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## ABBREVIATIONS

+	obligatory
±	optional
/	or
-	morpheme division
:	additional meaning within the morpheme, or "filled by" when used in phrase headings
( )	interruption of one tagmeme by another in tagmeme headings, or implied information in the English gloss
{ }	the bracketed item represents all the allomorphs of the morpheme
~	alternating with
ab, Ab	ablative
abil	abilitative
acc, Acc	accompaniment
adjr	adjectiviser
al, Al	allative
app, App	appositional
asp	aspect
assoc, Assoc	associative
att, Att	attributive
Cl	Clause
concom, Concom	concomitant

con, Con	connector
cont	continuative
co-ord	co-ordinate
d	dual
demonstr	demonstrative pronoun
desid	desiderative
dir	directional
D.Obj	Ditransitive Object
D.Pred	Ditransitive Predicate
D.Subj	Ditransitive Subject
dur	durative, duration
erg	ergative
ex, excl	exclusive
f, fut	future
hab	habitulative
I.Adj.Pred	Intransitive Adjectivised Predicate
I.If.Pred	Intransitive Infinitive Predicate
imp, Imp	imperative
in	inclusive
Inal.Poss	Inalienable Possession
Inal.Possr	Inalienable Possessor
incl	inclusive
incp	inceptive
ins, Ins	instrument
intens	intensifier
interrog	interrogative
intrans, Intrans	Intransitive
I.O.P.Pred	Intransitive Object Participial Predicate
I.Pred	Intransitive Predicate
I.Subj	Intransitive Subject
I.S.P.Pred	Intransitive Subject Participial Predicate

kns, Kin	kinship
lim	limitative
loc, Loc	locative
Locn	Location
man, Man	manner
mkr	marker
Modf	Modifier
Modf.NP	Modified Noun Phrase
n, N	noun
neg, Neg	negative
nom.com, Nom.Com	nominal complement
np	non-past tense
NP	Noun Phrase
npers	non-personal
num, Num	number
obj	object
p	past tense
P	Phrase
para	paragraph
part	participle
pers	personal
pl	plural
poss, Poss	possessive, possession
pred, Pred	predicate
pres	present tense
Pri	Primary
prim	primordial
pron	pronoun
R.Adj.Pred	Reflexive Adjectivised Predicate
Re	Relator
refl, Refl	reflexive

<b>refr, Refr</b>	referent
<b>R.If.Pred</b>	Reflexive Infinitive Predicate
<b>R.OP.Pred</b>	Reflexive Object Participial Predicate
<b>R.Pred</b>	Reflexive Predicate
<b>R.Subj</b>	Subject of Reflexive Predicate
<b>R.SP.Pred</b>	Reflexive Subject Participial Predicate
<b>s</b>	singular
<b>spec.t</b>	specific time
<b>subj, Subj</b>	subject
<b>Tns</b>	Tense
<b>T.Adj.Pred</b>	Transitive Adjectivised Predicate
<b>T.If.Pred</b>	Transitive Infinitive Predicate
<b>T.OP.Pred</b>	Transitive Object Participial Predicate
<b>T.Pred</b>	Transitive Predicate
<b>T.SP.Pred</b>	Transitive Subject Participial Predicate
<b>transloc</b>	translocative
<b>trans, Trans</b>	transitive
<b>T.Subj</b>	Subject of Transitive Predicate
<b>um</b>	hesitation word translating <i>bafi</i>
<b>Voc</b>	Vocative



## 0. PRELIMINARY

The Garawa language is spoken by approximately 300 people living in the Northern Territory of Australia in the area bordered by the McArthur River on the west, and the Queensland border on the east, and extending about 100 miles inland from the coast.

The Garawa people live adjacent to the Yanyula people and the two languages, though different in structure, have a number of cognate (or borrowed) roots. Some of the borrowing is said to be recent. The Garawa say that originally the Nyanga tribe occupied the coastal region of this area, and the Yanyula tribe occupied the country west of Garawa and Nyanga land. Inter-tribal relationships among the three tribes were amicable, intermarriage being permissible within the restrictions of the kinship systems which coincided.

After the Nyanga tribe died out, the Garawa occupied their coastal area and the Garawa and Yanyula tribes continued to live in harmony with each other. The acquisition of coastal areas brought new pursuits (such as dugong hunting) to the Garawa people, and as their language did not have a vocabulary appropriate to these new activities Yanyula words were taken into the Garawa language to make good this deficiency and adapted to fit into the Garawa grammar system.

Apart from this, the two languages have some common vocabulary, especially in roots of a few nouns, adjectives, and manner words, and these fit into the two different grammatical structures.

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The tagmemic model is used in the presentation of this paper, using Bidimensional Arrays as developed by Robert E. Longacre of the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to describe the contrastive clause and phrase types of Garawa. This involves a description of the case system which is a feature of Garawa clauses and a factor in the separation of some of the phrase types.

Garawa is an ergative type language as far as nouns are concerned. Each word within the noun phrase is inflected for ergative case when subject of the Transitive verb. Nominative case ( $\emptyset$  case-marker) indicates object of the Transitive, and subject of the Intransitive and Reflexive verb constructions. Subject and Predicate of non-verbal clauses also take the (unmarked) nominative case.

The pronominal system differs in that it is an accusative system where the personal pronouns are marked for subject in both the Transitive and Intransitive clauses, and for object in the Transitive clause, while the Reflexive has a combined form of subject and object pronoun which we have termed the Reflexive Pronoun. In addition, there is a special set of compound object/subject pronouns used in transitive clauses. For more detailed information see 'The Pronominal System of Garawa', Section 2.1 (published in *Oceanic Linguistics*, vol.XI, No.1).

In both nucleus and periphery, all components of the noun phrases, nouns, pronouns etc., are marked according to the case of the tagmeme in which they are manifested, except for the manifestations of Connector Particles, Negative Particles, Manner Adverbs, and Location Adverbs, which are always uninflected for case. Time may have a manifestation which is marked for Ablative, Allative, or Locative Time, or may be uninflected.

## 2. CASE SUFFIXATION

Case is an important feature of Garawa clauses and phrases. The reaction of certain phrases to case has been adopted as one of the criteria for separating some phrase types. The only clause level tagmemes which do not have phrases as exponents are Predicate, Tense,

Aspect, Connector, Negative and Manner. The language does not contain any verb phrases.

There is concord of case suffixation on all words which may be inflected for case within the phrase, with the exception of Kinship, Location Modification and Negative Noun Phrases. These exceptions will be explained in the discussion of each of these phrase types.

Charts 1, 2, and 3 show the case suffixes for various classes of words.

Nouns are divided into Common Nouns (which include proper nouns, abstract nouns, body parts, etc.), Kinship Nouns, and Location Nouns. Kinship nouns are further divided because of their distribution on phrase level, their ability or inability to be inflected for case, or their internal structure. Kinship nouns Types 3, 4 and 5 do not take case suffixes when singular in number. With dual or plural markers on both common and kinship nouns of all types, the case allomorphs are determined by the dual/plural markers rather than the noun roots.

The Location Nouns consist of roots meaning 'north', 'south', 'east', and 'west'. Suffixation adds to the meaning, such as 'north-side' and 'south-across', etc. The suffixation is rather extensive and meanings of some suffixes appear to be quite subtle so that we have not yet been able to define all their meanings. Location nouns must be inflected for case, but take only Referent, Locative, Allative and Ablative cases, and the allomorphs of the case suffixes do not coincide with those for the other classes of nouns.

A discussion of the case suffixes follows. These have been divided into three charts because different columns are required to describe the three different groupings of affixes. Chart 1 applies to the largest number of words. Chart 2 applies to a small class of kinship nouns, and Chart 3 applies to personal pronouns.

Case suffixes on Location Nouns and a few other residual word classes which are not fully analysed are not included in these charts, though they are identified in the examples throughout the paper.

#### *Case System for Common Nouns, Kinship Nouns Type 1, Adjectives, and Certain Other Words*

Chart 1 gives the case suffixes for all common nouns, type 1 kinship nouns, adjectives, and certain other words and morphemes.

CHART 1. CASE SUFFIXATION  
Sets of Case Ending Suffixes

Set	Nom	Erg	Refr	Loc/Acc/ Ins	Al	Ab/Tac	Transloc
1	-∅	-wanji	-anji ~ -nji	-ina ~ -na	-yuři ~ -ři	-nanji	-yanga
2	-∅	-wanji	-nganji	-na	-yuři	-nanji	
3	-∅	-wanji	-nganji ~ -jɔjganji	-na	-yuři ~ -jɔjguři	-nanji	
4	-∅	-nji	-jɔjga	-njina	-jɔjguři	-nanji	-yanga
5	-∅	-nji	-nganji	-njina	-nguři	-nanji	-njdjaga
6	-∅	-ɲi	-nganji	-ɲina	-nguři	-nanji	
7	-nda	-ni	-nganji	-njina	-nguři	-nbunanji	
8	-ni	-ɲini	-ganji	-bina	-biyuři	-biyanji	-biyanga
9	-∅	-nji	-wa	-njina			

The Set 1 of Chart 1 suffixes occur with all singular kinship nouns type 1, with all singular common nouns except those ending with /nji/, with all singular adjectives except those ending with /nji/ or /ɤa/, and following the origin suffix -mɔngidji. The following allomorphs occur:

- (a) The referent suffix allomorph -anji occurs with stems ending with a consonant; -nji occurs with stems ending with a vowel. (This referent suffix allomorph -nji is distinguished from the ergative suffix allomorph -nji in that the referent suffix is first order and the ergative suffix is second order.)
- (b) The locative/accompaniment/instrument suffix allomorph -ina occurs with stems ending with a consonant; -na occurs with stems ending with a vowel.
- (c) The allative suffix allomorph -yuři occurs with all adjective stems and noun stems ending with a consonant or /i/, and with the origin suffix; -ři occurs with noun stems ending with /a/ or /u/.

The Set 2 suffixes occur only with nanidji 'that big', and there are no allomorphs.

The Set 3 suffixes occur with singular common nouns and singular adjectives, both ending with /nji/. The following allomorphs occur:

- (a) The referent suffix allomorph -jɔjganji occurs with all adjective stems that end with /nji/, and with noun stems ending with /inji/; -nganji occurs with noun stems ending with /anji/ or /unji/.
- (b) The allative suffix allomorph -jɔjguʃi occurs with all adjective stems ending with /nji/, and with noun stems ending with /inji/; -yuʃi occurs with noun stems ending with /anji/ or /unji/.

The Set 4 suffixes occur with adjectives ending in /ʃa/ and following dual, plural, and concomitant markers.

The Set 5 suffixes occur with the singular possessive pronouns.<sup>1</sup>

The Set 6 suffixes occur with wanji, the interrogative pronoun stem and with nana, 'that', and nanda, the demonstrative pronoun stem and its allomorph, when they occur without the dual or plural suffix. (nanda occurs only with the nominative case; nana occurs with all other cases.)

The Set 7 suffixes occur with nayi, naŋi, and nanaŋi, demonstrative pronoun stem, 'this', and its allomorph, when they occur without the dual or plural suffix. (nayi occurs with nominative, referent, and allative cases; naŋi occurs with ergative, referent, locative/accompaniment/instrument, allative and ablative/tactile cases; nanaŋi occurs as an alternative stem with ergative case.)

The Set 8 suffixes occur with wanjdja, the interrogative pronoun stem allomorph, when it occurs without the dual or plural suffix.

The Set 9 suffixes occur following the suffix -yuʃi, 'deceased'.

#### *The Different Case System for Kinship Nouns Type 2*

The case system of kinship nouns type 2, which comprise about one third of the kinship terms of the language, differs from the kinship nouns type 1 (see Chart 1, Set 1) in that the same suffix occurs for the ergative, locative, and accompaniment tagmemes.

Chart 2 shows the Set 10 case suffixes that occur in the different tagmemes with the kinship nouns type 2.

CHART 2. CASE SUFFIXES FOR KINSHIP NOUNS TYPE 2

Set	Nom	Erg/Loc/Acc	Refr	Al	Ab	Transloc
10	-∅	-yu	-ya ~ -yanji	-yaʃi	-nanji ~ -yunanji	-yanga

<sup>1</sup>For a fuller explanation of case with pronouns see 'The Pronominal System of Garawa'.

Stems ending with the syllable /nja/ have this deleted with all but the nominative case.

The referent suffix has allomorphs: -yanji which occurs with the stem baŋaŋi 'father's older brother'; -ya which occurs with all other stems.

The ablative suffix has allomorphs: -yunanji which occurs with the stem baŋaŋi 'father's older brother', buwanja 'older brother', and bugaganja 'father'; -nanji which occurs with all other stems.

#### *The Different Case System for Personal Pronouns*

The case system of personal pronouns (which does not include possessive pronouns, see Chart 1, Sets 4 and 5) differs again from that shown in Charts 1 and 2, in that the same suffix is used for the subject of the transitive and intransitive verbs, and a different suffix is used to denote object of the transitive verb. Accompaniment suffix also differs from Chart 1 accompaniment suffixes. In addition there is another suffix used in reflexive constructions as the reflexive subject marker. Chart 3 shows the Set 11 case suffixes that occur on personal pronouns.

CHART 3. CASE SUFFIXES FOR PERSONAL PRONOUNS

Set	Ref1	Subj	Obj	Refr	Loc	Al	Ab	Transloc	Acc
11	-ŋga	∅	-nja	-ŋi	-ndu <sup>~</sup> -nbu	-nduŋi <sup>~</sup> -nbuŋi	-ndunanji <sup>~</sup> -nbunanji	-nduyanga <sup>~</sup> -nbiyanga	-nduwa

The locative, allative, ablative, and translocative suffixes each has an allomorph which occurs in free variation with the allomorphs on Chart 3. They are respectively, -nbu, -nbuŋi, -nbunanji, -nbiyanga.

### 3. PHRASES

There are eleven contrastive phrase types in Garawa, viz., Modified Noun Phrase, Number Phrase, Kinship Noun Phrase, Appositional Phrase, Co-ordinate Phrase, Inalienable Possession Phrase, Associate Noun Phrase, Concomitant Noun Phrase, Location Modification Noun Phrase, Accompaniment Noun Phrase and Negative Noun Phrase.

Phrases are often discontinuous, but no confusion occurs as all words of phrases are inflected for case.

## 3.1. MODIFIED NOUN PHRASE

The Modified Noun Phrase consists of a Deictic, Number, Possessor, Modifier and Head; all these are optional but one must occur. Case markers occur on all words in the phrase except those that cannot be inflected for case. Because of its versatility, the Modified Noun Phrase has a very wide distribution on clause level and is common throughout the language.

There is some embedding in this phrase, as the bidimensional array in Chart 4 shows.

CHART 4. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR THE MODIFIED NOUN PHRASE

Modified Noun Phrase						
± Deictic	± Number	± Possessor <sup>1</sup>	± Modifier	± Head	+ Case	
Demonstr. Pronoun	Number Phrase	Modified Noun Phrase (poss)	Adjective	Kinship Noun 1	Nom	
				Kinship Noun 2	Erg	
	Quantity Words	Possessive Pronoun	Attributive Noun Clause		Kinship Noun 3	Refr
					Kinship Noun 4	Loc
					Kinship Noun 5 (d/pl)	Acc
					Common Noun	Ins
					Kinship Noun Phrase	Al
				Ab		
				Tac		
				Transloc		

<sup>1</sup>The word *baʔi* is an almost meaningless word that is interspersed throughout Garawa speech. In this paper we will translate it as the hesitation word '*um*'.

The Modified Noun Phrase may occur embedded within the Appositional and Co-ordinate Phrases, may expound the Inalienable Possessor or the Inalienable Possession tagmeme of the Inalienable Possession Phrase, the Head tagmeme of the Associative Noun Phrase, the Location Modification Noun Phrase and the Negative Noun Phrase, and the Axis tagmeme of the Accompaniment Noun Phrase. The Modified Noun Phrase may expound the Subject, Object, Referent, Locative, Accompaniment, Instrument, Allative, Ablative, Tactile, Translocative, Topic and Comment tagmemes of the clause.

#### Permutation Rules

1. Free permutation occurs within this phrase, although where Deictic, Number, or Possessor is manifested as well as Modifier, then Modifier is preferred following the Head.
2. When more than one modifier is manifested, one is usually placed after the Head (see Example 9).
3. Within the clause, post-Head modifiers are sometimes permuted to the end of the clause (see Example 16).
4. Deictic is occasionally permuted to the initial position in the clause (see Example 17), but rarely occurs following the Head (see Example 1).

#### Restrictions

1. There is a preferred limit of three optional tagmemes, though occasionally four or five may occur (see Example 15).
2. All fillers of the Possessor slot apart from the possessive pronoun, are marked with referent case and cannot be further inflected by the case of the tagmeme in which it occurs. This use of referent case indicates possession.
3. When the Modified Noun Phrase<sub>(poss)</sub> fills the Possessor slot, its Head is obligatory, and it may contain only one other tagmeme (see Example 18).
4. When the exponent of the Possessor slot is an Appositional Phrase, the Primary Head of the Appositional Phrase usually has a pronoun, and the Appositional Head a proper noun (see Example 19).



