away.

Conditional Sentences

What is a conditional phrase?	It formulates a condition.
What follows the separator <i>la</i> ?	A complete main sentence.
What can a conditional phrase consist of?	It consists of a (composite) noun/pronoun or a complete sentence.
Which word types can be at the beginning of a conditional phrase?	Noun or pronoun. Optionally, there can be a conjunction before.
Can the question pronoun <i>seme</i> be in a conditional phrase?	Yes, in a interrogative sentence.
Maybe Susan will come.	ken la jan Susan li kama.
Last night I watched X-Files.	tenpo pimeja pini la mi lukin e sitelen tawa X-Files.
If the enemy comes, burn these papers.	jan ike li kama la o seli e lipu ni!
Maybe he's in school.	ken la ona li lon tomo sona.
I have to work tomorrow.	tenpo suno kama la mi wile pali.
When it's hot, I sweat.	seli li lon la mi pana e telo, tan selo mi.
Open the door.	o open e lupa!
The moon is big tonight.	tenpo pimeja ni la mun li ' suli.
ken la jan lili li wile moku e telo.	Maybe the baby is thirsty.
tenpo ali la o kama sona!	Always learn!
sina sona e toki ni la sina sona e toki pona!	Figure this one out for yourself. :o)
open la ala li lon!	There was nothing in the beginning!

1.14 Compound Nouns

Vocabulary

... kalama kalama kalama kalama (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> noisy, loud, rowdy <i>noun:</i> sound, noise, voice <i>verb intransitive:</i> to make noise <i>verb transitive:</i> to sound, to ring, to play (an instrument)
... kulupu kulupu kulupu (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> communal, shared, public, of the society <i>noun:</i> group, community, society, company, people <i>verb transitive:</i> to assemble, to call together, to convene
... nasin nasin	<i>adjective:</i> systematic, habitual, customary, doctrinal <i>noun:</i> way, manner, custom, road, path, doctrine, system, method
... pi ...	<i>separator:</i> 'pi' is used to build complex compound nouns. 'pi' separates a (pro)noun from another (pro)noun that has at least one adjective. After 'pi' could only be a noun or pronoun. Don't use 'pi' before or after the other separators 'e', 'la', 'li', 'o', ',', '!', '?', ':', '.

What – Prepositional Object

If the question pronoun *seme* is set after a preposition, a question (what) is possible for the prepositional object.

sina pali e ni, kepeken seme?		What did you use to work on this?
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Why

The preposition *tan* and the question pronoun *seme* are used to formulate ‘why’. Both words form a prepositional object here.

sina kama, tan seme?		Why did you come?
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Who(m)

At questions on one person the question pronoun *seme* represents an adjective after the noun *jan*.

jan seme li moku?		Who is eating?
jan seme li tawa, lon poka sina?		Who went with you?
sina lukin e jan seme?		Whom did you see?
sina toki, tawa jan seme?		Whom are you talking to?

Which

At questions on things the question pronoun *seme* represents adjective after the corresponding noun.

ma seme li ‘pona, tawa sina?		Which countries do you like?
sina kama, tan ma seme?		Which country do you come from?

The only reason that this concept might seem difficult is because you’re tempted to move the word orders around, because many languages (including English) do it. One neat little trick you can do to check a translation is to think of the question as a plain statement, and then replace the question pronoun *seme* with the pronoun *ni*.

A.2 Texts - nimi mute

A.2.1 ma ante

mi wile tawa ma ante.
mi wile tawa la tenpo ni.
ma sin ni li pona li jo e musi ala pini.
ken la sina wile kama kin.

o kute e mi! o kute e mi!
o tawa la tenpo kama lili.
mi jo ala e mani. taso mi wile e ni:
sina wile kama kin.

mi wile tawa ma ante.
ma sin li pona tan ni:
mi wile tawa ma ante.
ma sin li pona tan ni:
jan li pilin e seli. jan li pilin e olin.
ken la sina wile kama kin.

jan Mata li pali e kalama musi ni. [10, 11]

A.2.2 sike tu li pona

sike tu li pona
li pona tawa mi
li pona tawa ma.

sike tu		bicycle
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jan "Paul Goguen" pali e kalama musi ni. [2]

A.2.3 meli pona

meli pona o a!
sina lape, lon poka mi.
linja jelo sina li lon luka mi.

mi pilin e sijelo sina.
mi pilin e seli sina.
mi lukin e oko laso sina.
mi lukin e insa sina.

ike! ike!
suno li kama.
sina wile tawa.
meli mi o, mi olin e sina!
sina pona mute!
meli mi o tawa pona.
o tawa pona.

jan Pije li pali e ni. [9]

A.2.4 **tenpo lili**

tenpo lili la ali li jo e moku.
tenpo lili la pakala sijelo li weka.
tenpo lili la moli li weka kin.
tenpo lili la jan li wile ala pali tawa lon li ken pali taso tawa pona pilin.
tenpo lili la moku li kama ala tan ike pilin pi soweli ante.
tenpo lili la jan li ken olin e mije e meli lon ma ali.
tenpo lili la jan li toki e ijo la ala li pakala e ona.
tenpo lili la kulupu pi kule ante li unpa li wan la toki ike kule li weka.
tenpo lili la sona ali li mute la nasin sewi li lili.
tenpo lili la jan ali li jo e mani li ken pilin e ante mani li ken lon.
ken la toki mi ni li toki pi musi ike.
ken la toki mi li lon.

tenpo lili		in a while
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jan " Michael F." pali e ni. [1]

A.2.5 **toki utala pi pimeja soweli**

tenpo suli pini la jan li jo e soweli tawa pi nena kute suli. jan ni li wile esun e soweli li tawa esun. jan ante li lukin e soweli li toki e ni.

- sina wile e mani seme tan soweli ni?
- ni li kiwen mani tu tu.
- mute. mi pana ala e ni.

sunu li tawa sewi. seli mute li lon. jan li kama tawa jan esun e soweli li anpa lon pimeja soweli. lete li lili a! ni li pona.

- sina pali e seme? ni li soweli mi!
- seme?
- ni li soweli mi kin. o pana e mani tawa mi!

ona li open e toki utala. ona li tawa jan sona. jan sona li toki e ni.

- sina toki utala tan seme?
- jan sona o, jan ni li kepeken soweli mi. taso ona li wile ala pana e mani tawa mi!
- ni li lon ala lon?
- jan sona o, mi kepeken ala soweli ona. mi kepeken pimeja taso.
- pimeja li ijo seme?
- mi kepeken pimeja pi soweli ni.
- pona! mi sona. sina tu o kute! sina kepeken pimeja soweli la o kama jo e mani sina tu tu. ... o nanpa e ona kepeken luka. sina ante o kute! jan ni li kepeken pimeja pi soweli sina. tan ni la sina kama jo e kalama pi mani ona.

toki utala pi pimeja soweli		a donkey's shadow
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jan Ote li pali e ni. [7]

The Question Pronoun *seme*

We talked about how to ask questions that can be answered with a 'yes' or 'no'. However, we didn't talk about questions that require more in-depth answers. Well, to ask questions like these in Toki Pona, we have to use the question pronoun (interrogative pronoun) *seme*. As you know, pronouns are proxies for different types of words. The question pronoun *seme* replaced the word or the part of a sentence which is inquired. Depending on in what slot(s) *seme* is used, it can represent different kinds of words or parts of sentences. Separators cannot be represented by a question pronoun *seme*. At a question with *seme* the sequence of word slots does not change.

Pardon?

If with the question pronoun *seme* a complete question is made, nothing was understood.

seme?		Pardon?
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Who/What – Subject

At questions who or what the subject is, in its place the question pronoun *seme* is put in the sentence. As you know this is the first position in the sentence.

seme li utala e sina?		Who/What attacked you?
seme li moku e kili mi?		Who/What is eating my fruit?
seme li lon poka mi?		Who/What is beside me?
seme li lon tomo mi?		Who/What is in my house?
seme li ' pona, tawa sina?		Who/What do you like?

What / Where – direct Object

At questions on direct object (recipient of action) the question pronoun *seme* is used at the position of the direct object. To simplify matters, we are taking a step-by-step approach. Here's a statement:

sina lukin e pipi.		You're watching a bug.
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Now we're going to turn that sentence into a question.

sina lukin e seme?		What are you watching?
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Here the question pronoun *seme* represents the noun *pipi*. The word order of the sentence does not change even when the sentence is a question.

sina pakala e seme?		What did you hurt?
ona li jo e seme?		What does he have?

What – Indirect Object

If the question pronoun *seme* is used after an intransitive verb, one asks for an indirect object.

sina kepeken seme?		What are you using?
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mu!	Meow! Woof! Grrr! Moo! (sounds made by animals)
a!	Ooh, Ahh! Unh! Oh!
a a a!	Hahaha! (laughter)

The interjection word *a* adds emotion or stress. It can be used at the end of a sentence. Use the Interjektion-Word *a* sparingly!

sina 'suli a!	You are so tall!
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The interjection words *o* and *a* only used when the person makes you feel really emotional. For example, if you haven't seen a person for a long time or if you have sex and you still speak perfect Toki Pona.

jan Epi o a!	Oh Abbie!
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Salutations

The second group of interjections are kind like salutations. They usually consist of a noun, an optional adjective and an exclamation mark.

toki!	Hello!, Hi!
sunu pona!	Good sun! Good day!
lape pona!	Sleep well! Have a good night!
moku pona!	Good food! Enjoy your meal!
mi tawa	I'm going. Bye!
tawa pona!	(in reply) Go well! Good bye!
kama pona!	Come well! Welcome!
musi pona!	Good fun! Have fun!