## Examples of Modified Noun Phrase

1. migu nuři-∅                      djabuulinjba    ɲaninj-mugu-nji  
 neg    we:pl:ex:p-subj    disregard    man-pl-erg
- Head            Deictic        Modifier  
mambuga-∅    nanda-∅      walguřa-∅  
 boss-nom      that-nom      big-nom  
 'We, many (of us) men, take notice of that big boss.'

2.                      Poss                      Head:kin n type 1  
 djura-ył    naganji-njina    nidjaganjdji-njina  
 dance-p    he:poss-acc      father-acc  
 '(He) danced with his father.'

3. ɲayu-∅    nulldjba-ɲga    gaunsii-∅              baři  
 I-subj    want-pres            councillor-nom      um
- Deictic            Head:locn n  
nana-nganji    gařu-ři-nji              yadji-nji  
 that-refr      east-place-refr      country-refr  
 'I want councillors for that eastern country.'

Note: In the above example, 'Deictic' and 'Head', nana-nganji gařu-ři-nji, form a Modified Noun Phrase, which in turn forms the Pri. Head of an Appositional Phrase, while yadji-nji forms the App. Head (being another noun, it cannot be a part of the nana-nganji gařu-ři-nji Modified Noun Phrase).

4.                      Head                      Poss  
 nayinda-∅    djlbaři-∅      ɲagi-∅  
 this-nom      woman-nom      my-nom  
 'This is my wife.'

Note: In the above example, the Deictic, nayinda, also is a Modified Noun Phrase, but is manifesting the Topic tagmeme of the Topic-Comment Clause, while djlbaři ɲagi manifests the Comment tagmeme.

5.                                      Poss                      Head:kin n type 1  
 ...ɲala    njulu-∅    ɲagi-∅    djandanji-∅  
 while    he-subj    my-nom    man's:offspring-nom
- Modf  
bayagađa-∅    djungu  
 small-nom      sit  
 '...while he, my small child, sits.'

Note: Again in the above example, the underlined Modified Noun Phrase forms the App. Head, and the pronoun njulu 'he', is the Pri. Head of an Appositional Phrase.

6.                   Modf                                   Deictic                   Head  
 gudiyana   **bunjubunjui-ina**   **nana-njina**   **guṇḍa-na**  
*sometimes soft-loc                   that-loc           tree-loc*  
*'Sometimes (we chop a hole) in those softwood trees.'*
7.                                                           Deictic  
 mamanumba-yi   duṅaia-∅   **nana-mugu-nji**  
*lose-p           stone-nom   that-pl-erg*  
*'Those (ones) lost the money.'*
8.                                                           Deictic                   Head  
 guluga-ṅga   gadji-∅                   **nanidji-na**   **bundai-ina**  
*sleep-pres   crocodile-nom   that:big-loc   river-loc*  
*'Crocodiles live in that big river.'*
9.                                                           Modf                   Head                   Modf  
 dudidjba-yi   bua-nduyanga   **walguṛa-nji**   **miya-wanji**   **guguḍu-wanji**  
*crawl-p           they:d-transloc   big-erg           snake-erg   black-erg*  
*'The big black snake crawled past the two of them.'*
10.                                                           Poss                   Head  
 wulani       yaii-∅                   gudjba   **ṅagi-ṅganji**   **malilgaṛa-nji**  
*yesterday they:pl:p-subj   search   my-refr           armband-refr*  
*'Yesterday they searched for my armband.'*
11.                                                           Poss                   Head                   Modf  
 nadjba-giyi   **naṅaṅi-∅**   **djalū-∅**   **bududabududa-∅**  
*see-imp           his-nom   arm-nom   swollen-nom*  
*'See his swollen arm!'*
12.   ...bagi   guyu-yi   laṅi-na   djaṅguṛ-∅  
           and   bring-p   north-ab   word-nom  
                   Deictic           Poss                   Head  
                   **naṅi-ṅguṛi**   **ṅagi-ṅguṛi**   **baṅḍa-ṛi**  
                   this-al       my-al           camp-al  
*'...and brought the word from the north to this camp of mine.'*
13.                                                           Deictic                   Head  
 ṅayu-∅   yiqidjba   migu   **nanda-∅**   **djamba-∅**  
*I-subj   leave       neg   that-nom   ground-nom*  
                   Poss           Poss  
                   **ṅagi-∅**   **ṅagi-∅**   gaṛu-ṛi  
                   my-nom   my-nom   east-place:loc  
*'I will not leave that land of mine in the east.'*



## 3.1.1. Number Phrase

The Number Phrase has been placed in a Subsection of the Modified Noun Phrase as it occurs only as an exponent of the Number tagmeme in a Modified Noun Phrase. All words in the Number Phrase, except *bagi*, receive case suffixes as assigned in the Modified Noun Phrase.

The system of numbering is simple as there are only two basic numbers, *yinqamali* and *yalgunji* both meaning 'one', and *gudjaša* 'two'. From these, the number 'three' is formed by combining the two as *gudjaša yinqamali* (or *yalgunji*) and 'four' is *gudjaša gudjaša* or *gudjaša bagi gudjaša*. In recent times, this original system has been extended slightly by using *gudjaša bagi gudjaša yinqamali* for 'five' and also *gudjaša bagi gudjaša bagi gudjaša* for 'six', but this is seldom used, and then only through the influence of European culture requiring a more precise numbering system. Beyond the number 'four' the indefinite numbers are used, *gudiya* 'some', and *gadja* 'many'. If a more accurate definition of numbers is required, it is possible to say *maŋi gudjaša* 'two hands' for ten, or *maŋi gudjaša bagi nugami gudjaša* 'two hands and two feet' for twenty. This can also be repeated several times.

The Number Phrase has only a few exponents and is not analysed any further.

CHART 5. NUMBER PHRASE

<i>Number Phrase</i>	
<i>yinqamali</i>	'one'
<i>yalgunji</i>	'one'
<i>gudjaša</i>	'two'
<i>gudjaša yinqamali</i>	'three'
<i>gudjaša yalgunji</i>	'three'
<i>gudjaša gudjaša</i>	'four'
<i>gudjaša bagi gudjaša</i>	'four'
<i>gudjaša bagi gudjaša yinqamali</i>	'five'
<i>gudjaša bagi gudjaša bagi gudjaša</i>	'six'
<i>maŋi gudjaša</i>	'ten'
<i>maŋi gudjaša bagi nugami gudjaša</i>	'twenty'

## Examples of Number Phrase

1. Num  
 ʔaŋimba ɳayi-∅ ɳunba-∅ ɳadjaʃ-yudi-nji gudjaʃa-∅  
 shoot I:p-subj duck-nom rifle-concom-erg two-nom  
 'I shot two ducks with (my) rifle.'
2. Num . . . . .  
gudjaʃa-∅ yinamali-∅ ɳayi-∅ ʔaŋimba ɳunba-∅  
 two-nom one-nom I:p-subj shoot duck-nom  
 'I shot three ducks.'
3. Num . . . . .  
 yalu-∅ bɾidjba gudjaʃa-nji yalgunji-wanji  
 they:pl-subj sing two-erg one-erg  
 ɳaninji-mugu-nji maliwaʃa-∅  
 man-pl-erg name:of:corroboree-nom  
 'The three men sing the "maliwarra" corroboree.'
- This example shows double embedding. The Number Phrase underlined fills the number slot of a Modified Noun Phrase of which ɳaninji-mugu-nji is the Head. This phrase then forms the Appositional Head, and the pronoun yalu the Primary Head, of an Appositional Phrase.
4. Num . . . ( ) . . . . .  
gudjaʃa-∅ ɳayi-∅ daya bagi gudjaʃa-∅  
 two-nom I:p-subj chop and two-nom  
 'I chopped (down) four (trees).'
5. Num . . . . .  
 bagi mii gudjaʃa-∅ yinamali-∅  
 and again two-nom one-nom  
 '...and again (I chopped) three (trees).'
6. Num  
 ba|ba ɳayi-∅ dʒiɟi badjaŋu-nji gudjaʃa-jŋjga  
 go I:p-subj with dog-refr two-refr  
 'I went with two dogs.'
- Note: The underlined Number Phrase expounds the Number tagmeme in a Modified Noun Phrase which expounds the Axis of an Accompaniment Phrase.
7. Num  
 waliyaŋu-∅ gudjaʃa-wuya-∅ ɳagi-∅ yadji-∅ nji zilan-∅  
 island-nom two-d-nom my-nom country-nom New Zealand-nom  
 'My country, New Zealand, consists of two islands.'

## 3.1.2. Kinship Noun Phrase

The Kinship Noun Phrase also is placed in a subsection of the Modified Noun Phrase as it occurs only as an exponent of the Head tagmeme of a Modified Noun Phrase.

The Kinship Noun Phrase comprises a Kinship Head and a Kinship Possessor, both tagmemes being obligatory, as shown in Chart 6.

The Kinship Head is manifested by a Kinship Noun Type 5, a group of kinship nouns which comprises a noun stem and an obligatory suffix *-mba*. Within the Kinship Noun Phrase the Head must be singular in number.

The Kinship Possessor is manifested by a subject Personal Pronoun.

The Kinship Noun Phrase is unusual in that it is never inflected for case. (When the dual or plural forms of the Kinship Head are used, they are inflected for case and so fit into the Modified Noun Phrase structure.)

CHART 6. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR THE KINSHIP NOUN PHRASE

<i>Kinship Noun Phrase</i>	
+ Kinship Head	+ Kinship Possessor
Kinship Noun (Type 5)	Subject Personal Pronoun

## Permutation Rules

No permutation occurs.

## Examples of Kinship Noun Phrase

1. *wanjdjawa nanda-∅ yingga-∅ gudjaʃa-∅ walguʃa-∅*  
*where that-nom other-nom two-nom big-nom*

Kin Head      Kin Poss  
*ɲagi-∅ gugulimba ɲayu*  
*my-nom grandchild I(=my)*

*'Where (are) those two big grandchildren of mine?'*

2. *ɲanji      ɲayi-∅      yanjba      ɲagi-ɲanji      gaɟigaɟimba      ɲayu*  
*you:refr      I:p-subj      talk      my-refr      nephew      I(=my)*
- 'I spoke to you, my nephew.'*

3. yugumba-ga ŋanjɪ wajga bundal-ina  
wait-pres you:refr down river-loc

Kin Head	Kin Poss	
<u>gugulimba</u>	<u>ninjdji</u>	giniŋgi-wanjɪ
grandchild	you:s(=your)	Kiningki-erg

'Your grandchild, Kiningki, is waiting for you down at the river.'

Note: In the examples 2 and 3 above, the Kinship Noun Phrase is uninflected for case, even though it is expounding in Example 2 the Head of a Modified Noun Phrase that is in Referent Case, and in example 3 the Primary Head of an Appositional Phrase in Ergative Case.

4. 

	Kin Head	Kin Poss	
raŋimba-yɪ	gaŋaŋanjɔdja-∅	<u>mimimba</u>	<u>njulu</u> lubi-wanjɪ
shoot-p	emu-nom	grandson	he(=his) Lobby-erg

  
'Lobby, his grandson, shot the emu.'

5. 

	Kin Head	Kin Poss
djɪladjba	ŋayu-∅	naŋa-nduʃi
go	I-subj	he-al
	<u>muʃimuʃimba</u>	<u>ninjdji</u>
	gr:nephew	you:s(=your)

  
'I go to him, your nephew.'

6. 

	Kin Head	Kin Poss
migu	ŋayi-∅-ya	djuŋgu naŋa-ndu
neg	I-subj-desid:p	sit she-acc
	<u>ŋawudjimba</u>	<u>ŋayu</u>
	sister-in-law	I(=my)

  
'I did not sit with her, my sister-in-law.'

### 3.2. APPOSITIONAL AND CO-ORDINATE PHRASES

The next group of phrases to be discussed comprises the Appositional Phrase and the Co-ordinate Phrase, which are grouped together because of similarity of construction and distribution. Before continuing with their description, we will discuss our reasons for positing the Appositional Phrase as an alternative to multiple manifestations of the same tagmeme.

#### 3.2.1. Appositional Phrase

Frequently we encounter a simple clause such as:

djuŋgu	nayiba	ŋaninji-∅
sit	here	man-nom

'The man lives here.'

An expansion which would be even more frequently used would be:

djunggu nayiba naninji-Ø gaḍiḍi-Ø  
 sit here man-nom uncle-nom  
 'The man, (my) uncle, lives here.'

It would also be normal to expand this still further to make the identity of the uncle still more clear by the addition of the uncle's name. The clause would then read:

djunggu nayiba naninji-Ø gaḍiḍi-Ø djagsin-Ø  
 sit here man-nom uncle-nom Jackson-nom  
 'The man, (my) uncle, Jackson, lives here.'

The subject of the first clause, *naninji*, has been expanded in the second and third clauses to further define the subject. The relationship between each of these words in the subject tagmeme is so close as to suggest that they would more reasonably constitute a phrase than be regarded as multiple manifestations of the subject tagmeme.

However, as Garawa favours the use of a pronoun wherever applicable, a construction preferable to any of the above clauses would have the pronoun *njulu* inserted. This frequently is placed at or near the beginning of the clause, so that a fourth example would read:

njulu-Ø djunggu naninji-Ø gaḍiḍi-Ø djagsin-Ø  
 he-subj sit man-nom uncle-nom Jackson-nom  
 'He, (that) man, (my) uncle, Jackson, lives here.'

In this clause the pronoun *njulu*, although separated by the verb from the rest of the subject, is just as closely related as any of the subject words in the previous examples. Accordingly, we have discarded the concept of multiple manifestations of a tagmeme in favour of that of one tagmeme being manifested by the Appositional Phrase, or the Coordinate Phrase which will be explained in the following section.

The Primary Head of an Appositional Phrase is taken as the most indefinite in meaning of the manifestations of the subject, and the succeeding explanatory words are Appositional Heads. Therefore, in the final example above, the pronoun *njulu* is regarded as the Primary Head, as it is the most indefinite in meaning. The following parts of the subject, *naninji* 'man', *gaḍiḍi* 'uncle', and *djagsin* 'Jackson', are Appositional Heads.

A notable feature of clause construction is the manner in which other clause tagmemes interrupt this phrase, particularly when the Primary Head is expounded by a personal pronoun.

The Bidimensional Array in Chart 7 shows that both heads may be manifested by phrases, which means that there is frequent embedding. Case is obligatory on all words in the phrase, except on Time, Locative



and Manner Adverbs, and some Location nouns.

The Appositional Phrase may occur embedded within the Co-ordinate Phrase, may expound the Possessor tagmeme of the Modified Noun Phrase, the Head tagmeme of the Location Modified Noun Phrase and the Negative Noun Phrase, and the Axis tagmeme of the Accompaniment Noun Phrase. The Appositional Phrase may expound the Subject, Object, Referent, Locative, Allative, Ablative, Time, Manner, Topic and Comment tagmemes of the clause.

CHART 7. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR THE APPositionAL PHRASE

<i>Appositional Phrase</i>		
+ Primary Head	+ Appositional Head <sup>n</sup>	+ Case
Modified Noun Phrase	Modified Noun Phrase	All cases
Co-ordinate Phrase	Co-ordinate Phrase	
Associative Noun Phrase	Associative Noun Phrase	
Personal Pronoun	Personal Pronoun	
Location Noun	Location Noun	
Locative Adverb	Locative Adverb	
Manner Adverb	Manner Adverb	
Time Adverb	Time Adverb	

#### Permutation Rules

There is no difference in the fillers of either Primary or Appositional Heads. However, as one is less explicit in meaning than the other, it has been called the Primary Head. The Primary Head may precede or follow the Appositional Head, and often, particularly when the primary head is manifested by a personal pronoun, it comes early in the clause while the Appositional Head is often placed finally.

#### Additional Note

As the embedded phrases contain a case tagmeme within themselves, and the Location Noun and Locative, Manner and Time adverbs are not inflected for case, the case tagmeme applies only to the Personal Pronoun.

## Examples of Appositional Phrase

1. Pri.Head:Modf.NP App.Head:Modf.NP  
 gudjba nana-ŋi gugu-∅ baʃi nanaŋi-∅ djandanji-∅  
 search he-refr mat:gr:uncle-nom um his-nom son-nom  
 'My maternal great uncle, his son, searches for him.'
2. Pri.Head:  
 ŋawamba djingidjba ŋayi-∅ nugami-∅ nana-njina  
 only know I:p-subj tracks-nom that-loc  
 Modf.NP App.Head 1:Modf.NP App.Head 2:Modf.NP  
wabuda-na gudjiʃi-na bayana-ʃi  
 water-loc crossing-loc west-place:loc  
 'But I recognised (his) tracks by the river at the crossing in the west.'
3. App.Head 1:Modf.NP . . . . .  
nana-ŋanji ŋagi-ŋanji ŋagi-ŋanji banjdji-nji  
 that-refr my-refr my-refr bro-in-law-refr  
 Pri.Head App.Head 2  
nana-ŋi dun-ŋanji yanjba-yi  
 he-refr Don-refr talk-p  
 '(Mother) talked to him, Don, my brother-in-law.'
4. Pri.Head App.Head  
 maɖa nayiba maibu-∅ bugaganja-∅ djungu-yi nanaba ŋagi-ndu  
 also here old:man-nom father-nom sit-p there me-acc  
 'Also the old man, (my) father, sat there with me.'
5. App.Head:Co-ord.P . . . . . Pri.Head:Modf.NP  
dadagi-∅ bagi mundaɾaʃa-∅ nana-ŋguya-∅  
 Dadaki-nom and Mundararra-nom that-d-nom  
 . . . . .  
 baʃi gunɖa-wuya-∅  
 um tree-d-nom  
 'Dadaki and Mundararra, those two trees, (are used for this).'
6. Pri.Head:Kin.NP . . . . . App.Head:Modf.NP  
murimurimba ŋayu djunsin-∅  
 sister's:daughter's:son I(=my) Johnson-nom  
 Pri.Head App.Head  
 bagi gugu-∅ djagsin-∅ bagi ŋamudjulu-∅  
 and mat:gr:uncle-nom Jackson-nom and Kungleberry-nom

*'My niece's son Johnson, (my) great-uncle Jackson and Kungleberry, (searched for him).'*

Note: The above example illustrates two Appositional Phrases, which manifest the first two heads of a Co-ordinate Phrase, with *ɲamudjulu* as Head 3 of a Co-ordinate Phrase.