They can also consist of a complete sentence with an exclamation mark.

jan Lisa o, toki!	Hello Lisa!
mi tawa	I'm going. Bye!

ni li ike mute.
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan nasin ante
jan mute kin li pilin e ni: nasin sewi Kolisu li lon ala.
ni li pona tawa jan sewi lili ike.
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan moli
jan ijo li pilin e ni: jan sewi li lon ala. ona li moli.
tenpo ni la ona li sona e ni: ona li nasa!
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan olin
jan sewi li olin e sina.
sina pilin e ni: ona li lon ala. sina jan ike li jan pi pakala olin!
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan nasin pi jan Jon Kalapin
jan sewi li lon la ni li lon: tenpo ali la mi ken lukin e pakala sina.
ni li pona li musi tawa mi.
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan ilo moku
ilo moku li toki wawa ala e jan pali pi ilo moku!
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan nasa
jan pi nasa ala li ken ala pali e nasin sewi Kolisu.
nasin sewi Kolisu li lon tan ni.
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan mani pi jan sewi
ma pi nasin sewi Kolisu li jo mani mute.
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan tenpo suli
tenpo suli la kulupu Katoli li lon.
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan mute
mi jo e toki mute. ona li toki e ni: jan sewi li lon tan seme?
mi pilin e ni: toki wan li lon tan ona!
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

toki tan olin
tenpo wan la sina olin ala olin?
olin.
a! olin li ala tan jan sewi la ona li tan seme?
jan sewi li lon tan ni.

jan Eliku Kulaputon	Eric Clapton
jan Sipi Wanta	Stevie Wonder
jan Jon Kalapin	John Calvin

jan "Michael F." pali e ni. [1]

A.2.9 toki tan toki pi jan Pokakijo

tenpo nanpa luka tu tu toki nanpa tu

ma Lonpaki li jo e tomo meli pi nasin sewi. tomo ni li suli mute li sewi mute. meli wan pi tomo ni li suli li pona lukin mute. ona li meli Isapela. tenpo wan la ona li lukin e mije wan li olin e ona. mije li lukin e pona ona li olin sama e ona. tenpo suli la ona mute li pilin ike tan ni: olin ona li pali ala. tenpo lili la mije li kama sona e nasin. ona li tawa meli kepeken nasin pimeja. tenpo mute la ona mute li unpa.

tenpo pimeja wan la meli ante li lukin e weka pi mije ni. meli Isapela en mije li sona ala. tenpo wan la meli ante li wile toki e meli suli pi tomo meli. tenpo tu la ona li wile e ni: meli suli li lukin e unpa.

meli Isapela li unpa e mije. meli ante mute li sona li tu e kulupu tu. kulupu wan li lukin e tomo pi meli Isapela. kulupu tu li toki e meli suli. "o kama! meli Isapela li jo e mije lon tomo ona!"

taso tenpo pimeja ni la meli suli li unpa kin e mije ante pi nasin sewi! mije ni li tawa ona kepeken poki. meli suli li wile ala e ni: kulupu li kama e tomo ona li lukin e mije ona. ona li kama li len lon pimeja. ona li pilin e ni: ona li len e len pi meli sewi. taso ona li pana e len pi noka mije li len e lawa ona! ona li weka li toki e ni tawa kulupu. "meli ike ni li lon seme?"

kulupu li wile e ike tawa meli Isapela li lukin ala e len pi meli suli tan ni. ona li kama e tomo pi meli Isapela li pakala e lupa li lukin e unpa ona. jan olin li lukin li ken ala tawa tan pilin ike. kulupu li jo e meli Isapela li pana e ona tawa tomo lili. mije li awen. mije li len li wile lukin e ni: seme li lon? mije li pilin e ni. "kulupu li pali e ike tawa meli la mi pakala e ona li pana e meli li weka!"

meli suli li kama lon tomo lili. kulupu pi meli suwi li lukin e meli Isapela taso. meli suli li toki ike tawa ona. "pali sina li pakala e nimi pona pi tomo meli ni!" jan ante li toki pakala e ona.

meli Isapela li sona ala e ni: ona li ken toki e seme? ona li toki ala. "ken la kulupu li pilin ike tan ni." meli suli li toki kin. meli Isapela li lukin e len lawa ona li toki. "meli suli o pona e len lawa sina!"

meli suli li sona ala e ni: jan Isapela li toki e seme? "sina soweli ike! sina toki e len lawa seme? sina musi ala musi? sina pilin e ni: pali sina li ijo musi."

meli Isapela li toki tu. "meli suli pona o pona e len lawa sina!"

kulupu pi meli sewi li lukin e meli suli. ona li pilin e len lawa ona li sona e ni: ona li pali kin e ike.

ona li toki e ni. "tenpo ijo la meli li ken ala pakala e pilin olin e pilin unpa."

ona li toki kin. "ali li ken unpa lon pimeja sona la ali li ken unpa."

meli suli li weka e mije ona. meli Isapela li weka e mije ona. meli ante ijo li pilin ike tan ni: ona li wile e mije li jo ala e mije!

toki tan toki pi jan Pokakijo		Giovanni Boccaccio's Dekameron
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jan "Michael F." pali e ni. [1]

Vocativ (Addressing People)

Sometimes you need to get a person's attention before you can talk to him. When you want to address someone like that before saying the sentence, you just follow this same pattern. *jan* (name) *o*, (sentence). Note the comma behind the interjection word *o*.

jan Ken o, pipi li lon len sina.	Ken, a bug is on your shirt.
jan Keli o, sina ' pona lukin.	Kelly, you are pretty.
jan Mawen o, sina wile ala wile moku?	Marvin, are you hungry?
jan Tepani o, sina ' ike, tawa mi.	Steffany, I don't like you.

Commands

The command form (imperative) is introduced with *o* and ends with an exclamation mark. The interjection word *o* is the subject here.

o pali!	Work!
o awen!	Wait!
o ' pona!	Be good!
o lukin e ni!	Watch this!
o tawa, tawa ma tomo, lon poka jan pona sina!	Go to the city with your friend!

We've learned how to address people and how to make commands; now let's put these two concepts together. Suppose you want to address someone and tell them to do something. Notice how one of the *o*'s got dropped, as did the comma.

jan San o, ...	John, ...
... o tawa tomo sina!	... go to your house!
jan San o tawa tomo sina!	John, go to your house!
jan Ta o toki ala, tawa mi!	Todd, don't talk to me!
jan Sesi o moku e kili ni!	Jessie, eat this fruit!.

The separator *o* replaces the separator *li*. After *mi* and *sina* also the separator *o* is used.

sina o telo e sina!		Wash yourself!
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This structure can also be used to make sentences like 'Let's go'.

mi mute o tawa!		Let's go.
mi mute o ' musi!		Let's have fun.

Interjections

animal!noise An interjection sentence makes conveys excitement. Interjections sentences often consist only of a noun or an interjection word (e. g.: *a*) and end with an exclamation mark.

jan Lisa o, toki!	>Hello Lisa!
pona!	Yay! Good! Hoorah!
ike!	Oh no! Uh! oh! Alas!
pakala!	F-ck! D-mn!

toki Inli li ' pona.	The English language is good.
ma Inli li ' pona.	England is good.
toki Kanse	French language
toki Epelanto li ' pona.	Esperanto ist einfach.

Here is an example of an unofficial word as predicate adjective.

toki mi li ' Tosi.	My mother tongue is German.
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Residents of a Country

A resident of a country is named by nouns *jan*, *meli* or *mije* and the unofficial Word.

jan Kanata	Canadian person
jan Mesiko	Mexican person
meli Italija	Italian woman
mije Epanja	Spanish man

Persons

Now suppose you want to talk about someone using their name. For example, what if you want to say 'Lisa is cool'? To say a person's name in Toki Pona, you just say the noun *jan* and then the person's name.

jan Lisa li ' pona.	Lisa is cool.
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Like for the names of countries, we often adapt a person's name to fit into Toki Pona's phonetic rules. Keep in mind that no one is going to pressure you to adopt a tokiponized name; it's just for fun.

jan Pentan li pana e sona, tawa mi.	Brandon teaches to me.
jan Mewi li toki, tawa mi.	Mary's talking to me.
jan Nesan li ' musi.	Nathan is funny.
jan Eta li ' jan unpa.	Heather is a whore.
pana e sona	to teach (give knowledge)

This is the way to say your name.

mi ' jan Pepe.	I am Pepe.
nimi mi li ' Pepe.	My name is Pepe.

Nobody is forcing you to use a name in Toki Pona style. This is pure fun.

mi ' jan "Robert".	I'm Robert.
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Ideologies, Religions

Ideologies and religions are named with the noun *nasin*, the adjective *sewi* and the corresponding unofficial word.

nasin sewi Patapali	Pastafari
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A.2.15 jan lawa

mi pana ala tawa sina.
o pana e mani tawa mi!
mi jo e kiwen pona mute.
o pana e mani tawa mi!
mi jo ala e sona mute.
o pali e toki mi!
tenpo ali la mi pali e ike.
o pali e toki mi!
o tawa e utala.
o olin e mi!
mi moku e pan pi ma sina.
o olin e mi!

jan "Michael F." pali e ni. [1]

A.2.16 mi seme e jan telo nasa?

mi seme e jan telo nasa?
mi seme e jan telo nasa?
mi seme e jan telo nasa
lon tenpo suno ni?

ilo li kama sewi!
ilo li kama sewi!
ilo li kama sewi
lon tenpo suno ni!

mi seme e jan telo nasa?	What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor?
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jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.17 jan Toni Kena

jan Toni Kena li sona e ni:
mi olin e ona. jan Toni li sona.
jan Toni Kena li sona e ni:
mi olin e ona.

jan Toni Kena	Tony Chestnut
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jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.18 sina pona pilin la o luka!

sina pona pilin la o luka!
sina pona pilin la o luka!
sina toki e ijo pi pilin pona sina
la o toki kepeken luka!

sina pona pilin la ...	If You are Happy ...
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jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.19 jan laso lili

jan laso o
kalama sulil!
soweli sina
li lon ma kili.
jan soweli
li lon seme a?
ona li lape
li kute ala.

jan laso lili		If Little Boy Blue
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jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.20 kala li kalama la ma kala li kama!

kala li kalama la ma kala li kama!
kala ma li kama la ma kala li kama ala!
ma kala li kalama la kala ma li kala ala!
kala li kama kala ma la ma kala li ma ala!

A tongue twister (substitute for Peter Piper)

jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.21 tenpo pini la ma ni li lon ala.

tenpo pini la ma ni li lon ala. ale li pilin li lape. ale li lape la jan lili Elu li pali e ma. ona mute li tawa e kiwen lili pi kule ale. taso kiwen mute ni li sulil tawa jan lili Elu. nena mute li lon. taso ona mute li awen pali li sona e ni: ona mute li pali e ma pi lon ale. tenpo kama la kiwen lili li lon insa ale. ala li lon insa pi kiwen lili li jo e ale. jan lili Elu li tawa e kiwen lili li kalama. kalama pi ona ale li lon insa pi kiwen lili ale. tenpo ni la kalama pi jan lili Elu li lon insa sina. ala en ale li lon insa pi soweli ale. ala en ale li lon.

A creation myth.

jan Elu		elf
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jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.22 jan li toki e ni.

jan li toki e ni: jan ala li ken pali sama ona!
jan li toki e ni: jan ala li pali sulil sama ona!
jan li toki e ni: jan ala li pali wawa mute sama ona!
jan li kama sona e ni: ona li jan ilo la jan li pilin e ni. ni li ken ala!

”The Most Successful Man in the World” by Daniel Slaten

jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

Names are Adjectives

Names of persons, countries, cities, languages and ideologies do not exist as official words in Toki Pona. Names are unofficial words and do not appear in the dictionary of *toki pona*.

Unofficial words are treated as adjectives. You know adjectives describe nouns. This means that names also describe nouns and cannot be used without a corresponding noun in the record. This is necessary to recognize what the name stands for. If it is for example country name, this is used together with the noun *ma*. As we already know there are adjective slots after a noun or after *li* as a slot for a predicate adjective. Names also fit into these slots. Unofficial words can only be adjectives and not adverbs. As can be seen again, in Toki Pona adjectives are more complex than adverbs.

In order to recognize names as unofficial words, they always begin with a capital letter. If the original spelling of the name is used, place it in quotation marks.

Unofficial words can be adapted to the phonetic rules of Toki Pona. The appendix (see page ??) describes how to proceed. For example, America becomes *Mewika*, Canada becomes *Kanata*. In the appendix you will find a list of important unofficial words (see page 119).

Countries

After the noun *ma* an unofficial word is used as the country name.

ma Kanata li 'pona.		Canada is good.
ma Italija li 'pona lukin.		Italy is beautiful.
mi wile tawa, tawa ma Tosi.		I want to go to Germany.

Here is an example of an unofficial word as predicate adjective.

ma mi li 'Tosi.		My homeland is Germany.
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Continents

Continents are formed with the *ma*, optionally the adjective *sulil* and the corresponding unofficial word.

ma sulil Apika		Africa
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Cities

As we have learnt the combination of the noun *ma* and the adjective *tomo* mean 'city'. After this combination, an unofficial word is used as a city name.

ma tomo Lantan li 'sulil.		London is big.
ma tomo Pelin		Berlin
ma tomo Loma		Rome
mi kama, tan ma tomo Pelin.		I'm from Berlin.

Here is an example of an unofficial word as predicate adjective.

ma tomo mi li 'Pelin.		My homecity is Berlin.
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Languages

If you want to talk about a language, you simply use the noun *toki* and then attach the unofficial word onto it.

sina wile ala wile moku?	Do you want to eat?
wile	Yes
wile ala	No
sina lukin ala lukin e kiwen?	Do you see the rock?
lukin	Yes
lukin ala	No
sina sona ala sona e toki mi?	Do you understand what I'm saying?
sona	Yes
sona ala	No

Problems with missing word for 'be'

We had already learned the difference between verb and predicate (see page ??). Since Toki Pona lacks the verb 'be', sentences without verb are possible. Then nouns serve as predicate nouns or adjectives as predicate adjectives. Yes/No questions with the adverb *ala* are only possible with a verb. You cannot write the missing verb 'be', then *ala* and then again write the missing verb 'be'. For example 'Is she a mother?' can't be formulated that way.

ona li ' ala ' mama?	wrong
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Yes or no answers are also not possible if no verb there.

' .	wrong
' ala.	wrong

We will later learn how to formulate yes/no questions with predicate nouns and predicate adjectives.

kon mute li kama li pana wawa e telo mute, tawa ma, tawa seli. nena suli pi meli Mapuwika li seli ala. meli Mapuwika li jo ala e wawa mute. taso ona li awen pali. ona li weka e selo seli pini tawa jan Mawi. selo li tawa ala jan Mawi li tawa kasi. ona li lon insa kasi Mapo li lon kasi Totala li lon kasi Patete li lon kasi Pukateja li lon kasi Kawikomako. kasi ni li pona pilin li pilin e ni: seli pi meli Mapuwika li ijo suli.

jan Mawi li tawa ma tomo ona la ona li jo ala e seli. taso ona li jo e luka pi kasi Kawimako li pana e sona pi open seli tawa jan pi ma tomo. jan pi ma tomo li pona pilin mute tan ni: ona li ken seli e moku li ken awen seli lon tenpo pimeja lete.

jan Mawi li jan sona. taso ante li kama la ken la jan Mawi li moli. selo anpa pi waso wawa Kapu pi ma Ajotejalowa li loje tan ni: tenpo pini la jan Mawi li ken moli.

ni li toki ni: jan Mawi li pana e seli tawa ma.

jan Mawi li pana e seli tawa ma.	How Maui brought fire to the world.
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jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.27 kasi kule loje lili

tenpo pini la kasi kule lili li lon tomo lili pimeja pi lon anpa ma. tenpo suno wan la ona taso li lon ni. ala li tawa. ona li kute e kalama "TAPU TAPU TAPU" tan lupa tomo. ona li toki e ni: "seme li lon?" ijo li toki e ni: "telo sewi li lon. mi wile e ni: mi lon insa pi tomo sina." kasi kule lili li toki e ni: "o lon ala insa pi tomo mi." tenpo suli la ala li tawa. kasi kule lili li kute e kalama "LASU ISUPA ISUPA". kasi kule lili li toki e ni: "seme li lon?" ijo li toki e ni: "suno li lon. mi wile e ni: mi lon insa pi tomo sina." kasi kule lili li toki e ni: "o lon ala insa pi tomo mi." tenpo sin la ona li tawa ala. ona li tawa ala li kute e kalama "TAPU TAPU TAPU" e kalama "LASU ISUPA ISUPA". kasi kule lili li toki e ni kepeken kalama mute: "seme li lon?" ijo tu li toki e ni: "telo sewi en suno li lon. mi tu li wile e ni: mi tu li lon insa pi tomo sina!" kasi kule lili li toki e ni. "a! sina tu li lon! mi wile e ni: sina tu li lon insa pi tomo mi." kasi kule lili li open lili e lupa tomo. telo sewi en suno li lon insa pi tomo ona. telo sewi li kama jo e luka wan pi kasi kule lili. suno li kama jo e luka ante pi kasi kule lili. ona tu li tawa sewi li lon sewi ma. ona tu li toki e ni tawa kasi kule lili: "o kama! o tawa sewi!" kasi kule lili li tawa sewi li lon sewi ma. ona li lon insa pi ma kasi pona. tenpo pi seli lili li lon. lawa pi kasi ante ali li lon sewi ma. kasi kule lili li kasi kule pona a!

kasi kule loje lili	The Little Pink Rose
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jan Mali li pali e ni. [6]

A.2.28 **jan lawa lete**

meli ike pi mani ala li jo e meli lili tu. ona li pana e ijo mute tawa meli lili ona. taso ona li pana e ike taso tawa meli lili pi jan ante. ona li pilin e ni: meli ona li pona. meli pi jan ante li ike li pali e ike ale. tenpo mute la meli lili pi jan ante li ike pilin. oko ona li telo li loje. mama meli li ike kin! mama meli li toki e ni tawa mama miije pi meli lili: "jan pi sin ala o weka e ona. mi wile ala lukin e ona li wile ala kute e toki ona. o weka e ona tan tomo ni."

mama miije li wile awen e meli lili ona. taso meli ike li wile wawa weka e ona. miije li ken ala toki utala tawa meli ona la ona li pana e meli lili ona tawa poki tawa li tawa ma suli. miije li weka e meli lili ona lon ni li pana ala e len seli tawa ona. ona li uta lili e meli lili ona li tawa weka. oko ona li telo. taso ona li lukin monsi ala.

meli lili li tawa selo pi ma kasi li anpa, lon poka kasi li telo tan oko. ona li lukin sewi tan kalama. ona li lukin e jan lawa lete. jan lawa lete li tawa sewi pi kasi wan li tawa sewi pi kasi ante. ona li lon kasi pi meli lili la ona li anpa. ona li kama e lete lon sinpin pi meli lili li toki e ni: "sina sona ala sona e mi? mi jan lawa lete."

meli lili li toki e ni: "jan lawa wawa o, sina pona!" uta ona li lupa lukin. "sina tawa ala tawa e mi?"

jan lawa lete li toki e ni: "meli pona o, sina seli ala seli?"

meli lili li toki e ni: "seli. jan lawa lete o, mi seli mute." taso selo ona li tawa lili.

jan lawa lete li kama e lete, lon poka ona. kon li lete mute. ona li toki sin e ni: "meli pona o, sina seli ala seli?"

uta pi meli lili li ken ala tawa suli. ona li toki e ni: "jan lawa lete o, mi seli."

jan lawa lete li kama e lete suli wawa. kon li lete mute kin! oko ona li suno musi. ona li toki e ni: "meli pona o, sina seli ala seli? tenpo ni la sina awen ala awen seli?"

meli lili li ken ala toki mute tan lete. taso ona li kama jo e kon lili li toki e ni: "jan lawa lete o, mi awen seli."

meli lili li awen pona li toki utala ala. tan ni la jan lawa lete li pana e pona tawa ona. ona li len e meli lili kepeken len mani suli pi kiwen walo en kiwen jelo. meli lili li suno mute li pona lukin. jan lawa lete li pana e ona tawa poki tawa ona li pana e len seli soweli tawa ona. soweli suli luka wan li tawa e poki tawa ona kepeken tenpo lili.

mama meli ike li lon tomo li pali e moku sike. ona li weka e sijelo pi meli lili la ona li wile jo e moku mute. ona li toki e ni tawa miije ona: "o tawa ma suli. o kama jo e sijelo pi meli lili sina." miije li kama tawa.

taso soweli pi lon anpa supa li mu e ni tawa ona: "meli lili sina li moli ala. meli lili ona li moli wawa."

meli ike li pakala e soweli li pana e moku sike tawa ona. meli li toki e ni: "o toki e ni tawa miije mi: "meli lili sina li moli lete. meli lili ona li jo e mani mute."

soweli li pini moku la ona li mu e ni tawa meli ike: "meli lili ona li jo e miije. meli lili sina li moli lete."

meli ike li pakala sin e soweli li pana e moku sin tawa ona. taso ni li suli ala tawa soweli. ona li awen mu sama. lupa tomo li open. poki suli pi mani jelo

Negation

ala as an Adverb

In English, you make a verb negative by adding 'not' in front of the verb. In Toki Pona you put the adverb *ala* after the verb.

mi lape ala.	I'm not sleeping.
mi musi ala.	I'm not having fun. / I'm bored.
mi wawa ala.	I'm not strong. / I'm weak.
mi wile ala tawa musi.	I don't want to dance.
tawa musi	dance (move entertainingly)
mi wile ala pali.	I'm lazy.

ala as an Adjective

jan ala li toki.	Nobody is talking.
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Do not use the adjective *ala* with the noun *ijo*.

ala as a Noun

If *ala* is used as a noun, one does not need *ijo*.

ala li 'jaki.	Nothing is dirty.
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Yes/No Questions with a verb and the adverb *ala*

To make yes/no questions with a verb, you say the verb, then the adverb *ala*, then repeat the verb. An questions always ends in a question mark.

ona li lon ala lon tomo?	Is he in the house?
ona li tawa ala tawa, tawa ma ike?	Did he go to the evil land?
sina pana ala pana e moku tawa jan lili?	Did you give food to the child?
pipi li moku ala moku e kili?	Are the bugs eating the fruit?
ona li mama ala mama?	Does she mother (someone)?