7. Pri.Head App.Head 2:Modf.NP  
njulu-∅ mawa!-∅ lalanba-ga nana-ɲini  
*he-subj float-nom watch-pres that-erg*  
 . . . . .  
App.Head 1  
maɖbiŋgaɾa-wanji ɲaninji-wanji  
*expert:dugong:hunter-erg man-erg*  
*'He, the man, that expert dugong hunter, watches the float.'*
8. App.Head Pri.Head  
gaɾu ɲayi-∅ ɲaɖa-ya naɲa-ɲi  
*tell I:p-subj mother-refr she-refr*  
*'I told her, mother.'*
9. App.Head Pri.Head  
 ...ɲala gudiya-∅ djaʃidjba-wa yalu-∅  
*while some-nom are:away-cont they:pl-subj*  
*'...while they, some (of them) are still away.'*
10. Pri.Head:Locn N  
bulidjimanjdji-wanji guyu yalu-nja gula-ʃi-dji  
*policeman-erg take they:pl-obj south-place-al*  
 App.Head  
grusiŋ-yuʃi-wa  
*crossing-al-cont*  
*'The policeman was taking them to the crossing in the south.'*
11. Pri.Head App.Head:Modf.NP . . . . .  
yali-∅-ya nana-mugu-nji gaunsilu-mugu-nji  
*they:pl-subj-desid:p that-pl-erg councillor-pl-erg*  
gaɾu bugamba wudjini  
*tell all few:days:ago*  
*'All those councillors wanted to tell (him) a few days ago.'*
12. Pri.Head App.Head  
djabaʃi ɲayu-∅ baʃi ɲayu-∅-ma baʃi  
*once:again I-subj um I-subj-myself um*  
*'Again I myself (held that ground).'*

13. Pri.Head . . . . . App.Head 1 App.Head 2  
djandanji-Ø ŋagi-Ø ŋaɖa-nja yidna-Ø  
*daughter-nom my-nom mother-nom Edna-nom*  
*'My daughter, (your) mother, Edna...'*
14. Pri.Head:Modf.NP  
 ŋayu-Ø nulidjba-ŋga gaunsil baʃi nana-ŋganji  
*I-subj want-pres councillor um that-refr*  
 . . . . . App.Head  
gaʃu-ʃi-nji yadji-nji  
*east-place:loc-refr country-refr*  
*'I want councillors for that country in the east.'*
15. App.Head  
 ...ŋala ŋayu-Ø djungu-gili mugulaʃaŋu-Ø  
*while I-subj sit-hab Robinson:River-loc*  
 Pri.Head:Modf.NP  
ŋagi-njina yadji-na  
*my-loc country-loc*  
*'...while I used to live at Robinson River.'*  
 Note: Ø signifies locative case on place names.
16. Pri.Head:Modf.NP  
 malidjba buli-Ø ŋagi-Ø djandanji-Ø  
*follow they:d:p-subj my-nom son-nom*  
 . . . . . App.Head  
bayagaɖa-Ø baŋs-Ø  
*small-nom Barnes-nom*  
*'They followed my small son, Barnes.'*
17. Pri.Head App.Head:Co-ord.P  
 waɖamba bula-ŋgi-li waɖa-nji gagu-nji maɖa waɖaba-nji  
*eat they:d-refl-hab food-refr fish-refr also goanna-refr*  
*'(Those) two are eating food, fish and goanna.'*
18. Pri.Head App.Head:Modf.NP App.Head 2  
 djungu njuli-Ø nana-manjdji nayi-nda malbu-Ø daymand-Ø  
*sit he:p-subj that-spec:t this-nom old:man-nom Diamond-nom*  
*'He, this old man, Diamond, lived at that time.'*

19. Pri.Head:Loc Adv App.Head:Loc Adv  
 nadjba-ŋga nayi gala  
 see-pres here under  
 '(He) sees (the dugong) here, under (the surface).'
20. Pri.Head:Loc Adv App.Head:Locn N  
 nungala-∅ nayi gula-ʃa  
 we:d:inc-subj here south-loc  
 'We two (arrive) here at the south.'
21. djali-li garu nanda-∅ milingundaya-∅  
 then-hab call that-nom Milingundaya-nom  
 App.Head:Time Adv Pri.Head:Time Adv  
wangala wabula  
 olden:times before  
 'Then, in olden times, we used to call that one (high tide)  
 "Milingundaya".'
22. gamu-nji muguʃinjdja yalu-∅  
 later-refr stand:in:bow:of:canoe they:pl-subj  
 Pri.Head:Loc Adv App.Head:Co-ord.P  
nana-wa gula langi  
 that-way south:al north:al  
 'They stand in the bow of the canoe (going) in that direction,  
 to the south and to the north.'

### 3.2.2. Co-ordinate Phrase

The Co-ordinate Phrase, as stated in Section 3.2 is similar in construction and distribution to the Appositional Phrase. However, it differs semantically from the Appositional Phrase in that each successive head is not explanatory of the previous head, but is completely new and separate, although altogether they constitute a single group. A clause may include a collective term which names the other separate items which co-occur with it. This collective term is considered to be a Primary Head of an Appositional Phrase. The co-occurring separate items then form a Co-ordinate Phrase which expounds the Appositional Head. (See Example 3 following, where gudugudu 'many' is a summary of the exponents of the Heads in the following Co-ordinate Phrase.)

The Co-ordinate Phrase (see Chart 8) comprises two or more Heads, optionally joined by Links, either bagi 'and', or maɖa 'also'. Most manifestations of these Heads are phrases, and since these phrases

contain a case tagmeme within themselves the additional obligatory case tagmeme applies only to exponents that may be inflected for case but do not contain a case tagmeme.

The Co-ordinate Phrase is most common as the exponent of the Subject or Object tagmemes, though it may also occur in any tagmeme of a clause that has a phrase as an exponent.

The Co-ordinate Phrase may occur embedded within the Appositional Phrase, may expound the Possessor tagmeme of the Modified Noun Phrase, the Head tagmeme of the Location Modification Noun Phrase and the Negative Noun Phrase, and the Axis tagmeme of the Accompaniment Noun Phrase. The Co-ordinate Phrase may expound the Subject, Object, Referent, Locative, Allative, Ablative, Time, Manner, Topic and Comment tagmemes of the clause.

CHART 8. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR THE CO-ORDINATE PHRASE

Co-ordinate Phrase			
+ Head	± Link	+ Head <sup>n</sup>	+ Case
Modified NP	bagi 'and'	Modified NP	All cases
Appositional Phrase		Appositional Phrase	
Personal Pronoun	mađa 'also'	Personal Pronoun	
Associative NP		Associative NP	
Location Noun		Location Noun	
Locative Adverb		Locative Adverb	
Manner Adverb		Manner Adverb	
Time Adverb		Time Adverb	

#### Permutation Rules

As there is no distinction between the Heads, permutation does not apply to this phrase.

#### Restrictions

1. The Modified Noun Phrase manifesting any of the Heads is usually limited to Head and at most, two other tagmemes.
2. When a Location Noun, a Locative, Manner or Time Adverb manifests one Head, then other head/s must also be manifested by the same class of word.
3. As Location Nouns carry only Locative, Allative, Ablative or

Referent case, then case is restricted to one of the forementioned cases when a location noun is the exponent of any head.

#### Additional Note

As the embedded phrases contain a case tagmeme within themselves, and the Location Noun and Locative, Manner and Time Adverbs are not inflected for case, the case tagmeme applies only to the personal pronoun.

#### Examples of Co-ordinate Phrase

1. 

			Head 1	Link	Head 2
waḍamba	bula-ŋgi-li	waḍa-nji	<u>gagu-nji</u>	maḍa	<u>waḍaba-nji</u>
eat	they:d-refl-hab	food-refr	fish-refr	also	goanna-refr

*'Those two are eating food, fish and goanna.'*

2. 

	Head 1		Link		Head 2
	<u>dadagi-∅</u>	<u>bagi</u>	<u>mundaḗaḗa-∅</u>	nana-ŋguya-∅	baḗi
	Dadaki-nom	and	Mundararra-nom	that-d-nom	um
					gunḗa-wuya-∅
					tree-d-nom

*'Dadaki and Mundararra, those two trees, (are used for this).'*

3. 

			Head 1:Modf.NP	. . . . .		
wudumba	yali-∅	gudugudu-∅	<u>gudjaḗa-∅</u>	<u>djiguwaḗa-∅</u>		
get	they:pl:p-subj	many-nom	two-nom	wallaby-nom		
	Link	Head 2:Modf.NP	. . .	Link	Head 3:Modf.NP	. . .
	<u>bagi</u>	<u>mundaḡu-∅</u>	<u>gudugudu-∅</u>	<u>bagi</u>	<u>yalgunji-∅</u>	<u>waḍaba-∅</u>
	and	turtle-nom	many-nom	and	one-nom	goanna-nom
	. . . . .	Link	Head 4:Modf.NP	. . . . .	Link	
	<u>bayagaḗa-∅</u>	<u>bagi</u>	<u>walguḗa-∅</u>	<u>wadjili-∅</u>	<u>bagi</u>	
	small-nom	and	big-nom	wild:honey-nom	and	
						Head 5:Modf.NP
						<u>biḗiwidi-∅</u>
						pandanus:nut-nom

*'They got many (things), two wallabies, many turtles, one small goanna, much wild honey, and pandanus nuts.'*

Note: In the above example, the Co-ordinate Phrase underlined expounds the Appositional Head of an Appositional Phrase, and the summarising indefinite number word gudugudu expounds the Primary Head of the Appositional Phrase.

4. 

			Head 1
dadidjba	gagalidjba	yali-∅	<u>wabuia</u>
no:matter	laugh:at	they:pl:p-subj	before

Link Head 2

maɖa yuʃɲumba lugulugu  
also all:the:time everywhere

'No matter (what he did) people everywhere laughed at him all the time.'

5. Head 1      Link  
nana-manna baʃi djaŋguʃ-∅ ɲayu-∅ yanjba ɲaɖa-∅ bagi  
that-same um word-nom I-subj talk mother-nom and

Head 2

buwaganja-∅ yiniŋgi muɲanawa-jɲjga bagu  
father-nom might tomorrow-refr later

'I might tell mother and father that same story later, tomorrow (perhaps).'

6. Head 1:App.P . . . . . Link  
muɾimuɾimba ɲayu djunsin-∅ bagi  
sister's:daughter's:son I(=my) Johnson-nom and

Head 2:App.P . . . . . Link Head 3  
gugu-∅ djagsin-∅ bagi gungilbuɾl-∅  
mat:gr:uncle-nom Jackson-nom and Kungleberry-nom

'My niece's son Johnson, (my) great-uncle Jackson, and Kungleberry, (searched for him).'

Note: The above example has a Kinship Noun Phrase (muɾimuɾimba ɲayu) as Primary Head, and a Modified Noun Phrase (djunsin) as Appositional Head, of an Appositional Phrase manifesting Head 1 of the Co-ordinate Phrase exemplified. Head 2 is a second Appositional Phrase and Head 3 is a Modified Noun Phrase.

7. Head 1      Link      Head 2  
ɲaʃgadaba-gili walidji-∅ maɖa gaɲaɲanjdja-∅  
spear-nom kangaroo-nom also emu-nom  
'(They) used to spear kangaroos and emus.'

8. Head 1  
daba nuʃi-∅-li      nay! gaʃu-ʃinjba-na  
kill we:pl:ex-subj-hab here east-side-loc

Head 2

bayana-ʃinjba-na mili  
west-side-loc again

'We used to kill (kangaroos) here on the east side (and) again on the west side.'



9. Head 1  
 muguŋinjdja                      yalu-Ø                      gaŋi  
*stand:in:bow:of:canoe*    *they:pl-subj*    *east:al*
- Head 2    Head 3    Head 4  
bayuŋu    gula    laŋgi  
*west:al*    *south:al*    *north:al*
- 'They stand in the bow of the canoe (looking) to the east, to the west, to the south, (and) to the north.'
10. Head 1    Head 2  
 ŋaŋgadaba    wuni-na    baŋgu-na    yalu-ŋgi-li  
*spear*    *spear-ins*    *club-ins*    *they:pl-refl-hab*
- 'They used to spear each other with spears and sticks.'

### 3.3. INALIENABLE POSSESSION PHRASE

The Inalienable Possession Phrase is the construction used to indicate the relationship of a part to the whole of a person, animal or article, such as in *man-hand*, *horse-hoof*, *canoe-bow*.

The Inalienable Possession Phrase consists of an Inalienable Possessor and an Inalienable Possession (see Chart 9). The Inalienable Possessor is not marked for possession (referent case).

The Inalienable Possession slot is filled by a Modified Noun Phrase which is expounded only by a Head and optionally one other tagmeme. The Head consists of a body part noun or a noun which is part of the whole article.

The Inalienable Possessor slot may be filled by a Modified Noun Phrase or a pronoun which denotes the animal possessor or the part of the whole.

The Inalienable Possession Phrase may expound the Subject, Object, Referent, Locative, Allative, Ablative, Translocative, Topic and Comment tagmemes of the clause.

CHART 9. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR THE INALIENABLE POSSESSION PHRASE

<i>Inalienable Possession Phrase</i>		
+ Inalienable Possessor	+ Inalienable Possession	+ Case
Modified Noun Phrase Personal Pronoun Reflexive Pronoun	Modified Noun Phrase (limited)	All cases

### Permutation Rules

Tagmemes may permute to alternative order.

### Restrictions

When the reflexive pronoun expounds the Possessor tagmeme, the phrase is inflected with nominative case only. (This use of the reflexive pronoun within a phrase is rare.)

### Additional Note

As the embedded phrases and the Reflexive Pronoun contain a case tagmeme within themselves the case tagmeme applies only to the Personal Pronoun.

### Examples of Inalienable Possession Phrase

1.
 

		Inal.Possr	Inal.Poss
	<u>raŋimba</u> njuli-∅	<u>wunduŋi</u> -∅	<u>djalu</u> -∅
	<i>shoot he:p-subj</i>	<i>bush turkey-nom</i>	<i>wing-nom</i>
	<i>'He shot the bush turkey in the wing.'</i>		
	Note: The possessor 'bush turkey' is not marked with referent (=possessive) case.		
  
2.
 

	Inal.Possr	Inal.Poss	
	<u>muwaɖa-na</u>	<u>ŋuŋu-na</u>	yaŋidjba-ŋga djidimbi-∅
	<i>canoe-loc</i>	<i>bow-loc</i>	<i>put-pres tail-nom</i>
	<i>'(They) put the tail at the bow of the canoe.'</i>		
  
3.
 

	Inal.Poss		Inal.Possr
	<u>nugami</u> -∅	baŋi ŋayi-∅	nadjba <u>gaŋgu</u> -∅
	<i>track-nom</i>	<i>um I:p-subj</i>	<i>see mat:gr:uncle-nom</i>
	<i>'I saw the tracks of (my) maternal great-uncle.'</i>		
  
4.
 

		Inal.Possr	Inal.Poss		
	nidjinba-yi	gabigabi-∅	<u>yaɾama-wanji</u>	<u>maŋi-wanji</u>	<u>djalu-wanji</u>
	<i>trample-p</i>	<i>calf-nom</i>	<i>horse-erg</i>	<i>hoof-erg</i>	<i>foreleg-erg</i>
	<i>'The front hoof of the horse trampled the calf.'</i>				
  
5.
 

		Inal.Possr:Modf.NP . .	Inal.Poss
	gudjba ŋayi-∅	<u>nana-ŋganji</u>	<u>miya-nji</u> <u>wuyu-nji</u>
	<i>search I:p-subj</i>	<i>that-refr</i>	<i>snake-refr snake:track-refr</i>
	<i>'I searched for the track of that snake.'</i>		

6. Inal.Poss:Modf.NP  
 djunu baři lanġu djala gařala nana-njina muwa-na  
*perhaps um north:loc today descend that-loc stomach-loc*

Inal.Possr  
yadji-na  
*country-loc*

'Perhaps (he) went down to that bay in the north today.'