Yes/No Questions with an auxiliary verb and the adverb *ala*

To make yes/no questions with an auxiliary verb, you say the auxiliary verb, then the adverb *ala*, then repeat the auxiliary verb.

sina wile ala wile moku?	Do you want to eat?
sina ken ala ken lape?	Can you sleep?
sina kama ala kama jo e pali ni?	Did you get this job?

Yes/No Answering

If you want to say 'yes', you simply repeat the verb or the auxiliary verb of the sentence. If you want to say 'no', you repeat the verb or the auxiliary verb and add the adverb *ala* after it.

The Spatial Nouns *anpa*, *insa*, *monsi*, *noka*, *poka*, *sewi* and *sinpin*

In Toki Pona relative location information is formed with special nouns. These special nouns are called 'spatial nouns'. In addition to the noun, adjectives, possessive pronouns or demonstrative pronouns are required for the relative location information.

A spatial noun is preceded by either an intransitive verb or a preposition. This means that relative location information is either in an indirect object or a prepositional object and is therefore part of a predicate phrase.

Spatial Nouns in an Indirect Object

Usually, the word *lon* is used as an intransitive verb or preposition before a spatial noun. If no further verb is present, *lon* cannot be a preposition. Then *lon* can only be an intransitive verb.

pipi li lon anpa mi.	The bug is underneath me.
telo sulí li lon monsi mi.	The sea is behind me.
moku li lon insa mi.	Food is inside me.
ma li lon noka mi.	Land is under my feet.
ona li lon sewi mi.	He is in my above, i.e. he is above me.
tomo li lon sinpin mi.	The house is in front of me.

Spatial Nouns in a Prepositional Object

The following examples contain a verb. So *lon* can only be a preposition.

mi moku, lon poka sina.	I'm eating beside [or with] you.
ona li pona e ilo, lon tomo ona.	He repairs the tools in his house.

Besides *lon* other intransitive verbs and prepositions can also be used. In this sentence the second *tawa* is a preposition and stands before the spatial noun *noka*.

mi tawa e mi, tawa noka sina.	I bow before you.
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Further meanings of these words

anpa can also be used as a transitive verb.

mi anpa e jan utala.	I defeated the warrior.
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poka can be used as a 'normal' noun.

poka telo	water side, the beach
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poka as an adjective

jan poka	neighbor, someone who is beside you
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A.3 Tokiponization Guidelines

To create the Toki Pona version of a foreign name, you may use the following guidelines. Also see Alphabet and sounds (Page 88) for rules on what Toki Pona syllables and words are possible. You can find a tool for transliterate of names in tokipona.net [15].

- It is always better to translate the "idea" of a foreign word before attempting to create a new phonetic transcription that may not be recognizable by everyone. (Example: Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada = jan lawa pi ma Kanata, rather than jan Kesijen)
- Use the native pronunciation as a basis, rather than the spelling.
- If more than one language is spoken locally, use the dominant one.
- If it does not belong to any one language, use an international form. (Example: Atlantik = Alansi)
- Use the colloquial pronunciation that locals actually and commonly use, rather than the "proper" or standard pronunciation. (Example: Toronto = Towano, not Tolonto)
- If a person chooses to have a Toki Pona name, he can choose whatever he wants and does not necessarily have to follow these guidelines.
- Names of nations, languages, religions have already been established. If one is missing from the official list, make a suggestion on the Toki Pona discussion list.
- If possible, find a common root between the name of the nation, the language and the people. (Example: England, English, English(wo)man = Inli)
- Cities and locations can be given a Toki Pona name, but they will only have an official name if they are internationally known.
- If full Tokiponization would compromise intelligibility, you can always leave a foreign name as is.

Syllables of Unofficial Words

- Every syllable consists of a consonant and a vowel, plus an optional *n*.
- The next syllable after a optional *n* cannot start with a *n*.
- The first syllable of a word does not need to begin with a consonant.
- The syllables *ti* and *tin* become *si* and *sin*.
- The consonant *w* cannot appear before *o* or *u*.
- The consonant *j* cannot appear before *i*.

Phonetic Guidelines

- Voiced plosives become voiceless. (Example: b = p, d = t, g = k)
- v becomes w.
- f becomes p.
- The trilled or tapped [r] of most world languages becomes l.
- The approximant r of languages like English becomes w.
- Any uvular or velar consonant becomes k, including the French or German r.
- At the end of a word, The sh sound may be converted to si. (Example: Lush = Lusi)
- The schwa can become any vowel in Toki Pona and is often influenced by neighbouring vowels for cute reduplication.
- It is better to keep the same number of syllables and drop a consonant than add a new vowel. (Example: Chuck = Sa, not Saku)
- When dealing with consonant clusters, the dominant plosive is generally kept, dropping fricatives such as [s] and laterals such as [l] first. (Example: Esperanto = Epelanto) You may also choose to keep the consonant at the head of the new syllable (Example: Atling = Alin).
- Approximants like [j] and [w] in consonant clusters can either be converted into a syllable of their own (Swe = Suwe; Pju = Piju) or dropped entirely (Swe = Se; Pju = Pu).
- In some cases, it is better to change the letter order slightly, rather than dropping a sound. (Ex: Lubnan = Lunpan, not Lupan or Lunan)
- Dental fricatives such as English th can either convert to t or s.
- The illegal syllables ti, wo and wu convert to si, o and u. (Example: Antarktika = Antasika)
- Affricates generally convert to fricatives. (Example: John = San, not Tan)
- Any nasal consonant at the end of a syllable converts to n. (Example: Fam = Pan)
- Nasal vowels (in French and Portuguese) also convert to syllable-final n.
- If necessary to preserve proper syllable structure, the consonant w or j can be inserted as a euphonic glide. (Example: Tai = Tawi; Nihon = Nijon; Eom = Ejon) It may also be possible to relocate a consonant that would have otherwise been dropped in the conversion. (Example: Monkeal = Monkela, not Monkeja; Euska = Esuka)
- Voiceless lateral consonants convert to s.
- If necessary, you may want to tweak a word to avoid a potentially misleading homonym. (Example: Allah = jan sewi Ila, not jan sewi Ala no God). If possible, use a related word in the source language rather than introducing an arbitrary change. (In Arabic, Allah actually means the God, whereas Illah means God.)

1.9 Relative Location Information

Vocabulary

... anpa ... anpa anpa anpa anpa (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : low, lower, bottom, down <i>adverb</i> : downstairs, below, deep, low, deeply <i>noun</i> : bottom, lower part, under, below, floor, beneath <i>verb intransitive</i> : to prostrate oneself <i>verb transitive</i> : to defeat, to beat, to vanquish, to conquer, to enslave
... insa insa	<i>adjective</i> : inner, internal <i>noun</i> : inside, inner world, centre, stomach
... monsi monsi	<i>adjective</i> : back, rear <i>noun</i> : back, rear end, butt, behind
... noka ... noka noka	<i>adjective</i> : foot-, lower, bottom <i>adverb</i> : on foot <i>noun</i> : leg, foot; organ of locomotion; bottom, lower part
... poka poka	<i>adjective</i> : neighbouring <i>noun</i> : side, hip, next to
... sewi ... sewi sewi sewi sewi (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : superior, elevated, religious, formal <i>adverb</i> : superior, elevated, religious, formal <i>noun</i> : high, up, above, top, over, on <i>verb intransitive</i> : to get up <i>verb transitive</i> : to lift
... sinpin sinpin	<i>adjective</i> : facial, frontal, anterior, vertical <i>noun</i> : face, foremost, front, wall, chest, torso

sina wile tawa, tawa telo suli.	You want to go to the ocean.
ona li tawa, tawa sewi kiwen.	She's going up the rock.

In the following sentences the first *tawa* is an transitive verb. The second *tawa* is a preposition.

mi tawa e mi, tawa tomo mi.	I'm moving myself to my house.
mi tawa e kiwen, tawa sewi.	I'm moving the rock to the peak.

In Toki Pona, to say that you (don't) like something, we have pattern, and the pattern use *tawa* as a preposition. This is done according to the pattern 'it is good to me' or 'it is bad to me'.

ni li 'pona, tawa mi.	That is good to me. / I like that.
ni li 'ike, tawa mi	That is bad to me. / I don't like that.
kili li 'pona, tawa mi.	I like fruit.
toki li 'pona, tawa mi.	I like talking. / I like languages.
utala li 'ike, tawa mi.	I don't like wars.
telo suli li 'ike, tawa mi.	I don't like the ocean.
pipi li 'ike, tawa mi.	I hate spiders.
ali li 'pona, tawa mi.	Everything's fine to me.
ma ali li 'pona, tawa mi.	All nations are good to me..

Toki Pona does not use clauses. So for example, if you wanted to say 'I like watching the countryside,' it's best to split this into two sentences.

mi lukin e ma. ni li 'pona, tawa mi.	I'm watching the countryside. This is good to me.
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Of course, you could choose to say this same sentence using other techniques.

ma li pona lukin.	The countryside is good to look at.
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The preposition *tawa* can also mean 'for'.

mi pona e tomo, tawa jan pakala.	I fixed the house for the disabled man.
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There are ambiguities since *tawa* can also be used as an adjective. *tawa* is used as an adjective to make the phrase we use for 'car', 'boat' or 'airplane'.

tomo tawa	car (moving construction)
tomo tawa telo	boat, ship
tomo tawa kon	airplane, helicopter

Consider the following sentence.

mi pana e tomo tawa sina.	?
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If *tawa* is used as an adjective, then this sentence says 'I gave your car.' If it is used as a preposition, though, it could mean, 'I gave the house to you.' You can insert a comma before *tawa* to mark it as a preposition. It is better to split the sentence.

mi jo e tomo tawa sina. mi pana e	I have your car. I give it to you.
ni tawa sina.	
ni li tomo. mi pana e ni tawa sina.	This is a house. I give it to you.