Note: The 'bay' (*stomach=bulge*) is a part of the 'country' and 'country' is not marked with referent (=possessive) case.

7. Inal.Poss:( ) Modf.NP Inal.Possr  
 daya ġaġi-∅ nayi maři-∅ ġaġa  
*chop my-nom here hand-nom I:refl*  
 'I chopped my hand here.'

Note: This is an example of the use of the reflexive pronoun as the possessor tagmeme manifestation.

### 3.4. ASSOCIATIVE NOUN PHRASE

The Associative Noun Phrase has a basic meaning of association in that it has an obligatory element which can best be translated as 'having'. The Associative Noun Phrase is used to describe method of travel, such as *horse-having*, *motor-car-having*, *boat-having*. This construction indicates temporary possession of horse, car or boat, but it is not used with aeroplane since ownership is not so clearly defined. Its use also includes accompaniment such as 'man with a boy', 'child with mother', but here again possession is implied as it would not be used for 'boy with a man'. It would, however, be used for 'boy with his father'. Similarly, possession is just as strongly implied when the phrase indicates instrument, as in 'they fought each other, sticks-having'.

The Associative Noun Phrase comprises an optional Head and an obligatory Association. As is seen in the Bidimensional Array in Chart 10, the exponents of the Head are limited to the Modified Noun Phrase or a Personal Pronoun, while the Association is expounded only by the Concomitant Noun Phrase. Both tagmemes are inflected for case.

The Associative Noun Phrase may occur embedded within the Appositional and Co-ordinate Phrases and may expound the Head tagmeme of the Location Modification Noun Phrase. The Associative Noun Phrase may expound the Subject, Object, Referent, Locative, Allative, Ablative, Topic and Comment tagmemes of the clause.

CHART 10. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR ASSOCIATIVE NOUN PHRASE

<i>Associative Noun Phrase</i>		
<b>± Head</b>	<b>+ Association</b>	<b>+ Case</b>
Modified Noun Phrase Personal Pronoun	Concomitant Noun Phrase	All Cases

**Permutation Rules**

Permutation of the Head and Association is possible but rarely occurs.

**Restrictions**

1. The Modified Noun Phrase is usually limited to Deictic or Head, but occasionally it is expounded by the Head and one other tagmeme.
2. When the Associative Noun Phrase manifests the Reflexive Subject of a Reflexive Clause, the Head is inflected for nominative case while the Association is marked for ergative case.

**Additional Note**

All words within the Associative Noun Phrase are marked for case. As the embedded Modified Noun Phrase contains a case tagmeme within itself, the case tagmeme of the Associative Noun Phrase applies only to the Personal Pronoun and the Concomitant Noun Phrase.

Examples of this phrase are given following the description of the Concomitant Phrase.

**3.4.1. Concomitant Noun Phrase**

The Concomitant Noun Phrase consists of that part of the Associative Noun Phrase that is associated with or possessed by the Head of the Associative Noun Phrase.

The Concomitant Noun Phrase is placed as a sub-section of the Associative Noun Phrase as it occurs only as the exponent of the Association tagmeme or as the exponent of the Comment tagmeme in the Topic-Comment Clause.

As shown in Chart 11, the Concomitant Noun Phrase comprises an optional Deictic, Modifier and Head, one of which must occur, and a

Concomitant marker. The Concomitant marker takes the form of a suffix which is affixed to all words of the phrase.

CHART 11. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR CONCOMITANT NOUN PHRASE

<i>Concomitant Noun Phrase</i>			
± Deictic	± Modifier	± Head	+ Concomitant Marker
Demonstrative Pronoun	Adjective Quantifier Possessive Pronoun	Noun App.P	{-yudi}

#### Permutation Rules

Deictic, Modifier and Head may permute to any order though that shown in the Array is preferred.

#### Restrictions

It is usual for only one of the three optional tagmemes to occur, except when the Modifier is manifested it is preferred that the Head should co-occur.

#### Examples of Associative and Concomitant Noun Phrases

1. Assoc:Concom.NP  
 muṅanawa djiladjba-dja nagaṛa-yudi-∅  
 tomorrow go-f horse-concom-nom  
 'Tomorrow (I) will go on horseback.'

Note: In the above example the subject 'I' is understood from the context and is the Head of the Associative Noun Phrase, with nagaṛa-yudi filling the Association slot.

2. Head:Modf.NP  
gadjala-yudi-nji yalu-ngi-li ṅaṛgadaba djibaṛi-wanji  
 yam:stick-concom-erg they:pl-refl-hab spear woman-erg  
 'Women used to spear each other with yam sticks.'

Note: In the above example, the underlined Associative Noun Phrase is embedded as Appositional Head of an Appositional Phrase of which the reflexive pronoun is the Primary Head.

3. Assoc:Concom.NP  
 maḍa na-ṅga mili ṅaṛgadaba nana-njdjudi-nji  
 also he-refl again spear that-concom-erg





CHART 12. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR LOCATION MODIFICATION NOUN PHRASE

<i>Location Modification Noun Phrase</i>		
+ Location	+ Head	+ Case
Location Noun + Locative case	Modified Noun Phrase Appositional Phrase Co-ordinate Phrase Associative Noun Phrase	Allative Ablative Translocative

#### Permutation Rules

1. The first two tagmemes may permute to the alternative order.
2. The Location tagmeme may be placed in any position within the Head phrase if this comprises two or more words.

#### Restrictions

1. Case, as shown in the array, occurs on the Head only, as locative case is already carried by the fillers of the Location tagmeme.
2. The phrase functions in the Allative, Ablative, and Translocative tagmemes of clause periphery only, and so case is limited to those three.

#### Examples of Location Modification Phrase

1.
 

					Head:Modf.NP
wulani	yali-∅	djiladjba	ɲagi-nduʃi	<u>nana-ɲguʃi</u>	
yesterday	they:pl-subj	go	I-al	that-al	
Locn					
	<u>gaʃu-∅</u>	<u>ɲagi-ɲguʃi</u>	<u>baɲda-ʃi</u>		
	east-loc	my-al	camp-al		
'Yesterday they came to me - to that camp of mine at the east.'					
2.
 

			Head	Locn	
wilgu	njuli-∅	gaʃi-na	<u>miya-yanga</u>	<u>bayaga-ʃi</u>	
run	he:p-subj	east-ab	snake-transloc	west-place:loc	
'He ran from the east past the snake in the west.'					
3.
 

gula-∅	nuʃi-∅	badja	nayi-wa	
south-al	we:pl:ex:p-subj	dance	this-way	



Head:Modf.NP . . . . . Locn  
walguřa-jŋjguři yinga-ři bařađa-ři gula-řa  
*big-al other-al camp-al south-loc*

*'We danced south this way - to the other big camp at the south.'*

4. *gařala-yi nanda-∅ ŋaninji-∅ naŋi-ŋguři*  
*descend-p that-nom man-nom this:place-al*

Head:Modf.NP . . . . . Locn  
walguřa-nanji duŋala-nanji lanġu-ři  
*big-ab hill-ab north-place:loc*

*'That man descended to here from the big hill at the north.'*

5. Head:App.P . . . . . ( )  
djudju-nanji yadji-nanji *bařadġba-yi nanda-∅ djulaġi-∅*  
*long:way-ab country-ab come-p that-nom plane-nom*

. . . . . Locn  
brisbin-nanji gařu-ři  
*Brisbane-ab east-place:loc*

*'That plane came from Brisbane, a long way away in the east.'*

6. Head:Assoc.NP . . . . .  
*dġiladġba bula-∅ naņa-nbiyanga bařađa-yuđi-yanga*  
*go they:d-subj she-transloc baby-concom-transloc*

Locn  
bayana-ři  
*west-place:loc*

*'The two of them ran past her (the woman) with the baby; (she was) in the west.'*

### 3.6. ACCOMPANIMENT NOUN PHRASE

The Accompaniment Noun Phrase is unusual in that it is the only prepositional phrase found in the Garawa language. Its function is to fill the Accompaniment tagmeme in the clause periphery. It is composed of a Relator and an Axis, both of which are obligatory. There are only two prepositions which may be used in the Relator tagmeme and these appear to be interchangeable: *dġiđi* 'with' and *mađa* which in this context also means 'with'. The Axis may be manifested by any of the fillers shown in Chart 13 but must be marked for Referent case. To date no examples have been recorded of interruption of this phrase by other tagmemes.

(As stated above, *mađa* in this context, functions as a preposition meaning 'with', though it also functions as a connector on clause or phrase level, and as an adverb meaning 'too'.)

CHART 13. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR ACCOMPANIMENT PHRASE

Accompaniment Phrase		
+ Relator	+ Axis	+ Case
djiđi 'with' mađa 'with'	Modified Noun Phrase Co-ordinate Phrase Appositional Phrase Personal Pronoun	Referent

## Permutation Rules

Permutation is not permissible.

## Restrictions

Only Referent case occurs on the Axis, and this is obligatory.

## Examples of Accompaniment Phrase

1. Re  
 ba|ba-yi nanda-∅ ɲaninji-∅ djiđi  
 go-p that-nom man-nom with  
 Axis:Modf.NP . . . . .  
 gadja-mugu-ɲɲɲga badjaɲu-nji gu-ɲɲanji waɟaba-nji  
 many-pl-refr dog-refr search-infin goanna-refr  
 'That man went with many dogs to search for goanna.'
2. widjba-yi ɲaɲi-ɲuɲi nanda-∅ ɲaninji-∅  
 come:back-p this:place-al that-nom man-nom  
 Re Axis:Modf.NP . . . . .  
 djiđi nana-ɲanɲi wuni-nji wunanjbala-nji  
 with that-refr spear-refr long-refr  
 'That man with the long spear came back here.'
3. Re  
 dji|ladjba ɲayi-∅ wuiani mađa  
 go I:p-subj yesterday with  
 Axis:Co-ord.P . . . . .  
 baya-mugu-ɲɲɲga baɲi badjaɲu-wuya-ɲɲɲga  
 child-pl-refr and dog-d-refr  
 'I went yesterday with the children and two dogs.'



CHART 14. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR NEGATIVE NOUN PHRASE

<i>Negative Noun Phrase</i>		
<b>+ Attributive</b>	<b>+ Head</b>	<b>+ Case</b>
manimani 'nothing' migu-yadji 'nothing'	Modified Noun Phrase Personal Pronoun Co-ordinate Phrase Appositional Phrase	Referent Nominative

**Permutation Rules**

1. Tagmemes may permute to alternative order.
2. Frequently, the Attributive is permuted to the beginning of the clause and the Head is permuted to the end of the clause.

**Restrictions**

1. When the Head is manifested by a Personal Pronoun, it must be inflected for Referent Case.
2. Only a variant form of the Modified Noun Phrase is permitted when it manifests the Head of the Negative Noun Phrase. In the variant, only the Head of the phrase is marked for Referent case and no more than one modifier is manifested. The modifier may be either an adjective or a possessive pronoun, and these must be marked for Referent case when manimani fills the Attributive tagmeme, and for Nominative case when migu-yadji is manifested (see Examples 6 and 7).
3. The Appositional and Co-ordinate Phrases manifested in the Head are limited to those whose Heads are filled by Modified Noun Phrases. These Modified Noun Phrases are then subject to the same restrictions as apply when the Head of the Negative Noun Phrase is filled by a Modified Noun Phrase.

**Examples of Negative Noun Phrase**

1. Att Head  
manimani    ɲali-∅            widjba    walidji-nji  
nothing    we:d:ex-subj    return    kangaroo-refr  
*'We two returned without any kangaroos.'*

2. Att                    Head  
migu-yadji djiguwaŋa-nji ŋayu-∅ nadjba-yi nanaba  
*nothing wallaby-refr I-subj see-p there*  
*'I didn't see any wallabies there.'*  
 Note: The literal meaning of migu-yadji is 'negative-country'.
3.                                    Att                    Head:Co-ord.P . . . . .  
 widjba njuli-∅ migu-yadji djiguwaŋa-nji maɖa walidji-nji  
*return he:p-subj nothing wallaby-refr also kangaroo-refr*  
*'He returned without any wallabies or kangaroos.'*
4. Att                    Head:App.P . . . . .  
migu-yadji yalu-ŋi gudiya-ŋɔŋɔ  
*nothing they:pl-refr some-refr*  
*'Some people didn't come.'*
5.                                    Att                    Head:Modf.NP . . . . .  
 nanda-∅ djibaŋi-∅ manimani naŋaŋi-ŋaŋi baɖaɖa-nji  
*that-nom woman-nom nothing her-refr baby-refr*  
*'That woman doesn't have a baby.'*
6. Att                                    Head:Modf.NP . . . . .  
migu-yadji nadjba ŋayi-∅ miya-nji wunanjbala-∅  
*nothing see I:p-subj snake-refr long-nom*  
*'I didn't see any long snakes.'*
7. Att                                    Head:Modf.NP . . . . .  
manimani ŋayi-∅ nadjba miya-nji wunanjbala-nji  
*nothing I:p-subj see snake-refr long-refr*  
*'I didn't see any long snakes.'*
8. Att                                    Head:Modf.NP . . . . .  
migu-yadji mama-nji walguŋa-∅ ŋawamba bayagaɖa-∅  
*nothing food-refr big-nom only small-nom*  
*'There are no big (water melons) to eat - only small ones.'*
9.                                    Att  
 waŋiyalugu nanda-∅ ŋila-∅ migu-yadji  
*exclam that-nom girl-nom nothing*  
 Head:Modf.NP    Head:Modf.NP . . . . . Att  
ŋaɖananjdja-nji bugaga-ya naŋaŋi-∅ migu-yadji  
*mother-refr father-refr her-nom nothing*  
*'Poor girl! She hasn't any mother or father!'*

10. Att                      Head  
migu-yadji    naga-ni    wambiya-yi    djulagi-na  
*nothing*        *he-refr*    *arrive-p*      *plane-loc*  
*'He did not come on the plane.'*
11.                                      Att                      Head  
bagi    djiladjba    njuli-Ø    migu-yadji    mama-nji  
*and go*                      *he:p-subj*    *nothing*        *food-refr*  
*'And he went without food.'*

#### 4. CLAUSES

There are eleven independent and five dependent clauses in Garawa. The independent clauses divide into seven Declarative, two Interrogative, one Imperative and one Obligation. The dependent clauses divide into one Purpose, three Participial and one Attributive Noun. Each clause comprises a nucleus and a periphery.

Before discussing the distinctive features of each clause type, the possible peripheral tagmemes are reviewed. Not all of these are possible in any one clause but limitations are discussed as each clause type is described. The case-marking suffixes were discussed in Section 2.

##### 4.1. CLAUSE PERIPHERY

The analysis of peripheral clause tagmemes is complicated by the presence of homophonous case-marking suffixes. When two phrases having the same case-marker occur in a clause a decision must be made as to whether those two phrases fulfil the same role in a clause. Our position in this paper is that, if the roles are quite different, we are assigning the phrases to separate clause level tagmemes. The possible peripheral tagmemes are shown in the Bidimensional Array in Chart 15.

In discussing clause periphery the use of different tagmemes possible is governed largely by special features relevant to the culture of the Garawa people. To them it is most important, being originally nomadic bush people, to know their exact geographical position, and their origin and destination. Consequently, Locative, Allative, and Ablative tagmemes occur very frequently, particularly Locative and Allative, as the Garawa person would consider a statement of motion or position incomplete without stating the direction, and/or the destination of the subject.



This feature has a further result in that, as the predicate is less central to the clause, the verb consequently carries little or no inflection, and is frequently omitted where it is possible to understand it by implication or context within the paragraph. (See Sections 5.1.4., 5.1.5. and 7.)

#### 4.1.1. Special Features of Peripheral Tagmemes

##### LOCATIVE, ACCOMPANIMENT, AND INSTRUMENT TAGMEMES

A special feature of the Locative and Accompaniment tagmemes is that they obligatorily refer to the subject of the Intransitive and Reflexive Clauses, or to the object of the Transitive Clause (but see Section 3.5.). Instrument occurs only in Reflexive (where reciprocity is expressed by reflexive construction) and in Transitive Clauses.

In the following English Clauses: *'That woman in the boat saw the emu.'*, the Locative Phrase *'in the boat'*, obviously refers to the subject, *'woman'*. A literal translation into Garawa is impossible here as a Locative would necessarily refer to the object of the transitive verb (which would make the statement ridiculous). Instead, a further clause would have to be inserted as follows:

nana-ŋi    djibaŋi-wanji    djungu-yi    muwaḍa-na    nadjba-yi    gaŋaŋanjɔdja-∅  
*that-erg    woman-erg            sit-p            boat-loc    see-p            emu-∅*  
*'That woman saw the emu; (she) sat in the boat.'*  
 or *'That woman sat in the boat (and) saw the emu.'*

These two clauses form a merged sentence with the Transitive Clause, nana-ŋi djibaŋi-wanji nadjba-yi gaŋaŋanjɔdja, interrupted by the Intransitive Clause, djungu-yi muwaḍa-na.

Homophonous case-marking suffixes occur with the Locative, Accompaniment and Instrument tagmemes, but the decision as to which tagmemic category in which a Locative-Accompaniment-Instrument phrase is placed is made on the class of noun used as the head of the phrase. Only location words, or phrases having concrete nouns, indicating location, as heads may be used as fillers of the Locative slot.