In this sentence *kama* is an intransitive verb and *tawa* a preposition.

ona li kama, tawa tomo mi.	He came to my house.
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In this example *sama* is a preposition.

ona li lukin, sama pipi.	He looks like a bug.
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Pisi	Fiji
Piten	Britain, UK
Pokasi	Bulgaria, Bulgarian
Posan	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnian
Posuka	Poland, Polish
Potuke	Portugal, Portugese
Samalino	San Marino
Sameka	Jamaica, Jamaican Patoi
Samowa	Samoa
Sasali	Algeria
Sawa	Java, Javanese
Sawasi	Swaziland
Seki	Czech (Republic)
Seneka	Senegal
Setapika	South Africa
Sile	Chile
Sinita	Trinidad and Tobago
Sipusi	Djibouti
Sonko	China, Chinese
Sopisi	Serbia, Serbian
Sukosi	Scotland, Scots
Sulija	Syria
Sumi	Finland, Finnish
Sutan	Sudan
Suwasi	Switzerland, Swiss
Tansi	Denmark, Danish
Tawi	Thailand, Thai
Toko	Togo
Tominika	Dominican Republic
Tona	Tonga, Tongan
Tosi	Germany, German
Tuki	Turkey, Turkish
Tunisi	Tunisia
Tuwalu	Tuvalu
Ukanta	Uganda
Ukawina	Ukraine, Ukrainian
Ulukawi	Uruguay
Uman	Oman
Utun	Jordan
Wanuwatu	Vanuatu
Wasikano	Vatican
Wensa	Sweden, Swedish
Wije	Vietnam, Vietnamese

If a nation has a * beside it, that means that the word can also be used to describe that nation's language.

Other Languages

These are languages which don't belong to a specific nation, and so they can't be named after the country that they developed from.

toki Alapi	Arabic
toki Apikan	Afrikaans
toki Awasa	Hausa
toki Epelanto	Esperanto
toki Ewantal	Ewantal
toki Inli pona	Basic English
toki Insi	Hindi
toki Intelinka	Interlingua
toki Inu	Inupiaq, Inuktitut, Eskimo
toki Ipo	Igbo
toki Ito	Ido
toki Iwisi	Hebrew
toki Jolupa	Yoruba
toki Kalike	Scots Gaelic
toki Kantun	Cantonese
toki Kisawili	Swahili
toki Kuwenja	Quenya, Elvish
toki Lolan	Loglan
toki Loma	Latin
toki Losupan	Lojban
toki Lunasimi	Quechua
toki Malasi	Marathi
toki Nosiki sin	Norwegian Nynorsk
toki Olapu	Volapük
toki Pansapi	Punjabi
toki Pasiki	Fyksian
toki Pasuto	Pashto
toki Pitaha	Pirahã
toki pona	Toki Pona
toki Sami	Laplander
toki Sankitu	Sanskrit
toki Sinan	Klingon
toki Tamasiko	Berber, Tamazight
toki Tami	Tamil
toki Teluku	Telugu
toki Utu	Urdu

Religions

nasin sewi Jawatu	Judaism
nasin sewi Kolisu	Christianity
nasin pona Latapali	Rastafarianism
nasin pona	Taoism
nasin sewi Puta	Buddhism
nasin sewi Silami	Islam

Prepositional Objekts and Prepositions

The third object class in *toki pona* is the prepositional object. A prepositional object begins with a preposition. A preposition describes a relationship between other words in a sentence and stand in front of nouns or pronouns. It is closely connected to the verb. The preposition determines the case. The question of the prepositional object depends on the preposition used. In Toki Pona is a slot for prepositions only at the beginning of a prepositional object. It is recommended that you put a comma before a preposition.

In the prepositional object is the first slot after the preposition always a noun or pronoun slot. After that, optional slots for adjectives, possessive pronouns and demonstrative pronouns are possible. In Toki Pona there is an optional prepositional object at the end of a sentence. Possible direct or indirect objects are always in front of a prepositional object. Like the other object types, a prepositional object is an optional part of a predicate phrase.

Using *kepeken* as a preposition.

mi moku, kepeken ilo moku.	I eat using a fork/spoon/ any type of eating utensil.
mi lukin, kepeken ilo suno.	I look using a flashlight.

lon can be used as both a verb and a preposition. In this examples, *lon* is used as a preposition.

mi moku, lon tomo.	I eat in the house.
mi telo e mi, lon tomo telo.	I bathe myself in the restroom.

Because *lon* can be used as either a preposition or a intransitive verb, the meaning of the sentence can be a bit confusing when used with *wile*.

mi wile lon tomo.	I want to be at home. / I want in a house.
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The sentence has at least two possible translations. The first translation states that the speaker wishes he were at home. The second translation states that the speaker wants to do something in a house. We can use a comma to force *lon* as a preposition.

mi wile, lon tomo.	I want in a house.
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When you say, 'I want to be home.' you have to divide the sentence with a colon into two sentences.

mi wile e ni: mi lon tomo.	I want this: I'm at home.
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Toki Pona often uses this *e ni*: trick. Before and after the colon has to be complete sentences. Toki Pona has no nested subordinate clauses.

sina toki e ni, tawa mi: sina moku.	You told me that you are eating.
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In the last sentence *tawa* is a preposition. Here are further examples.

mi toki, tawa sina.	I talk to you.
ona li lawa e jan, tawa ma pona.	He led people to the good land.
ona li kama, tawa ma mi.	He's coming to my country.

In the following sentences the first *tawa* is an intransitive verb. The second *tawa* is a preposition and initiates the prepositional object.

mi tawa, tawa tomo mi.	I'm going to my house.
ona mute li tawa, tawa utala.	They're going to the war.

Indirect Objects and Intransitive Verbs

We've already learned about direct objects. A direct object is most strongly influenced by the action (i. e. the transitive verb). You can ask for direct object (accusative object) by 'Who' or 'What' ('What does she repair?'). But, in the sentence, 'I am in the house.' is 'in the house' an indirect object because you can't ask for it by 'Who' or 'What'. It is also not directly influenced by the predicate. A indirect object is part of the predicate phrase also. In the indirect object is the first slot always a noun or pronoun slot. After that, optional slots for adjectives, possessive pronouns and demonstrative pronouns are possible.

We've already learned transitive verbs. A transitive verb does something to the direct object. On the other hand, verbs that do not affect an object are called intransitive verbs. An intransitive verb is followed by either no object or an indirect object. In the sentences, 'I am.' and 'I am in the house.' is 'am' an intransitive verb. There is no *e* between intrasitive verb and indirect object.

In this examples, *lon* is used as an intransitive verb. Since there is no other predicate before *lon* there must be a verb *lon*.

suno li lon sewi.	The sun is in the sky.
kili li lon poki.	The fruit is in the basket.
mi lon tomo.	I'm in the house.

Using *kepeken* as an intransitive verb.

mi kepeken ilo.	I'm using tools.
sina wile kepeken ilo.	You have to use tools.
mi kepeken poki ni.	I'm using that cup.

In some other lessons *kepeken* is used as a transitive verb. This is surely because with 'What' you can ask for the object after *kepeken*. As however the object is not directly influenced by the verb *kepeken*, it is an indirect object and *kepeken* an intransitive verb.

As an intransitive verb means *kon* 'breathe'.

jan ni li kon ike.	This person is breathing badly.
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kon can also be used as a transitive verb.

mi kon e ilo suno.	I blow out the candle.
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If *kama* is used as an intransitive verb, it means 'come' or 'arrive'.

pona li kama.	The good will come.
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Also *pakala* can be used as an intransitive verb.

tomo ni li pakala.	This house is falling apart.
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Here an example with *sewi* as an intransitive verb.

mi sewi.	I get up.
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kasi sona telo seli wawa tenpo suno sin ale la sina moku e telo seli pineja telo wawa sitelen lape	intoxicating plant used in meditation, e.g. marijuana coffee Every morning I drink coffee. energy drink dreams
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A.5.6 Family

kulupu mama mama kulupu mama mama meli mama miye mama pi mama mi jan olin meli (olin) miye (olin) jan sama meli sama miye sama jan lili meli lili miye lili	family mother, father, parent family mother father my grandparent significant other, partner wife, girlfriend husband, boyfriend sister, brother, sibling sister brother child, daughter, son daughter son
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A.5.7 Feelings

pilin sina pilin seme? a a a! ale li pona awen pona kama olin kepeken utala lawa e pilin lukin mi olin e sina olin (ona) li ike (ona) li pona pali e ike tawa pana e kon (pi pilin) pona pana e pilin pona tawa pana e telo oko pilin pilin ala pilin e ike jan pilin e moli jan pilin e weka jan pilin ike pilin ike tan pilin ike tawa	feelings how are you? how are you feeling? ha ha ha! all is well, I feel calm, I am at peace patient fall in love with to use violence to master one's feelings, be composed aware, attentive I love you to love (a person) (she/he/it) is bad, I don't like (her/him/it) (he/she/it) is good, I like (him/her/it) to do bad things to, to show disrespect for to laugh to send positivity to, make feel good to cry, weep feelings, emotions, to feel, heart indifferent, unfeeling to pity somebody, feel bad for somebody to mourn somebody to miss somebody to feel bad, sad, depressed, unhappy, bitter, discontented, grumpy be afraid of, sad because of, regret, be offended by to have negative feelings for, be upset at, angry at, hate, resent
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pilin ike wawa
pilin nasa
pilin pona
pilin pona mute
pilin pona tan
pilin wawa
pona e pilin jan
toki ike
toki ike lon
toki ike tawa
toki pona
toki pona lon
toki pona tawa
toki utala tawa
weka e ike jan
wile
wile e pona tawa jan
wile ike
wile lape
wile lawa
wile moku
mile moku e telo
wile moli
wile moli e jan
wile mute
wile mute ike
wile pali e ijo
wile pana e pona (tawa jan)
wile pona
wile unpa

to have intense negative feelings, be pissed off, furious
to feel silly, strange, weird, crazy, drunk, high
to feel good, happy, content, enjoy oneself, comfortable
to feel great, amazing, awesome
to feel good because of, to enjoy
to feel strong, energetic, excited, confident, proud
cheer up, make somebody happy
to say negative things
to say bad things about, complain about
to say bad things to, insult, speak rudely to
to say nice things
to say good things about, praise
to say nice things to, compliment
to argue with, criticize
forgive somebody
to want, desire, would like, hope
to wish somebody well
to have negative intentions, malevolent
to be tired, sleepy, wanting to rest
to be dominant
to be hungry
to be thirsty
suicidal
homicidal, wanting to murder
to crave, really want
to want too much, greedy
bored, wanting to do something
helpful (to someone)
to have good intentions, mean well
horny, lustful

A.5.8 Food

moku
moku e telo
wile moku
wile moku e telo
ilo moku
kala
kala lete
kasi
kasi wawa
kili
kili lili kiwen
kili palisa
moku lili
moku suwi
moku telo
moku walo
pana e moku tawa
poki
poki lete
poki seli
tenpo moku

food, meal, to eat, to drink
to drink
hungry
thirsty
utensil, fork, spoon, knife, etc.
fish, seafood
raw fish, sushi
herb, plant
spice
fruit, vegetable
nut
long fruit or vegetable, e.g. carrot, banana, cucumber
snack, small ingestible item
sweets, candy, chocolate, etc.
liquid food, e.g. soup
whiteish food, e.g. rice
to feed, nourish
glass, cup, bottle, bowl, container
refrigerator
oven, microwave
mealtime