##### Example of Locative Phrase:

wudumba-yi    ŋaninji-wanji    gagu-∅            bundal-ina    walguŋa-na  
*get-p            man-erg            fish-nom    river-loc    big-loc*  
*'The man caught the fish in the big river.'*

##### Example of Accompaniment Phrase:



Acc . . . . .

nadjba    ɲayi-Ø    djibaři-Ø    djuga-na    walguša-na  
*see*    I:p-subj    woman-nom    boy-acc    big-acc  
 'I saw the woman with the big boy.'

Example of Instrument Phrase:

Ins . . . . .

wudumba-yi    ɲaninji-wanji    gagu-Ø    wuni-na    wunanjbala-na  
*get-p*    man-erg    fish-nom    spear-ins    long-ins  
 'The man caught the fish with a long spear.'

The foregoing three examples illustrate the three different semantic noun clauses used in the Phrases under review. In locative phrases, only concrete nouns indicating location may be used in the head slot. In accompaniment phrases, only human or animate nouns may be used in the head slot. In instrument phrases, only inanimate nouns involving manipulation may be used in the head slot.

There is a certain area of overlap, however, as both the inanimate nouns possessing manipulatory ability, and human or animate nouns may be used in locative slots. For example:

djuga    ɲaninji-na    djunga-ga  
*boy*    man-loc    sit-pres

A free translation of this clause could be either 'The boy sits at the man's side.' or 'The boy sits with the man.'

In such cases, an arbitrary decision as to the classification of the tagmeme must be made.

One of the fillers of the locative tagmeme, Place Names, has no suffixation to mark case. In this situation, Place Names are intrinsically locative. Place Names can also occur without case marking in the Declarative Ditransitive Clause and the Topic Comment Clause.

#### ABLATIVE AND TACTILE TAGMEMES

The Ablative and Tactile tagmemes also have a homophonous case-marking suffix, -nanji.

Example of Ablative Phrase:

Abl

dulaba-yi    waɖaba-Ø    djamba-nanji    djibaři-wanji  
*remove-p*    goanna-nom    ground-ab    woman-erg  
 'The woman pulled the goanna from the ground.'

Tactile is the name allotted to the tagmeme which is used to explain the part of the body of a human or an animal by which an action is transferred to the whole.

*Example of Tactile Phrase:*

				Tac
dulaba-yi	waɖaba-∅	djamba-nanji	djibaʃi-wanji	<u>buʃga-nanji</u>
remove-p	goanna-nom	ground-ab	woman-erg	tail-tac
<i>'The woman pulled the goanna from the ground by the tail.'</i>				

Here the action is not that of separating the tail from the body, but of using the tail to extract a goanna from a hole in the ground.

Again, semantic noun classes supply the reason for separate classification of these two tagmemes. The Tactile tagmeme must be manifested by phrases in which the noun head must be a body part. Again, however, there is overlap in filler classes as it would be possible for body parts to be used in the Ablative tagmeme.

				Ab
dulaba-yi	dilwil-∅	<u>maŋi-nanji</u>	naninji-wanji	
remove-p	splinter-nom	hand-ab	man-erg	
<i>'The man removed the splinter from (his) hand.'</i>				

#### REFERENT TAGMEME

The Referent tagmeme functions in different ways, but has not been divided into two separate tagmemes as there is no distinction of noun classes to warrant the positing of a further tagmeme.

- (i) It denotes benefaction as in the following example:

				Refr
daya	njuli-∅	baŋnji-∅	<u>djuɟa-nji</u>	
cut	he:p-subj	meat-nom	boy-refr	
<i>'He cut the meat for the boy.'</i>				

- (ii) Indirect Object. With a Reflexive Predicate, Subject and Object are contained in the obligatory Reflexive Pronoun, and Indirect Object is marked with referent case.

Example of Referent Phrase with Reflexive Predicate:

				Refr
waɖamba	yalu-ŋgi	<u>djiɟuwaʃa-nji</u>		
feed	they-refl:p	wallaby-refr		
<i>'They ate wallaby.'</i>				

**TIME TAGMEME**

The time tagmeme has different classes of fillers. One comprises a group of words which cannot be inflected in any way and have been classed as temporal adverbs which include words such as *baʃin* 'earlier today', *yuŋumba* 'all the time', *nanidjba* 'now'.

A further class is capable of inflection for case and includes nouns such as *wulani* 'yesterday', *muŋa-* 'night', *ŋabuŋabu* 'afternoon'. These can also be used as heads in the co-ordinate noun phrase fillers of the time tagmeme.

Another filler of the time tagmeme is a stem, *gambaliŋidjba*, which has a verbal structure and carries tense markers as well as the suffix *-dju*. This word is derived from the noun, *gamba* 'sun', and the meaning is 'sun rises', but it is used only in the time tagmeme. The noun, *gamba*, with the addition of the locative suffix *-na*, is used to mean 'daytime'. The meaning of the suffix *-dju* has not been discovered.

Inflection of time words is extensive and much further investigation of the meanings of the various affixes is necessary before a complete analysis is possible.

Temporal suffixes indicating post-event and specific time also occur with demonstrative, interrogative and noun stems. For a full explanation of this see 'The Pronominal System of Garawa' (Section 7).

**NEGATIVE TAGMEME**

There are three forms of negative used in the clause. The negative *guɟadi* is the usual negative answer to a question, although *migu* is sometimes used.

When aspect is manifested in a clause carrying the negative tagmeme, it is commonly suffixed to the negative, in which case *migu* is the form almost exclusively used.

The negative *-nawa* is infrequent in occurrence and may be a word introduced from the adjacent Yanyula language, as it is not known by some speakers. No occurrence of its being an answer to a question has been encountered, but it has always occurred meaning 'not' in a clause.

No co-occurrence of any two of these negatives has yet been found.

**MANNER TAGMEME**

The Manner tagmeme differs from other tagmemes in that its exponents form a class of words that are never inflected for case, and have therefore been classed as Manner Adverbs. Throughout this analysis, any word classed as adverb cannot take case-marking suffixes. No phrases are found in this tagmeme.

## TRANSLOCATIVE TAGMEME

The Translocative tagmeme is not used frequently in the language, and has a much more limited number of possible fillers as is shown in the bidimensional array. Its meaning is that of movement past a person, animal or feature such as the following example shows.

ba|ba    njuii-Ø    naʃi-nbiyanga    baŋɗa-ʃi  
*go:back he:p-subj you:pl-transloc camp-al*  
*'He went back past you to the camp.'*

## MULTIPLE MANIFESTATIONS

Multiple manifestations of most peripheral tagmemes are common, and clauses often have two or more manifestations of one or more tagmemes. Sometimes these are simply repetitions of a tagmeme, at other times they may have different fillers.

Time and Manner tagmemes in particular, often are manifested several times in the one clause. Each occurrence of an adverb, which is found only in Time, Manner, and Locative tagmemes, has been analysed as another manifestation of the same tagmeme. Because the language features appositional phrases frequently, many of the occurrences of two or more parallel words or phrases are analysed as Appositional Phrases rather than multiple manifestations of a tagmeme. However, when the parallel exponents are not in apposition, they are taken to be multiple manifestations.

Phrase embedding is common also, but this has the effect of lengthening a tagmeme so that more than one manifestation of a tagmeme comprising an Appositional or Co-ordinate Phrase, often with several heads, is unlikely. An example of expansion of a phrase is shown in the following clause:

Refr . . . . .  
nana-nganji    nagi-nganji    nagi-nganji    bandjdji-nji  
*that-refr    my-refr    my-refr    brother:in:law-refr*

. . . . .  
yanjba-yi    nana-ni    don-ganji  
*talk-p    he-refr    Don-refr*

*'(He) spoke to that (one), my brother-in-law, Don.'*

This example shows that of the seven words in this clause, all but one are parts of the Referent tagmeme, which comprises an Appositional Noun Phrase with a Modified Noun Phrase and another Appositional Noun Phrase embedded in it.











26. Transloc . . . . .  
 djiladjba njuli-Ø bulani-njdjaga banda-yanga  
 go he:p-subj they:d:poss-transloc camp-transloc  
*'He went past their camp.'*
27. Al Transloc  
 wi|gu-yi langi naŋi-nbiyanga  
 run-p north:al you:pl-transloc  
*'(He) ran past you to the north.'*
28. Time  
 yuwadji-wa nanda-Ø gulja-Ø wi|gu-ŋga wulani-nji  
 still-cont that-nom blood-nom run-pres yesterday-refr  
*'That blood is still running from yesterday.'*
29. Loc Time  
 nanda-Ø baŋi djungu-yi wajga nana-mungudji bagu-nji  
 that-nom um sit-p down that-origin later-refr  
 Man Time  
 mili muŋa-nji  
 again night-refr  
*'Those countrymen sat down again till later, till night.'*
30. Con Man Ab  
 djala yalu-Ø manimani widjba laŋi-na  
 then they:pl-subj for:nothing come:back north-ab  
*'Then, for no particular reason, they come back from the north.'*
31. Con Loc Al  
 ...bagi nanda-Ø djibaŋi-Ø djiladjba ginggaŋi sista-yuŋi  
 and that-nom woman-nom go up sister-al  
*'...and that woman goes up to the sister.'*
32. Con Refr Time  
 ...ŋala yalu-Ø gudjba-nawa naŋa-ŋi mandi  
 while they:pl-subj search-neg he-refr Monday  
*'...while they do not search for him on Monday.'*
33. Time Al Time  
 muŋanawa baŋi ŋayi-Ø djila langi dinu-wunji  
 next:day um I:p-subj go north:al dinner-after  
*'After dinner the next day I went towards the north.'*



41. Time Acc  
 djalan-miřa ba|ba-yi djiđi bula-ŋi  
 now-intens go-p with they:d-refr  
 'He went with them immediately.'

#### 4.2. ASPECT AND TENSE TAGMEMES IN CLAUSE NUCLEUS

##### ASPECT

Aspect and tense exponents co-occur freely, with predictable meanings. Desiderative and Abilitative aspects, however, form special meanings with the negative. The meaning of desiderative aspect suffix *-gimi* is 'want to'. With past tense indicated by substitution of the aspect suffix *-giyanji* for *{-gimi}* it is 'wanted to'. However, if the negative occurs also, the meanings are changed to 'did not' and 'does not', respectively.

Similarly, the Abilitative suffix *-wali* carries the meaning 'might'; with the negative the meaning changes to 'can not'.

Aspect clitics may be suffixed to any word within the clause, or may optionally occur as free words. Occasionally both the clitic and a free word may co-occur.

Durative aspect acts differently as it comprises a drawn-out *i* sound. This indicates distance travelled or time consumed. The length of duration of this sound is indicative of distance or time involved. Occurrences of up to six seconds duration have been noted. This is placed anywhere in the clause, but when indicating distance it generally follows Allative tagmeme, and Time tagmeme when length of time consumed is expressed.

For a more detailed explanation of Aspect see 'The Pronominal System of Garawa' (Section 2.2).

##### TENSE

Present tense is indicated by the use of an uninflected verb stem, or by the suffix *{-ŋga}* on the verb. Past tense is indicated by the changing to *i* of the final vowel of a pronoun which expounds subject, object, compound object-subject or reflexive subject, while the verb stem remains uninflected. Alternatively, the affix *-yi* occurs with the verb stem while the pronoun remains unchanged. There is a marked preference for past tense to be marked on the pronoun rather than on the verb. Future tense clitic *dja* is optionally attached as either a suffix on the

verb stem, as suffix or prefix<sup>1</sup> on the subject, object, compound object/subject or the reflexive pronoun, or as a suffix on connector, noun, adjective, or on temporal or locative adverbs.

## 5. INDEPENDENT CLAUSES

### 5.1. DECLARATIVE CLAUSES

The Declarative Transitive, Declarative Intransitive, Declarative Reflexive, and Declarative Ditransitive Clauses constitute the largest group of clauses and their classification depends on the verb used in the Predicate tagmeme. A class of verbs such as 'make', 'hunt', 'talk', 'break', 'scratch', 'take', 'bump', 'burn', etc., take a transitive construction. A further class including verbs such as 'come', 'go', 'sit', 'return', 'move about', 'arrive', 'misbehave', 'breathe', 'decay', etc., take an intransitive construction only. A third class which includes verbs such as 'wash', 'jump', 'feed', 'explode', 'loaf', etc., takes a reflexive construction which necessitates a reflexive pronoun acting as a combined Subject/Object. This is obligatory with reflexive verbs. A fourth class, comprising only two verbs, *garu* 'call' and *nidjaʔidjba* 'name', take a ditransitive construction.

A certain number of verbs may be used either in a transitive or a reflexive construction. In the latter case this generally denotes reciprocity rather than reflexivity.

#### 5.1.1. Declarative Transitive Clause

The Declarative Transitive Clause is the most common type of clause, see Chart 16. Its basic structure is Subject, Object, Predicate, in any order, though it is not uncommon to delete one or even two of these tagmemes, where the context does not permit ambiguity. When one of these deletions involves the predicate, the remaining tagmemes of the clause have been termed Deleted Predicate Clauses or Clause Fragments and these will be discussed later in Sections 5.1.5. and 5.1.6., and Section 7, respectively. The Declarative Transitive clause lends itself to the greatest expansion of peripheral tagmemes.

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<sup>1</sup>This is the only occurrence of a prefix in the language. For a detailed explanation of Tense, see 'The Pronominal System of Garawa' (Section 2.3.).

CHART 16. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR DECLARATIVE TRANSITIVE CLAUSE NUCLEUS

<i>Clause Nucleus of the Declarative Transitive Clause</i>						
± Periphery	+ Transitive Predicate	± Transitive Subject	± Object	± Periphery	± Aspect	+ Tense
	Transitive Verb	Modified NP	Modified NP		{-gili} hab	{-nga} pres
		Personal Pronoun	Personal Pronoun		{-yanji} desid:p	-yi p
		Compound Object/ Subject Pronoun	Compound Object/ Subject Pronoun		{-gimi} desid:np	-dja/dja- fut
		Associative NP	Associative NP		{-wali} abil	
		Co-ordinate Phrase	Co-ordinate Phrase		-ngiwa incp	
		Appositional Phrase	Appositional Phrase		-giyi imp	
		Inalienable Possession Phrase	Inalienable Possession Phrase		iii dur	
					-ma } gawamba } lim	
					-wa } yuwadji } cont	
			Negative NP		-waři } walugu } prim	

## Permutation Rules

1. Nuclear and peripheral tagmemes permute rather freely to any order.
2. Tense and Aspect tagmemes permute as described in Section 4.2.

## Restrictions

1. No more than five peripheral tagmemes have been found in any one clause.
2. When a fairly full expansion of a phrase occurs in one tagmeme, a smaller number of other tagmemes is generally manifested.

## Additional Note

Some of the peripheral tagmemes, mainly Manner and Time, may be re-duplicated.

In the following examples of the Declarative Transitive Clause, nuclear tagmemes only are labelled.

## Examples of the Declarative Transitive Clause

1. T.Pred-Tense  
 ɳagi-ndu ɳaɳaba-yi laɳgu ɳabuɳabu  
 me-acc drink-p north:loc afternoon  
 '(He) drank near me at the north in the afternoon.'
2. Obj-Aspect T.Pred-Tense  
 wuʃu-wali maɳa guyu-yi  
 scrub-abil also take-p  
 '(He) might have gathered scrubwood also.'
3. Obj . . . . . T.Subj:Tense T.Pred  
 ...bagi nanda-∅ baʃi babulu-∅ ɳayi-∅ duɳidjba  
 and that-nom um buffalo-nom I:p-subj follow  
 Obj  
 nugami-∅ nanaba naɳa-ndu maɳa  
 track-nom there he-acc also  
 '...and I followed that buffalo's tracks and his (tracks) too.'
4. -Aspect T.Pred T.Subj . . . . .  
 migu-giya nadjba nana-ɳini waɳaɳa-wanji migu  
 neg-did see that-erg buffalo-erg neg  
 'That buffalo did not see (him).'



- T.Subj  
maḍbiŋgaʃa-wanji  
expert:dugong:hunter-erg  
'...while the expert dugong hunter puts that one at the side of the canoe.'
13. Time T.Pred T.Subj:Tense Obj  
wulani-yana gaḗu yali-∅ bulidjimanjdji-∅  
day:before:yesterday tell they:pl:p-subj policeman-nom  
'They told the policeman the day before yesterday.'
14. T.Subj-Aspect T.Pred-Tense Subj  
...ḡala walugu njulu-∅-waʃi yanjba-yi niḗu-∅  
while first he-subj-prim talk-p Nero-nom  
'...while Nero spoke first.'
15. -Aspect T.Pred-Tense  
riba-na-wa ḡaḗaba-yi ḡagi-ndu nanaba  
river-loc-cont drink-p me-acc there  
Obj  
wabuda-∅ luḡa bidjaḡujgini-∅ baʃi  
water-nom at Bijanguykini-loc um  
'(He) drank water near me there repeatedly, at Bijanguykini.'
16. T.Subj-Aspect T.Pred  
ḡawamba nuʃi-∅-li baʃi nadjba  
only we:pl:ex-subj-hab um see  
'We used to see only (wallaby).'
17. -Aspect T.Pred  
migu-wali wudumba  
neg-can get  
'(He) can not get (it).'
18. -Aspect T.Pred Obj  
migu-giya guyu djaḡuʃ-∅ naḡaḡi-∅  
neg-did take word-nom he:poss-nom  
'(He) did not take his word.'
19. T.Subj-Aspect T.Pred-Tense Obj  
njulu-∅-wanji yabimba-yi baḗawu-∅  
he-subj-lim make-p huts-nom  
'He made the huts on his own.'