1.7 Indirect Objects

Vocabulary

kepeken
..., **kepeken**
...
kepeken
kepeken ...

noun: use, usage, tool
preposition: with
verb intransitive: to use
auxiliary verb: to use

... kiwen
... kiwen
kiwen
kiwen (e ...)

adjective: hard, solid, stone-like, made of stone or metal
adverb: hard, solid, stone-like, made of stone or metal
noun: hard thing, rock, stone, metal, mineral, clay
verb transitive: to solidify, to harden, to petrify, to fossilize

... kon
... kon
kon
kon
kon (e ...)

adjective: air-like, ethereal, gaseous
adverb: air-like, ethereal, gaseous
noun: air, wind, smell, soul
verb intransitive:: to breathe
verb transitive: to blow away something, to puff away something

... lon
lon
..., **lon ...**
lon

adjective: true, existing, correct, real, genuine
noun: existence, being, presence
preposition: be (located) in/at/on
verb intransitive: to be there, to be present, to be real/true, to exist

... pana
pana
pana (e ...)

adjective: generous
noun: giving, transfer, exchange
verb transitive: to give, to put, to send, to place, to release, to emit, to cause

poki
poki (e ...)

noun: container, box, bowl, cup, glass
verb transitive: to box up, to put in, to can, to bottle

... tawa
... tawa
tawa
..., **tawa ...**
tawa
tawa (e ...)

adjective: moving, mobile
adverb: moving, mobile
noun: movement, transportation
preposition: to, in order to, towards, for, until
verb intransitive: go to, walk, travel, move, leave
verb transitive: to move, to displace

Adjectives

We had already got to know predicate adjectives as part of a predicate phrase. A predicate adjective describes the noun of the subject phrase. In this example, the predicate adjective *pona* in the predicate phrase describes the noun *jan* in the subject phrase.

jan li ' pona.		The person is good.
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Generally speaking, one can say that adjectives describe nouns. As in other languages, adjectives can also be written directly with the noun. In Toki Pona the adjectives come after the noun to be described are written. This is exactly the opposite in English, but in other languages, such as Italian, this is normal. Possible adjective slots are therefore located directly after nouns slots and, as described above, predicate adjectives in the predicate phrase. Noun slots are possible at the beginning of a subject phrase, at the beginning of a predictive phrase as predicate phrases, and in object phrases. This means that adjective slots are possible in subject phrases and predictive phrases. Adjectives are comparable with adverbs but in *toki pona* some more complex. The noun *jan* is described here with the adjective *pona*.

jan pona		friend (good person)
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A friend is nothing but a good person. Since Toki Pona has a very small vocabulary, we often have to combine nouns with adjectives to say a certain term. Here are further examples.

jan pakala		an injured person, victim, etc.
ilo moku		an eating utensil (fork/spoon/knife)

You should not use more than three adjectives after a noun. One adjective should not be used more than once.

jan utala		soldier
jan utala nasa		stupid soldier
jan utala nasa mute		many stupid soldiers

As you might have noticed, *mute* as adjectives come at the end of the phrase. The reason for this is that the phrases build as you go along, so the adjectives must be put into an organized, logical order. Notice the differences in these two phrases.

jan utala nasa		stupid soldier
jan nasa utala		fighting fool

Here are some handy noun adjective combinations using words that you’ve already learned and that are fairly common.

ike lukin		ugly
pona lukin		pretty, attractive
jan ni li pona lukin		That person is pretty.
jan ike		enemy
jan lawa		leader
jan lili		child
jan sewi		saint, God, Flying Spaghetti Monster
jan suli		adult
jan unpa		lover, prostitute
ma telo		mud, swamp
ma tomo		city, town

jo e mani mute		to be rich
jo e pilin pona		to have positive feelings, be mentally healthy
jo e sijelo pona		to be (physically) healthy
lili		small, short, thin, young
nasa		crazy, foolish
nasa lukin		funny-looking
pona lukin		beautiful, pretty, handsome
suwi		sweet
suwi lukin		cute
sona mute		smart, intelligent, wise
suli		big, tall, fat

A.5.14 Religion

nasin sewi		religions
nasin sewi		religion, spiritual path
nasin sewi Patapali		Pastafari
nasin pona		Taoism, simple or good path
nasin pona Juju		Unitarian Universalism
nasin pona Lasapali		Rastafarianism
nasin sewi Jawatu		Judaism
nasin sewi Kolisu		Christianity
nasin sewi ma		earth religion, e.g. Native American beliefs
nasin sewi Puta		Buddhism
nasin sewi Silami		Islam

A.5.15 Sex

unpa		sex, to have sex, to fuck
ilo unpa		sex toy
jan pi jan unpa mute		promiscuous person
jan (pi pali) unpa		sex worker
jan unpa		sexual partner
jo ala e selo lon pini palisa		circumcised, cut
jo e selo lon pini palisa		uncircumcised, uncut
lupa		hole, orifice
lupa (meli)		vagina, pussy
lupa monsi		anus
kama		to come
kama jo e lupa meli		to get genital reconstruction surgery as a women, i.e. vaginoplasty
kama jo e palisa mije		to get genital reconstruction surgery as a man, i.e. metoidioplasty
kama jo e sinpin lawa meli		to get facial feminization surgery
kama jo e sinpin mije		to get male chest reconstruction surgery
meli (insa)		person who identifies as female, e.g. male-to-female transsexual person
meli li lon sewi mije		woman on top
meli mije		masculine girl, butch, tomboy
meli unpa		female sexual partner
mije (insa)		person who identifies as male, e.g. female-to-male transsexual person
mije li lon sewi meli		missionary position
mije meli		feminine guy
mije unpa		male sexual partner
monsi		butt, ass

nena lili (unpa) meli	clitoris
nena meli	breasts
olin e jan mute	to be polyamorous
palisa	penis-shaped thing, e.g. dildo
palisa (mije)	penis
palisa tawa	vibrating dildo
palisa uta	tongue
pana e palisa lon lupa	to penetrate
pana e palisa uta lon	to lick
pana e telo (walo) mije	to ejaculate
uta e	to kiss, to osculate,
pana e uta lon palisa	to fellate
pana e uta lon lupa (meli)	to perform cunnilingus
pana wawa	BDSM
pilin	to feel, touch
pilin wawa (unpa)	orgasm
pini pi nena mama	nipples
pini palisa	glans, head of the penis
pona unpa	sexy, good in bed
selo lon pini palisa	foreskin
sike mije (tu)	testicles, balls
sitelen unpa	visual erotica, porn
telo (walo) mije	sperm, come
tomo unpa	sex place, e.g. bedroom, boudoir, brothel, etc.
unpa nasa	kinky sex
unpa sama soweli	doggy style
unpa uta	oral sex
wile unpa	horny
wile unpa e meli	to be sexually attracted to women
wile unpa e meli e mije	to be sexually attracted to women and men
wile unpa e mije	to be sexually attracted to men
unpa li pona	sex is good, I like sex
mi wile unpa e sina	I want to have sex with you
palisa sina li kiwen	your cock is hard
mi ken ala ken pilin e monsi	may I touch your butt?
sina?	
(mi meli.) mi olin e meli.	I am a lesbian
(mi mije.) mi olin e mije.	I am gay (male)

A.5.16 Time

tenpo	time
tenpo seme?	when?
tenpo ni	now
tenpo suno	day
tenpo pimeja	night
tenpo suno ni	today
tenpo suno kama	tomorrow
tenpo suno pini	yesterday
tenpo suno sin	morning
tenpo lili	soon, moment, briefly
tenpo sulì	long time
tenpo mute	often, many times
tenpo kama	future
tenpo pini	past

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1.6 Nouns, Adjectives, Pronouns

Vocabulary

<p>... kama</p> <p>... kama</p> <p>kama</p> <p>kama</p> <p>kama ...</p> <p>kama (e ...)</p> <p>kama jo (e ...)</p>	<p><i>adjective</i>: coming, future</p> <p><i>adverb</i>: coming, future</p> <p><i>noun</i>: event, happening, chance, arrival, beginning</p> <p><i>verb intransitive</i>: to come, to become, to arrive, to happen</p> <p><i>auxiliary verb</i>: to become, to mange to</p> <p><i>verb transitive</i>: to bring about, to summon</p> <p><i>verb transitive</i>: to get</p>
<p>... len</p> <p>len</p> <p>len (e ...)</p>	<p><i>adjective</i>: dressed, clothed, costumed, dressed up</p> <p><i>noun</i>: clothing, cloth, fabric, network, internet</p> <p><i>verb transitive</i>: to wear, to be dressed, to dress</p>
<p>... mama</p> <p>mama</p> <p>mama (e ...)</p>	<p><i>adjective</i>: of the parent, parental, maternal, fatherly, motherly, mumsy</p> <p><i>noun</i>: parent, mother, father</p> <p><i>verb transitive</i>: to mother sb., to wet-nurse, mothering</p>
<p>... meli</p> <p>meli</p>	<p><i>adjective</i>: female, feminine, womanly</p> <p><i>noun</i>: woman, female, girl, wife, girlfriend</p>
<p>... mije</p> <p>mije</p>	<p><i>adjective</i>: male, masculine, manly</p> <p><i>noun</i>: man, male, husband, boyfriend</p>
<p>... nasa</p> <p>... nasa</p> <p>nasa</p> <p>nasa (e ...)</p>	<p><i>adjective</i>: silly, crazy, foolish, drunk, strange, stupid, weird</p> <p><i>adverb</i>: silly, crazy, foolish, drunk, strange, stupid, weird</p> <p><i>noun</i>: stupidity, foolishness, silliness, nonsense, idiocy, obtuseness, muddler</p> <p><i>verb transitive</i>: to drive crazy, to make weird</p>
<p>... ni</p> <p>ni</p>	<p><i>adjective demonstrative pronoun</i>: this, that</p> <p><i>noun demonstrative pronoun</i>: this, that</p>
<p>... seli</p> <p>... seli</p> <p>seli</p> <p>seli (e ...)</p>	<p><i>adjective</i>: hot, warm, cooked</p> <p><i>adverb</i>: hot, warm, cooked</p> <p><i>noun</i>: fire, warmth, heat</p> <p><i>verb transitive</i>: to heat, to warm up, to cook</p>
<p>... toki</p> <p>... toki</p> <p>toki</p> <p>toki</p> <p>toki (e ...)</p>	<p><i>adjective</i>: speaking, eloquent, linguistic, verbal, grammatical</p> <p><i>adverb</i>: speaking, eloquent, linguistic, verbal, grammatical</p> <p><i>noun</i>: language, speech, tongue, lingo, jargon,</p> <p><i>verb intransitive</i>: to talk, to chat, to communicate</p> <p><i>verb transitive</i>: to speak, to talk, to say, to pronounce, to discourse</p>