CHART 17. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR THE DECLARATIVE INTRANSITIVE  
CLAUSE NUCLEUS

<i>Clause Nucleus of the Declarative Intransitive Clause</i>					
± Peri- phery	+ Intransitive Predicate	± Intransitive Subject	± Peri- phery	± Aspect	± Tense
	Intransitive Verb	Modified NP		{-gilli} hab	{-ngga} pres
		Personal Pronoun		{-yanji} desid:p	-dja/dja- fut
		Associative NP		{-gimi} desid:np	-yi past
		Co-ordinate Phrase		{-wali} abil	
		Appositional Phrase		-ngiwa incp	
				-giyi imp	
				iii dur	
		Inalienable Possession Phrase		-ma ŋawamba } lim	
		Negative NP		-wa yuwadji } cont	
				-waři walugu } prim	

In the following examples of Declarative Intransitive Clauses, the nuclear tagmemes only are labelled.

*Examples of the Declarative Intransitive Clause*

- |                      |                         |                    |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
|                      | Tense-I.Subj            | I.Pred             |  |
| gařu-ři-dji          | dja-yalu-∅              | djiladjba          |  |
| <i>east-place-al</i> | <i>fut-they:pl-subj</i> | <i>go</i>          |  |
| gařu-řinjba-ři       | naři-nguři              | gamu               |  |
| <i>east-side-al</i>  | <i>here-al</i>          | <i>later:today</i> |  |

'Later today they will go to the place over here on the east side.'
- |                         |               |                     |                 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|                         | I.Pred        | I.Subj              |                 |
| gamu-nji                | baři djungu   | yalu-∅              | nana-wa         |
| <i>later:today-refr</i> | <i>um sit</i> | <i>they:pl-subj</i> | <i>that-way</i> |

*'Later today they will sit over in that direction.'*

3.            I.Subj            (            I.Pred    )   . . . . .  
 ...ŋala    nuʔu-∅            naŋa-ŋi    ganindimba    nuʔu-∅  
           while    we:pl:ex-subj    hæ-refr    follow            we:pl:ex-subj  
  
           laŋi-na    djabaʔi  
           north-ab    once:again

*'...while we follow it from the north once more.'*

Note: In this example the Subject tagmeme is interrupted by the Referent and Intransitive Predicate tagmemes.

4. I.Subj . . . . . (    ) . . . . .  
 nanda-∅    daʔaŋu-∅    laŋgu            balawala-∅    gala  
 that-nom    tree-nom    north:loc    roots-nom    under

I.Pred-Tense  
 djiladjba-yi    gula            gala  
 go-p            south:al    under

*'The roots of that tree in the north, go under (ground) to the south.'*

Note: In the above example the Inalienable Possession Phrase filling the Subject tagmeme is interrupted by the Locative tagmeme laŋgu.

5.            I.Subj    I.Pred  
 baʔi    ŋayu-∅    djunŋu  
 um    I-subj    sit  
*'I sit.'*

6. I.Pred  
 djila  
 go  
*'(I) go.'*

7.            I.Subj    .(            -Aspect)   . . . . .  
 ...ŋala    njulu-∅    na-njina-wa            nanda-∅    gudjanja-∅  
           while    he-subj    that:place-loc-cont    that-nom    mat:gr:uncle-nom  
  
           I.Pred-Tense  
           djunŋu-yi    sandi  
           sit-p            Sunday  
*'...while he, (my) maternal great-uncle still sat in that place on Sunday.'*

8.            -Aspect   I.Pred  
 djali-li        djungu   gamu-nji    langu-ři-njin  
 con-hab        sit        later-refr  north-place-ab  
 '...then (they) used to stay till later away from the north  
 place.'
9.                    I.Subj . (        I.Pred-Tense) . . . . .  
 djabaři        njulu-ø   baři   waladjba-yi   bas-ø  
 once:again   he-subj  um     arise-p        boss-nom  
 . . . . .  
 mambuga-ø   walguša-ø  
 boss-nom   big-nom  
 'Once again he, the big boss, arose.'
10.            I.Pred-Aspect  
 mili   gaya-ngili        yinga-nji   bagu  
 again  call:out-hab   other-refr  later  
 'Later, (he) again kept calling out for another (nomination).'
11.            -Aspect   I.Pred  
 migu-wali   djia   mudiga-na  
 neg-abil    go        motor:car-loc  
 '(They) can not go in the motor-car.'
12.   I.Subj . . . . .   I.Pred-Tense  
 yinga-ø   bigibigi-ø   guluga-yi        guladjba-na   walu        nagi-nbu  
 one-nom   pig-nom        sleep-p         pillow-loc   in:front   me-acc  
 'One pig slept on a pillow in front of me.'
13.   I.Subj . . .   (I.Pred) . . . . .  
 yalu-ø        nindu   yalu-ø        baya-mugu-ø  
 they:pl-subj  cry        they:pl-subj  child-pl-nom  
 'They cry, (those) children.'
14.   Time-Aspect   I.Pred  
 wabula-gili   djungu   nanaba  
 before-hab   sit        there  
 '(He) used to sit there.'
15.                    I.Subj:Tense   I.Pred  
 gula-ni        nayı-ø        ganğa   baři  
 south-ab   I:p-subj        leave   um  
 'I left from the south.'



tagmeme may co-occur with the Reflexive Subject. The optional Referent tagmeme functions as an indirect object.

The use of reflexive construction when not governed by the class of verb used in the Predicate has been discussed in the introductory paragraph on Declarative Clauses (Section 5.1.). Reflexive verbs cannot be used transitively, though the transitive verb and a very limited number of intransitive verbs may be used in a reflexive construction to express reciprocity. The following examples will illustrate this.

*Example of verb taking reflexive construction only:*

wadamba        na-nga    mama-nji    naninji-Ø  
eat (feed)    he-refl    food-refr    man-nom  
'The man eats food.'

*Example of transitive verb in transitive construction:*

yali-Ø                daba    badjanu-Ø    djuga-mugu-nji  
they:pl:p-subj    hit    dog-nom    boy-pl-erg  
'The boys hit the dog.'

*Example of transitive verb used reflexively to show reciprocity:*

...djala    daba    yalu-nga  
then    hit    they:pl-refl:p  
'...then they hit each other.'

Chart 18, next page, shows the exponents of the nuclear tagmemes of the Declarative Reflexive Clause.

#### Permutation Rules

1. Nuclear tagmemes permute freely to any position, though Reflexive Subject is preferably adjacent to the Predicate.
2. Manner and Locative tagmemes permute freely to any position.
3. Negative, Connector, and Time appear before the Predicate.
4. Allative, Ablative, Instrument and Referent are manifested following the Predicate.

#### Restrictions

No more than three peripheral tagmemes are found in any one clause.

CHART 18. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR DECLARATIVE REFLEXIVE CLAUSE NUCLEUS

<i>Clause Nucleus of the Declarative Reflexive Clause</i>							
± Periphery	+ Reflexive Predicate	+ Reflexive Subject	± Subject	± Tense	± Aspect	± Referent	± Periphery
	Declarative Reflexive Verb	Reflexive Pronoun	Modified NP Associative NP Co-ordinate Phrase Appositional Phrase Inalienable Possession Phrase	{-ŋga} pres -yi p -dja/dja- fut	{-gili} hab {-yanji} desid:p {-gimi} desid:np {-wali} abil -ngiwa incp -giyi imp iii dur -ma } lim ŋawamba } -wa } cont yuwadji } -waʔi } prim walugu }	Modified NP Inalienable Possession Phrase	

## Additional Notes

1. As the Referent tagmeme functions as an Indirect Object it has been placed in the nuclear part of this clause and must therefore be deleted from clause periphery.
2. When a subject, in addition to the reflexive pronoun is manifested, it is inflected for nominative case.

In the following examples of Reflexive clauses, nuclear tagmemes only are labelled.

## Examples of the Declarative Reflexive Clause

1.
 

	Refl.Subj-Aspect	R.Pred	-Aspect
gaŋu-ŋinjba	na-ŋgi-li	yuŋmba	nana-njina-wa
<i>east-side:loc</i>	<i>he-refl-hab</i>	<i>move:about</i>	<i>that-place-cont</i>
<i>'He used to move about continuously at that place on the east side (of the river).'</i>			
2.
 

	R.Subj:Tense	Refl.Subj	R.Pred
bugamba	yali-∅	djali	yalu-ŋga laduba
<i>all</i>	<i>they:pl:p-subj</i>	<i>then</i>	<i>they-refl apply:white:ochre</i>
<i>'Then they painted themselves all over with white ochre.'</i>			
3.
 

R.Pred	Refl.Subj			
baŋagidjba	na-ŋga	nana-njina	lanŋu-ŋi-njin	gambaliŋidju
<i>decorate</i>	<i>he-refl</i>	<i>that-place:loc</i>	<i>north-place-refr</i>	<i>daybreak</i>
<i>'He decorated himself at that place from the north at daybreak.'</i>				
4.
 

R.Pred	Refl.Subj:Tense	Refr
bulbulgidjba	na-ŋgi	naŋa-ŋi
<i>jump</i>	<i>he-refl:p</i>	<i>he-refr</i>
<i>'He jumped.'</i>		
5.
 

R.Pred	Refl.Subj:Tense	Refr
mangumangu	na-ŋgi	naŋa-ŋi
<i>recognise</i>	<i>he-refl:p</i>	<i>he-refr</i>
<i>'He recognised him.'</i>		
6.
 

R.Pred	Refl.Subj:Tense	Refr
wagaɖaba	ŋanji-ŋgi	mani-yudi-nji
<i>wash</i>	<i>he-refl:p</i>	<i>hand-concom-refr</i>
<i>'He washed his hands.'</i>		



7. R.Pred R.Subj . . ( ) . . . . . Refl.Subj  
 ɲaga ɲagi-∅ ɲayi mani-∅ ɲaga  
*cut my-nom here finger-nom I:refl*  
*'I cut my finger here.'*

Note: In the above example, ɲagi mani ɲaga is an Inalienable Possession Phrase, which when used as subject of a Reflexive Predicate, must be inflected for Nominative Case. The Inalienable Possession Phrase is interrupted by the locative ɲayi.

8. R.Subj . . (Refl.Subj R.Pred) . . . .  
 nugami-∅ na-ɲaga balangamba nugami-∅  
*feet-nom he-refl spread:feet feet-nom*  
*'He stands with his feet spread apart.'*

9. Refl.Subj:Aspect R.Pred  
 ...ɲala na-ɲgi-li dyuzdi nanaba yuɲmba  
*while he-refl-hab Tuesday there move:about*  
*'... while he used to move about there (all day) Tuesday.'*

10. R.Pred Refl.Subj:Tense Refr . . . . .  
 yugu baɲi wadamba ɲali-ɲgi dina-ɲji diyi-ɲji  
*yes um feed we-refl:p dinner-refr tea-refr*  
*'Yes, we ate dinner and tea.'*

11. R.Pred Refl.Subj:Aspect  
 ...maɲa yuɲmba na-ɲgi-ya nana-wa  
*also move:about he-refl-desid:p that-way*  
*'...nor did he move about in that direction.'*

Note: Negative is carried through from the previous clause so that migu...maɲa takes the meaning 'neither...nor'.

12. R.Pred Refl.Subj:Tense  
 guliɲadɲba na-ɲgi gala baɲɲa-na  
*cut:head he-refl:p down camp-loc*  
*'He cut his head down at the camp.'*

13. Refl.Subj-Aspect Refl.Subj-Aspect R.Pred-Tense  
 migu na-ɲga-ma na-ɲgi-mi dulaba  
 neg he-refl-lim he-refl-desid remove  
*'He, by himself, does not pull himself (out of the bog).'*

14. Refl.Subj R.Pred  
 ɲaga djanɲba-dɲa nanaba gaɲu-ɲi  
*I:refl die-fut there east-loc*  
*'I will die there in the east.'*

15. R.Subj . . . . R.Pred Refl.Subj  
 ...nala njulu walja-Ø buřadaba na-nga  
*but he dugong-nom exhausts he-refl*  
 '...but the dugong is exhausted.'
16. R.Subj . . ( ) . . . . . R.Pred  
 ...nanda-Ø baři mađa wařuna-Ø magaba  
*that-nom um also goanna-nom cover*  
 Refl.Subj:Tense  
 na-nga djamba-na  
*he-refl:pres earth-loc*  
 '...and that goanna covered himself in the earth.'
17. R.Pred Refl.Subj Refr  
 ...bagi binandaba na-ngi magulu-nji  
*and lay he-refl:p egg-refr*  
 '...and she laid an egg.'
18. Aspect R.Pred Refl.Subj  
 iiii gidjidjidjba na-nga guřul-ina  
*dur tangle:up he-refl line-loc*  
 'He gets tangled up in the line.'
19. R.Pred Refl.Subj  
 nařgadaba na-ngi-li nana-njina lungul-ina djařani-na  
*spear he-refl-hab that-ins stone:blade-ins spear:blade-ins*  
 'He used to spear with those stone spear blades.'
20. Refl.Subj R.Pred R.Subj . . . . .  
 ...mađa na-nga mili nařgadaba nana-njdjudi-nji  
*also he-refl again spear that-concom-erg*  
 . . . . .  
 lungul-yudi-nji djařani-yudi-nji wuni-yudi-nji  
*stone:blade-concom-erg spear:blade-concom-erg spear-concom-erg*  
 wangala wabula  
*olden:times before*  
 '...and too, before, in olden times, he speared, using those spears with stone blades.'
21. R.Subj R.Pred Refl.Subj:Tense  
 djařumba nayinda buyiyingjinji-Ø daba na-ngi  
*only here pres:day:people-nom hit he-refl:p*

maŋi-na baři  
hand-ins um

*'Here the present day people hit each other with fists only.'*

22.                    Refl.Subj                    R.Pred  
muŋanawa bula-ŋgi-li                    malidjba mili  
*next:day they:d-refl-hab follow again*  
*'Next day the two of them used to follow each other.'*

#### 5.1.4. Declarative Ditransitive Clause

The Declarative Ditransitive Clause has a limited application in that it is a construction used only when naming a place, person, animal or item. The predicate is expounded by one of only two verbs, gaŋu, 'call', or nidjařidjba, 'name'. These two verbs differ from those in other clauses in that both the object and the nominal complement are marked with nominative case.

Nuclear tagmemes of the Declarative Ditransitive Clause, as shown in Chart 19 (overleaf), comprise a Predicate, Subject, an Object, a Nominal Complement, Aspect and Tense. Peripheral tagmemes are limited to Negative, Time and Locative.

#### Permutation Rules

1. Nuclear and Peripheral tagmemes permute rather freely to any order though there is a preference for the Nominal Complement to follow the Object.
2. Tense and Aspect tagmemes permute as described in Section 4.2.

#### Restrictions

Peripheral tagmemes are limited as only Negative, Time and Locative occur.

In the following examples of the Declarative Ditransitive Clause, only the nuclear tagmemes are labelled.

#### Examples of the Declarative Ditransitive Clause

1. D.Pred                    D.Subj . . . . (D.Obj                    Nom.Com) . . . . .  
nidjařidjba yali-ø                    yařama-ø                    nagaŋa-ø                    wangala-wanji  
*name                    they:pl:p-subj                    horse-nom                    nagara-nom                    olden:time-erg*  
*'Our ancestors called the horse "nagara".'*

(Examples continued on page 69.)

CHART 19. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR DECLARATIVE DITRANSITIVE CLAUSE

Clause Nucleus of the Declarative Ditransitive Clause								
± Periphery	+ Ditransitive Predicate	+ Ditransitive Subject	+ Ditransitive Object	+ Nominal Complement	± Aspect		+ Tense	± Periphery
	Ditransitive Verb -	Personal Pronoun	Personal Pronoun	Modified NP	{-gili}	hab	{-nga} pres	
	garu 'call'			Place Names	{-yanji}	desid:p	-dja/dja- fut	
	nidjaridjba 'name'	Modified NP	Modified NP		{-gimi}	desid:np	-yi past	
		Associative NP	Associative NP		{-wali}	abil		
		Co-ordinate Phrase	Co-ordinate Phrase		-ngiwa	incp		
		Appositional Phrase	Appositional Phrase		-giyi	imp		
		Place Names	Place Names		iii	dur		
					-ma } ɲawamba }	lim		
					-wa } yuwadji }	cont		
					-waʔi } walugu }	prim		

2. D.Pred            D.Subj            D.Obj . . . . .  
 nidjaridjba    nuřu-∅            nanda-∅    guᅇᅇa-∅    gařu  
*name            we:pl:ex-subj    that-nom    tree-nom    east:loc*

Nom.Com  
 wugařa-∅  
 pandanus-nom  
 'We call that tree in the east "pandanus".'