1.5
Verbs, Adverbs, Auxiliary Verbs

Vocabulary

... ike	<i>adjective</i> : bad, negative, wrong, evil, overly complex
... ike	<i>adverb</i> : bad, negative, wrong, evil, overly complex
ike	<i>noun</i> : negativity, badness, evil
ike	<i>verb intransitive</i> : to be bad, to suck
ike (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to make bad, to worsen
...	
... jaki	<i>adjective</i> : dirty, gross, filthy, obscene
... jaki	<i>adverb</i> : dirty, gross, filthy
jaki	<i>noun</i> : dirt, pollution, garbage, filth, feces
jaki (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to pollute, to dirty
...	
... lawa	<i>adjective</i> : main, leading, in charge
... lawa	<i>adverb</i> : main, leading, in charge
lawa	<i>noun</i> : head, mind
lawa (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to lead, to control, to rule, to steer
...	
... lili	<i>adjective</i> : small, little, young, a bit, short, few, less
... lili	<i>adverb</i> : small, little, young, a bit, short, few, less
lili	<i>noun</i> : smallness, youth, immaturity
lili (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to reduce, to shorten, to shrink, to lessen
...	
... mute	<i>adjective</i> : many, very, much, several, a lot, abundant, numerous, more
... mute	<i>adverb</i> : many, very, much, several, a lot, abundant, numerous, more
mute	<i>noun</i> : amount, quantity
mute (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to make many or much
...	
... sewi	<i>adjective</i> : superior, elevated, religious, formal
... sewi	<i>adverb</i> : superior, elevated, religious, formal
sewi	<i>noun</i> : high, up, above, top, over, on
sewi	<i>verb intransitive</i> : to get up
sewi (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to lift
...	
... tomo	<i>adjective</i> : urban, domestic, household
... tomo	<i>adverb</i> : urban, domestic, household
tomo	<i>noun</i> : indoor constructed space, e.g. house, home, room, building
tomo (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to build, to construct, to engineer
...	
... utala	<i>adjective</i> : fighting
... utala	<i>adverb</i> : fighting
utala	<i>noun</i> : conflict, disharmony, fight, war, battle, attack, violence
utala (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to hit, to strike, to attack, to compete against

A.6 Toki-Pona – English Dictionary

.	<i>separator</i> : A declarative sentence ends with a full stop. Don't use a full stop before or after the other separators 'e', 'la', 'li', 'pi', 'i', 'l', '?', 'i'.
!	<i>separator</i> : An imperative or an interjection sentence (exclamatory) ends with an exclamation mark. Don't use an exclamation mark before or after the other separators 'e', 'la', 'li', 'pi', 'i', 'l', '?', 'i'.
?	<i>separator</i> : An question (interrogative sentence) always ends with a question mark. Don't use a question mark before or after the other separators 'e', 'la', 'li', 'o', 'pi', 'i', 'l', '?', 'i'.
:	<i>separator</i> : A colon is between an hint sentences and a sentences. Before and after the colon has to be complete sentences. Don't use a colon before or after the other separators 'e', 'la', 'li', 'pi', 'i', 'l', '?', 'i'.
,	<i>separator</i> : A comma is used after an 'o' to addressing people. Optional you can putdone, finished, completed, ended, close a comma before a preposition. Don't use a comma before or after the separators 'e', 'la', 'pi', 'i', 'l', '?', 'i'.
"	<i>separator</i> : Quotation marks are used for words with original spelling or for quotes.
'	<i>unofficial</i> : For clarification a empty verb slot can be marked with an apostrophe.
#	<i>unofficial</i> : Number sign
a a a a!	<i>interjection</i> : ah, ha, uh, oh, ooh, aw, well (emotion word) <i>interjection</i> : laugh
... akesi akesi	<i>adjective</i> : amphibian-, reptilian-, slimy <i>noun</i> : reptile, amphibian; non-cute animal
... ala ... ala ... ala ala! ala	<i>adjective</i> : no, not, none, un- <i>adjective numeral</i> : 0 <i>adverb</i> : don't <i>interjection</i> : no! <i>noun</i> : nothing, negation, zero
... alasa alasa alasa (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : hunting-, -hunting, hunting <i>noun</i> : hunting <i>verb transitive</i> : to hunt, to forage
... ale ... ale ... ale ale	<i>adjective</i> : all, every, complete, whole (ale = ali), (deprecated) <i>adjective numeral</i> : 100 (official Toki Pona book) <i>adverb</i> : always, forever, evermore, eternally (ale = ali), (deprecated) <i>noun</i> : everything, anything, life, the universe, (deprecated)
... ali	<i>adjective</i> : all, every, complete, whole (ale = ali)

Practice (Answers: Page 89)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

How to ask for the direct object? What word type has a predicate before the separator <i>e</i> ? To which phrase in the sentence belongs a direct object? What kinds of words are possible after the separator <i>e</i> ? What is a predicate noun? Where are possible slots for reflexive pronouns? Is it possible to describe several properties of a subject with several <i>e</i> ? How can you create multiple predicate phrases in a sentence?

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

I have a tool. She's eating fruit. Something is watching me. Pineapple is a food and is good. He washes himself. mi ' jan li ' suli.

1.4 Direct Objects

Vocabulary

... e ...	<i>separator</i> : An 'e' introduces a direct object. Don't use 'e' before or after the other separators.	... kili kili	<i>adverb</i> : fruity <i>noun</i> : fruit, pulpy vegetable, mushroom
... ijo ... ijo ijo ijo (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : of something <i>adverb</i> : of something <i>noun</i> : thing, something, stuff, anything, object <i>verb transitive</i> : to objectify	... kin ... kin kin! kin kin la ...	<i>adjective</i> : indeed, still, too kin can be the very last word in an adjective group. <i>adverb</i> : actually, indeed, in fact, really, objectively, kin can be the very last word in an adverb group. <i>interjection</i> : really! <i>noun</i> : reality, fact <i>noun</i> : if reality, if fact
... ilo ... ilo ilo	<i>adjective</i> : useful <i>adverb</i> : usefully <i>noun</i> : tool, device, machine, thing used for a specific purpose	kipisi kipisi (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : section, fragment, slice <i>verb transitive</i> : to cut
... jo jo jo (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : private, personal <i>noun</i> : having, possessions, content <i>verb transitive</i> : to have, to contain	... kiwen ... kiwen kiwen kiwen (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : hard, solid, stone-like, made of stone or metal <i>adverb</i> : hard, solid, stone-like, made of stone or metal <i>noun</i> : hard thing, rock, stone, metal, mineral, clay <i>verb transitive</i> : to solidify, to harden, to petrify, to fossilize
... kili ... kili kili	<i>adjective</i> : private, personal <i>noun</i> : having, possessions, content <i>verb transitive</i> : to have, to contain	ko ko (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : semi-solid or squishy substance; clay, dough, glue, paste, powder, gum <i>verb transitive</i> : to squash, to pulverize
... lukin ... lukin lukin lukin lukin (e ...) lukin ...	<i>adjective</i> : fruity <i>adverb</i> : fruity <i>noun</i> : fruit, pulpy vegetable, mushroom	... kon ... kon kon kon kon (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : air-like, ethereal, gaseous <i>adverb</i> : air-like, ethereal, gaseous <i>noun</i> : air, wind, smell, soul <i>verb intransitive</i> : to breathe <i>verb transitive</i> : to blow away something, to puff away something
... ma ma	<i>adjective</i> : visual(ly) <i>adverb</i> : visual(ly) <i>noun</i> : view, look, glance, sight, gaze, glimpse, seeing, vision <i>verb intransitive</i> : to look, to watch out, to pay attention <i>verb transitive</i> : to see, to look at, to watch, to read <i>auxiliary verb</i> : to seek to, try to, look for	... kule kule kule (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : colourful, pigmented, painted <i>noun</i> : color, colour, paint, ink, dye, hue <i>verb transitive</i> : to paint, to color
... pakala ... pakala pakala pakala pakala (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : countrified, outdoor, alfresco, open-air <i>noun</i> : land, earth, country, (outdoor) area	... kulupu kulupu kulupu (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : communal, shared, public, of the society <i>noun</i> : group, community, society, company, people <i>verb transitive</i> : to assemble, to call together, to convene
... unpa ... unpa unpa unpa unpa (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : destroyed, ruined, demolished, shattered, wrecked <i>adverb</i> : destroyed, ruined, demolished, shattered, wrecked <i>noun</i> : blunder, accident, mistake, destruction, damage, breaking <i>verb intransitive</i> : to screw up, to fall apart, to break <i>verb transitive</i> : to screw up, to ruin, to break, to hurt, to injure, to damage	... kute kute kute (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : auditory, hearing <i>noun</i> : hearing, ear <i>verb transitive</i> : to hear, to listen,
wile wile (e ...) wile ...	<i>adjective</i> : erotic, sexual <i>adverb</i> : erotic, sexual <i>noun</i> : sex, sexuality <i>verb intransitive</i> : to have sex <i>verb transitive</i> : to have sex with, to sleep with, to fuck	... la ...	<i>separator</i> : A 'la' is between a conditional phrases and the main sentence. A context phrase can be sentence, half sentence or noun. Don't use 'la' before or after the other separators 'e', 'li', 'pi', 'i', '!', '?', 'i', 'i'.
	<i>noun</i> : desire, need, will <i>verb transitive</i> : to want, need, wish, have to, must, will, should <i>auxiliary verb</i> : to want, need, wish, have to, must, will, should	... lape ... lape lape lape lape (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : sleeping, of sleep, dormant <i>adverb</i> : asleep <i>noun</i> : sleep, rest <i>verb intransitive</i> : to sleep, to rest <i>verb transitive</i> : to knock out
		... laso	<i>adjective</i> : bluish, bluey