3.            D.Subj            D.Pred    D.Obj  
 migu    nuři-∅-ya            gařu    yadji-∅  
 neg    we:pl:ex-subj-desid:p    call    country-nom

Nom.Com . . . . .  
 řabinsin-∅    řiba            wangala  
 Robinson-nom    River-nom    olden:time  
 'In the olden times we did not call the country "Robinson River".'

4. D.Pred    D.Subj            D.Obj            Nom.Com  
 gařu    nuři-∅            yadji-∅            mugulařaᅇu-∅  
 call    we:pl:ex-subj    country-nom    Mugularangu-nom  
 'We called the country "Mugularangu".'

#### 5.1.5. Deleted Predicate Transitive Clause

A few verbs such as wudumba 'carry' or 'bring' may also be elided where a manner tagmeme is manifested by one of the group of words describing carrying positions. Past or present tense may be shown on the subject pronoun if manifested, and present tense has been found on the manner tagmeme. Future tense is attached to a subject pronoun, noun, or adjective, an object, or object/subject pronoun, a connector or the manner tagmeme. The inclusion of a Time tagmeme may alternatively indicate the time of the action.

In the following examples both nuclear and peripheral tagmemes are labelled.

#### Examples of Deleted Predicate Transitive Clause

1. Man            T.Subj    Obj . . . . . Al  
 ᅇabala            njulu-∅    djuga-∅    nanaᅇi    baᅇᅇa-ři  
*on:shoulder    he-subj    boy-nom    he:poss    camp-al*  
 'He (carries) his boy on his shoulders to the camp.'
2. T.Subj . . . . . Man            Obj . . . . .  
 nanda-∅    badjaᅇu-∅    djawayawa    djumbala-∅    ᅇanji  
 that-nom    dog-nom    in:mouth    clothes-nom    you:s:poss

*'That dog (is carrying) your clothes in his mouth.'*

3. Man        T.Subj . . (Obj ) . . . . . Loc  
 wulala    yalu-∅        wabuda-∅    wangala-wanji    yaraṅul-ina  
*on:head they-subj water-nom olden:times-erg carrying:dish-loc*  
*'Olden times (people carry) water in a water dish on their head.'*
4. Man        T.Subj            Obj            Ab  
 munduga   buli-∅            djaṅu-∅        djudju-nanji  
*on:hip they:d:p-subj firewood-nom long:way-ab*  
*'They (brought) firewood on their hips from a long way away.'*
5. Man        T.Subj            Obj            Loc  
 dugagana   djibaři-wanji   djuga-∅    baṅḍa-na  
*on:neck woman-erg        boy-nom camp-loc*  
*'The woman (carries) the boy on her neck at the camp.'*
6.        Con        Obj . . . . . Man  
 ...ḡala    baḡaḡa-∅    bayagaḡa-∅    djidinjdja  
*while baby-nom small-nom in:coolamon*  
*'...while (she) carries the small baby in a coolamon.'*

#### 5.1.6. Deleted Predicate Intransitive Clause

Certain verbs such as *djiladjba* 'come' or 'go', *djunggu* 'sit' or 'stay' may be elided where the meaning of the verb is obvious from context or from the tagmemes in the clause. In this way, a clause comprising Subject and Allative tagmemes implies motion of the subject, as also does Subject and Ablative. A clause comprising Subject and Locative tagmemes implies lack of motion.

The number of peripheral tagmemes in these clauses is limited - generally not more than three or four in each clause. Most frequently only one, apart from Connector and Negative, is present. Past and present tense may be shown on the subject pronoun if present, and future tense on pronoun, noun, adjective or connector. Alternatively, time of the action may be indicated by a Time tagmeme.

In the following examples of the Deleted Predicate clause both nuclear and peripheral tagmemes are labelled.

1. Al . . . (-Aspect ) . . . . . (-Aspect)  
 naṅi-nguři-wa        baři    bidjaṅujgina-yuři-wa  
*this:place-al-cont um Bidjangujgina-al-cont*  
*'(I) still (went) to this place - Bijanguykina.'*

2. Al            -Aspect            Loc  
 nana-nguŋi-wa            baŋi gula-ŋa  
*that:place-al-cont um south-loc*  
*'(I) still (went) to that place in the south.'*
3. Al            I.Subj:Tense  
 bayuŋu    ŋayi-∅  
*west:al I:p-subj*  
*'I (went) to the west.'*
4. Al            I.Subj            Al  
 nayi-wa    nungala-∅            gaŋi  
*this-way we:d:inc-subj east:al*  
*'We both go this way to the east.'*
5. I.Subj . . . . . Al . . . . .  
 nanda-∅    bagurs-∅            ŋudu-∅    bayiŋa    gula  
*that-nom pack:horse-nom road-nom west:of south:al*  
*'That pack-horse road (runs) to the south-west.'*
6. I.Subj            Aspect    Al . . . (-Aspect)  
 nanda-∅    baŋi    iiii    nana-nguŋi-wa  
*that-nom um dur that:place:place-al-cont*  
 (    ) . . . . .  
 baŋiwa    ganjdja-ŋi  
*finish sea-al*  
*'That (dugong) still (goes) to that place - to the sea.'*
7. I.Subj    Al            Man  
 ŋayu-∅    gula            walu-wa  
*I-subj south:al front-way*  
*'I (lead) the way to the south.'*
8. Al            I.Subj            Al . . . . .  
 gula            nuŋu-∅            nayi-wa    walguŋa-jŋjguŋi  
*south:al we:pl:ex-subj this-way big-al*  
 . . . . . (Loc) . .  
 yingga-ŋi    baŋda-ŋi    gula-ŋa  
*other-al camp-al south-loc*  
*'We (will go) south this way to the other big camp in the south.'*
9. Loc    Al            Subj  
 nayi    buluwaŋaŋ-ŋuŋi    ŋudu-∅  
*here Buluwangarr-al road-nom*

*'The road (runs along) here to Buluwangarr.'*

10. Loc . . . . .  
 nayi giwuřu  
 here east:loc  
*'(The road runs) here in the east.'*
11. Aspect Loc . . . . . ; . . . . .  
 yiningi djudju yingga-na yadji-na  
 might long:way other-loc country-loc  
*'(He) might (be) a long way away in another country.'*
12. I.Subj Loc Loc . . . . .  
 nunggala-∅ nayi nayi gula-řa  
 we:d:inc-subj here here south-place:loc  
*'We (are) both here in the south.'*
13. I.Subj . . . . . Loc Ab  
 nanda-∅ ŋaninji-∅ nayi bayiŋa-wunji  
 that-nom man-nom here west-ab  
*'Those men here (come) from the west.'*
14. I.Subj . . (Time) . . . . . (Loc)  
 nanda-∅ djala wadjbala-ŋi nayi  
 that-nom then white:man-refr here  
 . . . . . (Loc) . . . . . Loc.(Ab) . . . . .  
 malbu-nji gařu-ři banđa-∅ giŋgaři-nja baŋani  
 old:man-refr east-place:loc camp-nom up-ab behind  
*'Then that old white man's camp in the east is behind a hill.'*

#### 5.1.7. Declarative Topic-Comment Clause

The Topic-Comment clause is the most predominant of the few non-verbal clauses. As the classification suggests, there is no verb present, nor can this clause take one. Nuclear tagmemes comprise a Topic, a Comment and the optional Aspect and Tense tagmemes. As the bidimensional array in Chart 20 shows, the Topic has a fairly wide variety of exponents. Should the context make plain what is referred to, the topic is often omitted. Exponents of the Comment tagmeme have a similar wide variety, with the exception of a pronoun, and the addition of an Adjective and an Attributive Noun Clause. Manifestations of peripheral tagmemes are limited.



CHART 20. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR TOPIC-COMMENT CLAUSE

<i>Clause Nucleus of Topic-Comment Clause</i>			
$\pm$ Periphery	$\pm$ Topic	$\pm$ Comment	$\pm$ Tense
	Modified NP	Modified NP	{-nga} pres
	Associative NP	Associative NP	{-yi} p
	Co-ordinate Phrase	Co-ordinate Phrase	-dja/dja- fut
	Appositional Phrase	Appositional Phrase	
	Inalienable Possession Phrase	Inalienable Possession Phrase	
	Personal Pronoun	Concomitant NP	
	Place Names	Attributive Noun Clause	
		Accompaniment NP	
		Adjective	

**Permutation Rules**

1. Topic and Comment tagmemes may permute to any order.
2. In the periphery, Negative and Connector are preferred before the nucleus, while Locative, Accompaniment and Time are usually after the nucleus.

**Restrictions**

1. Periphery is limited to Negative, Connector, Locative, Accompaniment and Time.
2. There is no Aspect in this clause type.
3. If either Topic or Comment tagmemes are manifested by a phrase comprising two or more tagmemes, the other (T or C) is more likely to comprise a more simple construction.
4. Present, Past and Future Tenses may be indicated on a pronoun within the Topic tagmeme, otherwise indication of time may only be given through use of the Time tagmeme.

## Additional Note

All fillers of Topic and Comment tagmemes must be marked for nominative case, except when possession is indicated (by referent case) or when the Comment tagmeme is expounded by the Accompaniment NP (also marked for referent case).

## Examples of the Declarative Topic-Comment Clause

## 1. Comment

mambuga-Ø

boss-nom

'(He is) the boss.'

## 2. Comment . . . . .

mambuga-Ø nana-nganji

boss-nom that-refr

'(He is) the boss of those (people).'

## 3. Comment . . . . .

ganji-nganji madjunanjda-nji gulunanjdja-Ø

you:s:poss-refr old:sister-refr child-nom

Topic . . . . .

nayinda-Ø wangulu-Ø

this-nom boy-nom

'This boy is your older sister's child.'

## 4. Comment . . (Topic) . . . . .

walguŕa-Ø nanda-Ø mambuga-Ø

big-nom that-nom boss-nom

'That (man) is the big boss.'

## 5. Topic Comment

bayiŕa-Ø maḍbingaŕa-Ø

Pharoah-nom expert:dugong:hunter-nom

'Pharoah is an expert dugong hunter.'

## 6. Topic . . . . . Comment Refr . . . . .

nimbala-Ø malbu-Ø mambuga-Ø nani-nganji yadji-nji

you:d-subj old:man-nom boss-nom this-refr country-refr

'You two men are the bosses of this country.'

## 7. Con Topic Comment Manner Topic

gala anadalad-Ø gunsila-Ø bugamba yalu-Ø

but another:lot-nom councillors-nom all they:pl-subj

'But quite a lot of them are councillors.'

8.                   Comment    Topic . . . . .
- |            |          |              |            |          |
|------------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|
| gaḍigaḍi-∅ | gadja-∅  | yalu-∅       | ḡaḍanja-∅  | nanda-∅  |
| nephew-nom | many-nom | they:pl-subj | mother-nom | that-nom |
- . . . . .
- |                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| miminja-∅       | gaḍiḍi-∅  |
| grandfather-nom | uncle-nom |
- 'Nephew, they are many people, those mothers, grandfathers, and uncles.'
9.   Topic . . . . .    Comment . . . . .
- |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| nayinda-∅ | gudjaḡa-∅ | nayinda-∅ | gudjaḡa-∅ |
| this-nom  | two-nom   | this-nom  | two-nom   |
- 'These two (people) are these (same) two.' (Remark made when comparing two photographs.)
10.   Time                Tense-Topic    Comment
- |       |      |             |          |
|-------|------|-------------|----------|
| bagu  | baḡi | dja-njulu-∅ | ḡaḡawa-∅ |
| after | um   | f-he-subj   | salt-nom |
- 'Later it (the river) will become salty.'
11.   Asp                Topic                Comment
- |         |              |               |
|---------|--------------|---------------|
| yuwadji | yala-∅       | wanga-nḡa     |
| still   | they:pl-subj | alive-animate |
- 'They are still alive.'
- Note: The suffix -nḡa is obligatory with yuwadji when speaking of animate things without using a verb in the clause. Although we have stated that aspect does not occur in the Topic-Comment Clause, this use of "yuwadji" is really part of a combination of words that form an adjectival expression; hence we feel that yuwadji loses its aspect meaning here.
12.   Con    Topic        Comment        Time
- |      |         |             |           |
|------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| ḡala | njulu-∅ | nanamanji-∅ | wabula... |
| when | he-subj | young-nom   | before    |
- 'When he was young long ago...'
13.                Topic        Con        Comment
- |            |       |           |
|------------|-------|-----------|
| ...nanda-∅ | djala | lunjdji-∅ |
| that-nom   | when  | sick-nom  |
- '...(or) when he is sick.'
14.   Comment
- |          |
|----------|
| ḡaluḡ-∅  |
| sick-nom |

*'(He is) sick.'*

15. Topic            Comment  
 yingga-∅       bayagada-∅  
*other-nom    small-nom*  
*'The other is small.'*
16. Comment            Topic . . . . .  
 magiŋa-yudi-∅       nanda-∅       ŋila-∅  
*paint-concom-nom    that-nom    girl-nom*  
*'That girl has paint.'*
17. Topic            Comment            Topic            Comment  
 yinggan-∅       guḍaliŋi-∅       yinggan-∅       wunanjbala-∅  
*other-nom    short-nom    other-nom    long-nom*  
*'One is short, the other is long.'*
18. Topic . . . . .       Comment  
 nanda-∅       djamban-∅       binda-yudi-∅  
*that-nom    ground-nom    burnt:grass-concom-nom*  
*'That ground is covered with burnt grass.'*
19. Man            Comment . . . . .  
 ŋawamba       djiḍi       lama-nji       bagi       wiŋmuŋ-anji  
*only       with       axe-refr    and       wire:spear-refr*  
*'(We had) only axes and wire spears.'*

## 5.2. INTERROGATIVE CLAUSES

### 5.2.1. Interrogative Information Clause

Interrogative Information clauses are formed from any Declarative clause, by expounding any one clause tagmeme with an appropriate interrogative pronoun and permuting that tagmeme to a clause-initial position, or, rarely, to a clause final position. The only clause tagmemes that may not be expounded by an interrogative pronoun are Reflexive Subject, Tense Aspect, Connector, Negative and Translocative. Generally, the interrogative pronoun is inflected for case though there is a series of interrogative pronouns which are not inflected. (See 'The Pronominal System of Garawa', Section 7.)

The Interrogative Clauses formed with the use of the Interrogative Partitive Pronoun or the Interrogative Adjective may take the imperative clitic *-giyi*, but the clause remains basically Interrogative Information. The imperative marker appears only to emphasise the interrogation.

For a full exposition of the interrogative pronoun and adjectives, see 'The Pronominal System of Garawa' (Sections 5 and 7).

*Examples of the Interrogative Information Clause*

1. Comment                      Topic  
    wanji-∅                      nanda-∅  
    interrog:s-nom    that-nom  
    '*Who is that?*'
  
2. Obj                              T.Pred  
    wanjdja-mugu-∅    nadjba-yi  
    interrog-pl-nom    see-p  
    '*Which ones did (he) see?*'
  
3. T.Subj                      T.Pred              Obj . . . . .  
    wanjdja-ŋini    ɾaŋimba-yi    nanda-∅    djiguwafa-∅  
    interrog:s-erg    shoot-p        that-nom    wallaby-nom  
    '*Who shot that wallaby?*'
  
4. T.Subj                      T.Pred    Subj                      Obj  
    wanji-ngudjafa-nji    mangu    buli-∅                      yalu-nja  
    interrog-d-erg        hear        they:d:p-subj    they:pl-obj  
    '*Which two (people) heard them?*'
  
5. Refr                              I.Subj              I.Pred  
    wanji-ŋganji        njuli-∅        baɖadjba  
    interrog:s-refr    he:p-subj    come  
    '*Why did he come?*'
  
6. Refr                              T.Pred              Obj                      Loc  
    wanjdja-guya-jŋjga    yabimba-dja    barawu-∅    nanaba  
    interrog-d-refr        make-f            hut-nom    there  
    '*Why will the two of them build the house there?*'
  
7. Comment                      Topic . . . . .  
    wanjdja-ganji        nayinda-∅    djaɾawadja-∅  
    interrog:s-refr    this:s-nom    trousers-nom  
    '*Whose are these trousers?*'
  
8. Comment                      Topic  
    wanji-nmugu-jŋjga    badjaŋu-mugu-∅  
    interrog-pl-refr    dog-pl-nom  
    '*Whose are the dogs?*'

9. Loc                                    R.Subj                                    I.Pred  
 wanji-na                                yalu-ŋga                                yanjba  
 interrog:s-loc    they:pl-refl    talk  
*'Where are they talking?'*
10. Loc                                    Loc                                    I.Subj                                    I.Pred  
 wanji-nmugu-njina    yalu-ndu                                ninjdji-∅                                djungu-yi  
 interrog-pl-loc    they:pl-loc    you:s-subj    sit-p  
*'With which ones did you sit?'*
11. Al                                    I.Subj                                    I.Pred  
 wanjdja-biyuŋi    ninjdji-∅                                djiladjba  
 interrog:s-al    you:s-subj    go  
*'To where are you going?'*
12. Al                                    I.Pred  
 wanji-nmugu-ŋjŋguŋi    djiladjba-dja  
 interrog-pl-al                                go-f  
*'To which ones will (he) go?'*
13. Ab                                    I.Subj                                    I.Pred  
 wanjdja-binanji    njuli-∅                                baɖadjba  
 interrog:s-ab    he:p-subj    come  
*'From where did he come?'*
14.  
 wanjdja-ŋuda-giyi    wadjba-yi    gaŋaŋanjdja-nji  
 interrog-part-imp    give-p                                kangaroo-refr  
*'What part of the kangaroo did (he) give (you)?'*

### 5.2.2. Yes/No Interrogative Clause

The Yes/No Interrogative Clause may be formed from any Declarative clause either by the addition of interrogative intonation, or by interrogative intonation and the nuclear interrogative tagmeme expounded by the interrogative particle *guna*, which may permute to any position in the clause. There is, however, a preferred word order in which Predicate is placed first, followed by *guna*, and other tagmemes permute to any order. A frequently occurring alternative order is to place the interrogative particle finally in the clause. Occurrence of peripheral tagmemes is generally limited to no more than two in any clause.