laso	<i>noun</i> : blue, blue-green
... lawa	<i>adjective</i> : main, leading, in charge
... lawa	<i>adverb</i> : main, leading, in charge
lawa	<i>noun</i> : head, mind
lawa (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to lead, to control, to rule, to steer
... len	<i>adjective</i> : dressed, clothed, costumed, dressed up
len	<i>noun</i> : clothing, cloth, fabric, network, internet
len (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to wear, to be dressed, to dress
... lete	<i>adjective</i> : cold, cool, uncooked, raw, perishing
... lete	<i>adverb</i> : bleakly
lete	<i>noun</i> : cold, chill, bleakness
lete (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to cool down, to chill
... li ...	<i>separator</i> : A 'li' is between any subject except 'mi' and 'sina' and its verb. Don't use 'li' before or after the other separators 'e', 'la', 'o', 'pi', 'i', 'l', '?', 'j', 'j'.
... lili	<i>adjective</i> : small, little, young, a bit, short, few, less
... lili	<i>adverb</i> : small, little, young, a bit, short, few, less
lili	<i>noun</i> : smallness, youth, immaturity
lili (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to reduce, to shorten, to shrink, to lessen
... linja	<i>adjective</i> : elongated, oblong, long
linja	<i>noun</i> : long and flexible thing; string, rope, hair, thread, cord, chain, line, yarn
... lipu	<i>adjective</i> : book-, paper-, card-, ticket-, sheet-, page-,
lipu	<i>noun</i> : paper, book, card, ticket, sheet, (web-)page, list ; flat and bendable thing
... loje	<i>adjective</i> : reddish, ruddy, pink, pinkish, gingery
loje	<i>noun</i> : red
... lon	<i>adjective</i> : true, existing, correct, real, genuine
lon	<i>noun</i> : existence, being, presence
..., lon ...	<i>preposition</i> : be (located) in/at/on
lon	<i>verb intransitive</i> : to be there, to be present, to be real/true, to exist
... luka	<i>adjective</i> : tangible, palpable
... luka	<i>adjective numeral</i> : 5
luka	<i>noun</i> : arm, hand, tactile organ
... lukin	<i>adjective</i> : visual(ly)
... lukin	<i>adverb</i> : visual(ly)
lukin	<i>noun</i> : view, look, glance, sight, gaze, glimpse, seeing, vision
lukin	<i>verb intransitive</i> : to look, to watch out, to pay attention
lukin (e ...)	<i>verb transitive</i> : to see, to look at, to watch, to read
lukin ...	<i>auxiliary verb</i> : to seek to, try to, look for
... lupa	<i>adjective</i> :) hole-, holey, full of holes
lupa	<i>noun</i> : hole, orifice, door, window

Practice (Answers: Page 88)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

What is a verb
What is a noun?
What is *li* used for?
What does a personal pronoun replace?
How to recognize nouns, pronouns, verbs and adjectives in *toki pona*?
What is a subject?
After which subject phrases is *li* not used?
Where does the subject stand in the sentence?
Can an empty verb slot alone form a predicate?
When can a verb slot be empty?
What is a predicate?
A complete sentence in *toki pona* always contains...
What kinds of words can be used in *toki pona* to form a predicate?
What is an adjective?
Where are possible adjective slots?
Why can't a sentence be ended after *li*?

Try to translate these sentences. You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling and grammar check.

People are good.
I'm eating.
You're tall.
Water is simple.
The lake is big.

sumo li ' suli.
mi ' suli.
jan li moku.

ona	<i>personal pronoun:</i> she, he, it, they
... ona	<i>possessive pronoun:</i> her, his, its
... e ona	<i>reflexive pronoun:</i> himself, herself, itself, themselves
... open	<i>adjective:</i> initial, starting, opening
open	<i>noun:</i> start, beginning, opening
open la ...	<i>noun:</i> at the opening, in the beginning
open (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to open, to start, to begin, to turn on
open ...	<i>auxiliary verb:</i> to begin, to start
... pakala	<i>adjective:</i> destroyed, ruined, demolished, shattered, wrecked
... pakala	<i>adverb:</i> destroyed, ruined, demolished, shattered, wrecked
pakala!	<i>interjection:</i> damn! fuck!
pakala	<i>noun:</i> blunder, accident, mistake, destruction, damage, breaking
pakala	<i>verb intransitive:</i> to screw up, to fall apart, to break
pakala (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to screw up, to ruin, to break, to hurt, to injure, to damage
... pali	<i>adjective:</i> active, work-related, operating, working
... pali	<i>adverb:</i> actively, briskly
pali	<i>noun:</i> activity, work, deed, project
pali	<i>verb intransitive:</i> to act, to work, to function
pali (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to do, to make, to build, to create
... palisa	<i>adjective:</i> long
palisa	<i>noun:</i> long hard thing; branch, rod, stick, pointy thing
palisa (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to stretch, to beat, to poke, to stab, to sexually arouse
pan	<i>noun:</i> cereal, grain; barley, corn, oat, rice, wheat; bread, pasta
pan (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to sow
... pana	<i>adjective:</i> generous
pana	<i>noun:</i> giving, transfer, exchange
pana (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to give, to put, to send, to place, to release, to emit, to cause
... pi ...	<i>separator:</i> 'pi' is used to build complex compound nouns. 'pi' separates a (pro)noun from another (pro)noun that has at least one adjective. After 'pi' could only be a noun or pronoun. Don't use 'pi' before or after the other separators 'e', 'la', 'li', 'o', 'i', '!', '?', '!', '!'.
... pilin	<i>adjective:</i> sensitive, feeling, empathic
... pilin	<i>adverb:</i> perceptively
pilin	<i>noun:</i> feelings, emotion, feel, think, sense, touch,
pilin	<i>verb intransitive:</i> to feel, to sense
pilin (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to feel, to think, to touch, to fumble, to fiddle
... pimeja	<i>adjective:</i> black, dark
pimeja	<i>noun:</i> darkness, shadows
pimeja (e ...)	<i>verb transitive:</i> to darken
... pini	<i>adjective:</i> completed, finished, past, done
... pini	<i>adverb:</i> ago, past, perfectly

pini pini (e ...) pini ...	<i>noun</i> : end, tip <i>verb transitive</i> : to end, to stop, to turn off, to finish, to close <i>auxiliary verb</i> : to stop, to finish, to end, to interrupt
pipi	<i>noun</i> : bug, insect, spider
... poka poka	<i>adjective</i> : neighbouring <i>noun</i> : side, hip, next to
poki poki (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : container, box, bowl, cup, glass <i>verb transitive</i> : to box up, to put in, to can, to bottle
... pona ... pona pona! pona pona la ... pona (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : good, simple, positive, nice, correct, right <i>adverb</i> : good, simple, positive, nice, correct, right <i>interjection</i> : great! good! thanks! OK! cool! yay! <i>noun</i> : good, simplicity, positivity <i>noun</i> : if good, if simplicity, if positivity <i>verb transitive</i> : to improve, to fix, to repair, to make good
... pu pu pu ... pu pu (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : buying and interacting with the official Toki Pona book <i>noun</i> : buying and interacting with the official Toki Pona book <i>auxiliary verb</i> : to buying and interacting with the official Toki Pona book <i>verb intransitive</i> : to buy and to read (the official Toki Pona book) <i>verb transitive</i> : to apply (the official Toki Pona book) to ...
... sama ... sama sama sama la, sama ... sama (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : same, similar, equal, of equal status or position <i>adverb</i> : just as, equally, exactly the same, just the same, similarly <i>noun</i> : equality, parity, equity, identity, par, sameness <i>noun</i> : in case of equality, if parity, on identity <i>preposition</i> : like, as, seem <i>verb transitive</i> : to equate, to make equal, to make similar to
... seli ... seli seli seli (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : hot, warm, cooked <i>adverb</i> : hot, warm, cooked <i>noun</i> : fire, warmth, heat <i>verb transitive</i> : to heat, to warm up, to cook
selo selo (e ...)	<i>noun</i> : skin, outer form, bark, peel, shell, skin, boundary, shape <i>verb transitive</i> : to shelter, to protect, to guard
seme	<i>question pronoun</i> : what, which, wh- (question word)
... sewi ... sewi sewi sewi sewi (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : superior, elevated, religious, formal <i>adverb</i> : superior, elevated, religious, formal <i>noun</i> : high, up, above, top, over, on <i>verb intransitive</i> : to get up <i>verb transitive</i> : to lift
... sijelo ... sijelo sijelo sijelo (e ...)	<i>adjective</i> : physical, bodily, corporal, corporeal, material, carnal <i>adverb</i> : physically, bodily <i>noun</i> : body (of person or animal), physical state, torso <i>verb transitive</i> : to heal, to heal up, to cure

Practice (Answers: Page 88)

Please write down your answers and check them afterwards.

What are separators?
Which phrase has no punctuation character at the end?
Which separator is at the end of a declarative sentence?
When are official <i>toki pona</i> words capitalized?
What is usually not allowed before or after a separator?

1.1 Introduction

Sonja Lang created the language Toki Pona in the year 2001. Her aim was the minimalism. Toki Pona consists of only about 120 words, which are not altered. In accordance with the position in the sentence, the words can vary their significance. To describe more details you have to combine the words.

It is not the goal of Toki Pona to describe complex issues. Dissertations and scientific papers will never be written in Toki Pona. Lawyers, bureaucrats, theologians and politicians are warned of the side-effect of this language.

It is not the aim of Toki Pona to solve the communication problems in the world. But you can learn this language in a month. Toki Pona is easy in an intelligent way and yoga for the brain. People who hate nested subordinate clauses and commas will certainly have fun with Toki Pona.

Maybe only one natural language can be compared to Toki Pona. It is the language of the Pirahá ([14]). For example this language has no recursion.

Toki Pona has evolved since 2001. Therefore these lessons are based on the updated tutorials from BJ Knight (Jan Pije) [9] (2003, 2015) and the official Toki Pona book [12] by Sonja Lang (2014). In these lessons, great importance is attached to the presentation of grammatical rules. This avoids misunderstandings due to incorrect grammar.

So have fun with the lessons and learning of Toki Pona. For learning vocabulary helps Memrise [13]. Related Links Toki Pona can be found on the website [16]. A dictionary can be found here [16].

You can use the tool *Toki Pona Parser* ([17]) for spelling, grammar check and ambiguity check of Toki Pona sentences

toki pona li ' pona, tawa sina.

... utala utala utala (e ...)	<i>adverb:</i> fighting <i>noun:</i> conflict, disharmony, fight, war, battle, attack, violence <i>verb transitive:</i> to hit, to strike, to attack, to compete against
... walo walo walo (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> white, whitish, light-coloured, pale <i>noun:</i> white thing or part, whiteness, lightness <i>verb transitive:</i> to whiten, to whitewash
... wan wan wan (e ...)	<i>adjective numeral:</i> 1 <i>noun:</i> unit, element, particle, part, piece <i>verb transitive:</i> to unite, to make one
... waso waso	<i>adjective:</i> bird- <i>noun:</i> bird, bat; flying creature, winged animal
... wawa ... wawa wawa wawa (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> energetic, strong, fierce, intense, sure, confident <i>adverb:</i> strongly, powerfully <i>noun:</i> energy, strength, power <i>verb transitive:</i> to strengthen, to energize, to empower
... weka weka weka (e ...)	<i>adjective:</i> absent, away, ignored <i>noun:</i> absence <i>verb transitive:</i> to remove, to eliminate, to throw away, to get rid of
wile wile (e ...) wile ...	<i>noun:</i> desire, need, will <i>verb transitive:</i> to want, need, wish, have to, must, will, should <i>auxiliary verb:</i> to want, need, wish, have to, must, will, should

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