The interrogative particle also occurs with paragraph and sentence level tagmemes as illustrated in Example 10.



7. Topic . . . . . Comment Interrog  
 nayinda-∅ baḡaḡa-∅ ḡila-∅ guna  
*this-nom baby-nom girl-nom interrog*  
 '(Is this) baby a girl?'

## Interrogative Deleted Predicate Transitive:

8. Man Interrog Subj Obj Ab  
 ḡabala guna ninjdji-∅ djuga-∅ djudju-nanji  
*on:shoulders interrog you:s-subj boy-nom long:way-ab*  
 '(Did) you (carry) the boy on (your) shoulders all (that) way?'

## Interrogative Deleted Predicate Intransitive:

9. Subj Al Al Interrog  
 njulu-∅ bayuḡu nangawa-ʃi guna  
*he-subj west:al lagoon-al interrog*  
 '(Did he go) to the west to the lagoon?'
10. Para.mkr Interrog Para.mkr Voc  
 baʃiwa guna baʃi baʃiwa ḡaḡanja-∅  
*finish interrog um finish mother-nom*  
 '(Is that) enough, mother?'

Note: As in the above example, *baʃiwa* is used at the end of a discourse and to mark the end of a conversation, a certain part of a story or to mark a change of subject and is tentatively analysed as a paragraph marker. Roughly, it carries the meaning of 'finish'. It is also used as a farewell when two people do not expect to meet again for some time.

NOTE: In all the previous examples, the interrogative particle *guna* could have been omitted, as noted in the introductory paragraph of this section.

## 5.3. IMPERATIVE CLAUSES

All the Declarative Clauses except the Topic-Comment Clause may be converted to Imperative clauses by the addition of a nuclear Imperative tagmeme manifested by the Imperative clitic, *-giyi*, which is generally attached to the first tagmeme in the clause, or to any tagmeme of the outer periphery of a sentence when this precedes the nucleus. Occasionally this clitic is permuted to the second tagmeme in the sentence or clause.

As stated above, the addition of the imperative clitic to the Declarative Clauses converts the latter to Imperative Clauses. However, though permutation rules and restrictions of the Declarative Clauses still apply, there are further permutation and restriction as follows:



### Permutation Rules

Nuclear and peripheral tagmemes permute freely though the predicate normally follows the tagmeme in which the imperative clitic is manifested.

### Restrictions

There is generally only one peripheral tagmeme present in a clause.

In the following examples all tagmemes are labelled.

### Examples of the Imperative Clause

#### Imperative Transitive Clause:

1. Obj-Imp            T.Pred  
    duḡala-∅-giyi wudumba  
    stone-nom-imp get  
    'Get a stone!'
  
2. Loc-Imp            T.Pred  
    laḡgu-giyi        yaʃidjba  
    north:loc-imp put  
    'Put (it) in the north!'
  
3. T.Pred-Imp T.Subj            Obj            Refr  
    gaḡu-giyi    naʃi-∅            yalu-nja        ḡagi  
    tell-imp     you:pl-subj    they:pl-obj    I:refr  
    'You tell them about me!'
  
4. Neg-Imp        T.Pred  
    migu-giyi        yabimba  
    neg-imp        make  
    'Don't make (it)!'
  
5. T.Pred-Imp Obj            Al  
    guyu-giyi        djanguʃ-∅        naḡa-nbuʃi  
    take-imp        words-nom        he-al  
    'Take words to him!'
  
6. T.Pred-Imp Ab            Al  
    guyu-giyi        wajga-lina        ḡagi-nbuʃi  
    take-imp        down-from        I-al  
    'Bring (it) from down (there) to me!'

7. Obj-Imp            T.Pred    Obj  
 yinini-giyi    wudumba    walguḥa-Ø-miḥa  
*other-imp    get            big-nom-intens*  
*'Get another very big (one)!!'*

Imperative Transitive Deleted Predicate Clause:

8. Loc-Imp                    Obj . . . . .  
 ḡabala-giyi            nanda-Ø    djuga-Ø    ḡanji-Ø                    bagi  
*on:shoulder-imp    that-nom    boy-nom    you:s:poss-nom    and*  
  
 ḡaḡgadaba    nugami            mudanji-wanji  
*spear            feet-nom    burnt:grass-erg*  
*'(Carry) that boy of yours on (your) shoulder or the burnt grass*  
*will spear his feet.'*

Imperative Intransitive Clause:

9. I.Subj-Imp            I.Pred    Al . . . . .  
 ninjdji-Ø-giyi    ba!ba    yingga-ḥi    yadji-yuḥi  
*you:s-subj-imp    go:back    another-al    place-al*  
*'You go away to another place!'*
10. Al                    I.Pred-Imp  
 ḡagi-nbuḥi    djila-giyi  
*I-al            come-imp*  
*'Come to me!'*
11. Man-Imp            I.Pred  
 gaḡa-giyi    djungu  
*quietly-imp    sit*  
*'Be quiet!'*
12. I.Subj-Imp            I.Pred    Subj  
 ninjdji-Ø-giyi    djungu    yinamali-Ø  
*you:s-subj-imp    sit            one-nom*  
*'You, only you, sit (down)!!'*
13. Man-Imp            I.Pred    Acc  
 dulu-giyi    djila    ḡagi-ndu  
*quickly-imp    come    I-acc*  
*'Come with me, quickly!'*
14. Loc-Imp            I.Pred  
 baḡanji-giyi    djiladiba  
*long:way-imp    go*  
*'Go away!'*

15. I.Pred-Imp  
 ba|ba-giyi  
*'Go back!'*
16. Al-Imp            I.Pred        Al  
 nana-wa-giyi    djiladjba    nuʃbu-nguʃi  
*that-way-imp go            gorge-al*  
*'Go that way to the gorge!'*
17. Loc                Imp    I.Pred  
 nanaba    baʃi-giyi    djuŋgu  
*there    um-imp    sit*  
*'Stay there!'*
18. Man-Imp            I.Pred  
 gadada-giyi    yanjba  
*slowly-imp talk*  
*'Talk slowly!'*

## Imperative Intransitive Deleted Predicate Clause:

19. Loc . (Imp Al            ) . . . . .  
 wajga-giyi    yalu-nduʃi    wabuda-na  
*down-imp    they:pl-al water-loc*  
*'(Go) down to them at the water!'*

## Imperative Reflexive Clause:

20. R.Pred-Imp        Refl.Subj  
 wagaɖaba-giyi    ŋanji-ŋga  
*wash-imp            you:s-refl*  
*'Wash yourself!'*
21. Subj-Imp            R.Pred            Refl.Subj        Refr  
 maŋi-∅-giyi    manjdjidjba    ŋanji-ŋga    yalu-ŋi  
*hand-nom-imp wave            you:s-refl    they:pl-refr*  
*'You wave to them!'*
22. Neg-Imp            Refl.Subj        R.Pred  
 migu-giyi    nimbala-ga    djabubulinjba  
*neg-imp    you:d-refl argue*  
*'Don't you two argue!'*
23. R.Pred-Imp            Refl.Subj        Subj            Loc . . . . .  
 balangamba-giyi    ŋanji-ŋga    nugami-∅    muwaɖa-na    ŋuʃu-na  
*fork-imp            you:s-refl feet-nom    boat-loc    bow-loc*

*'Spread your legs apart in the bow of the canoe!'*

24. Time-Imp          Refl.Subj      R.Pred          Obj  
 muṅanawa-giyi    naʔi-ṅga      mudamba          bula-ṅi  
 tomorrow-imp    you:pl-refl    say:goodbye:to    they:pl-refr  
*'Say goodbye to them tomorrow!'*
25. Manner-Imp      Refl.Subj      R.Pred      Ins  
 gadada-giyi      nimbala-ga    daba      ṅubuṅu-na  
 quietly-imp      you:d-refl    fight      boomerang-acc  
*'Don't fight so hard with those boomerangs!'*

#### 5.4. OBLIGATION CLAUSE

Certain constructions of the Interrogative Information clause may also manifest the Imperative clitic. When the interrogative word *yanga* and the Imperative clitic *-giyi* occur together in the one clause they carry the meaning of obligation.

##### *Examples of the Obligatory Clause*

1. Interrog( )-Imp    T.Pred      Obj          Refr  
 yanga-baʔi-giyi    wudumba    mama-∅      baya-mugu-ṅṅjga  
 how-um-imp          get          food-nom    child-pl-refr  
*'(You) should get food for the children.'*
2. Interrog-Imp    I.Pred      Al          Time          Con      T.Pred  
 yanga-giyi      djiladjba    sista-yuʔi    wudjina      bagi    wadjba  
 how-imp          go          sister-al    few:days:ago    and    give  
  
 Obj          Refr  
 ninja          midsin-ganji  
 you:s:obj    medicine-refr  
*'(You) should have gone to the sister a few days ago and (she) would have given you medicine.'*
3. Interrog-Imp    I.Pred      Time  
 yanga-giyi      djiladjba    gamu  
 how-imp          go          later:today  
*'(You) should go later today.'*

## 6. DEPENDENT CLAUSES

Dependent Clauses differ from Independent Clauses in that infinitive and participial forms of the verb are obligatory in Dependent Clause constructions.

## 6.1. DEPENDENT PURPOSE CLAUSE

The Dependent Purpose Clause manifests the Purpose tagmeme of a Purpose sentence. A dependent Infinitive verb fills the Predicate tagmeme. This infinitive form comprises the verb stem and one of the suffixes -nganji, -dji, -djiwa, or -nga. No distinction has been found either in distribution or meaning of these four suffixes, though further investigation may make a distinction apparent.

The nuclear tagmemes are the same as in the Declarative Transitive, Intransitive and Reflexive clauses, except that neither Tense nor Aspect occur. Peripheral tagmemes possible are also the same, but are more limited in number, and distribution is restricted. Connector and Negative may occur before the nucleus, and all other tagmemes occur following the nucleus and are limited to two in number, though more than one is unusual.

Both nuclear and peripheral tagmemes are labelled in the following clauses.

## Examples of Dependent Purpose Clause

1. 

		T.If.Pred	Obj	Time
njulu-Ø	yabimba	galŋiŋi-Ø	wuŋgudi-jganji	ŋubuŋu-Ø
<i>he-subj</i>	<i>make</i>	<i>shield-nom</i>	<i>block-infin</i>	<i>boomerang-nom</i>
<i>'He (would) make a shield to block boomerangs in the early days.'</i>				

2. 

			T.If.Pred
wudumba	yaiu-Ø	malbumaiba-wanji	yabimbi-ganji
<i>get</i>	<i>they:pl-subj</i>	<i>old:men-erg</i>	<i>make-infin</i>
Obj . . . . .			
	gunjba	mama-Ø	
	<i>good-nom</i>	<i>food-nom</i>	
<i>'They, the old people, get (yeast) to make good bread.'</i>			

3. 

		R.If.Pred	Time	Refl.Subj
widjba	nuŋi-Ø	waɖambi-dji	mugunjdja-na	nuŋu-ŋga
<i>go:back</i>	<i>we:pl:ex:p-subj</i>	<i>feed-infin</i>	<i>mid:day-loc</i>	<i>we:pl:ex-refl</i>
<i>'We went back to eat at mid-day.'</i>				

4. Refr T.If.Pred  
 gudjba nuřu-∅ djandja-waia walidji-nji ɲařgada-jganji  
*search we:pl:ex-subj rain-season kangaroo-refr spear-infin*  
 'During the "Wet" we hunt to spear kangaroo.'
5. T.Subj  
 garu nuřu-∅ nanda-∅ mađanjđjanu-∅ nuřu-∅  
*call we:pl:ex-subj that-nom name:of:rope-nom we:pl:ex-subj*  
T.If.Pred Obj  
 didigu-jganji djidimbi-∅  
 tie:up-infin tail-nom  
 'We call that (rope) "mardanjanjangu" - we (use it) to tie up the tail.'
6. T.Subj T.If.Pred Obj  
 buřandidjba nuřu-∅ didigi-jganji naninggi  
*be:in:the:middle we:pl:ex-subj tie:up-infin like:this*  
 '(The rope) is in the middle - we (use it) to tie up the tail like this.'
7. Con T.Subj  
 gagalidjba yali-∅ nanda-∅ bagi yalu-∅  
*laugh:at they:pl:p-subj that-nom and they:pl-subj*  
T.If.Pred Obj  
 ɲařa-djiwa wabuda-∅  
 drink-infin water-nom  
 'They laugh at that man (until) they (have) to drink water.'
8. I.If.Pred  
 migu gadja-mugu-∅ yali-∅ djila badja-ngi  
*neg many-pl-nom they:pl:p-subj go dance-infin*  
 'Not many went to dance.'
9. bagi nana-njina-wa nuřu-∅ gamamba-wuři gudiya-∅  
*and that:place-loc-cont we:pl:ex-subj sunrise-loc some-nom*  
T.If.Pred Al  
 langgi djila gandimbi-dji langgu-ři-dji baři  
*north:al go accompany-infin north-place-al um*  
T.If.Pred Loc  
 ɲařgadaba-dji nanaba  
 spear-infin there  
 'And some of us kept going to that place in the north at sunrise to accompany (them) to spear (dugong) there.'

## 6.2. DEPENDENT PARTICIPIAL CLAUSE

The Dependent Participial clause is the exponent of the Attributive tagmeme of a merged sentence. The Predicate is manifested by the participial form of the verb which comprises verb stem + participial suffix, either -djina or -guři. When the Predicate refers to the Subject of the previous clause, the suffix -djina is used, and -guři when the reference is to the Object of the preceding clause. The Participial clause always occurs finally in the sentence. The bidimensional arrays shown in Charts 21 to 23 illustrate the tagmemes of the Transitive, Intransitive and Reflexive Participial Clauses.

## 6.2.1. Transitive Participial Clause

CHART 21. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR TRANSITIVE PARTICIPIAL CLAUSE

<i>Transitive Participial Clause</i>				
± Periphery	± Subject	± Object	+ Predicate	± Periphery
	Pronoun	Modified NP Co-ordinate Phrase Appositional Phrase	Transitive Participle	

**Permutation Rules**

1. Nuclear tagmemes may permute to any order, though Subject, Predicate, Object is preferred.
2. In the periphery, Negative and Connector occur before the nucleus and all other tagmemes follow the nucleus.

**Restrictions**

1. No more than two peripheral tagmemes occur after the nucleus.

*Examples of the Transitive Participial Clauses*

Subject Reference Transitive Participial Clause:

1. T.SP.Pred Obj . . . . .  
 djungu yali-∅ ninggi-djina bayagaḍa-∅ djuga-∅  
*sit they:pl:p-subj look:at-subj:part small-nom boy-nom*  
*'They sat looking at the small boy.'*
2. T.SP.Pred  
 gudjaḥa-∅ malumba djiladjba bula-∅ yaḥi-djina  
*two-nom together go they:d-subj put-subj:part*  
 Obj Loc  
 djanguḥ-∅ nadja-na  
*words-nom paper-loc*  
*'They sit together, putting words on paper.'*
3. nuḥu-∅ baḥi djungu nuḥu-∅ nana-njina  
*we:pl:ex-subj um sit we:pl:ex-subj that-loc*  
 T.SP.Pred Obj T.OP.Pred  
 waḥaḥ-ina na-djina yalu-nja badja-ḡguḥi  
*corroboree-loc see-subj:part they:pl-obj dance-obj:part*  
*'We all sit at the corroboree watching them dancing.'*
4. T.SP.Pred  
 djiladjba yali-∅ migu wuḡumbi-djina  
*go they:pl:p-subj neg collect:firewood-subj:part*  
 Obj Loc  
 djaḡu-∅ munjdjimunjdi  
*firewood-nom bush:loc*  
*'They went, but they did not collect firewood in the bush.'*
- Object Reference Transitive Participial Clause:
5. T.OP.Pred Loc Loc . . . . .  
 mangu ḡayu-∅ bḥi-jḡuḥi langgu naḡaḡi-njina baḡḍa-na  
*hear I-subj sing-obj:part north:loc he:poss-loc camp-loc*  
*'I hear (them) singing at his camp in the north.'*
6. T.OP.Pred Obj  
 wudumba dja-ḡayu-∅ buwanja-∅ yabimbi-ḡuḥi ḡandu-∅  
*get fut-I-subj brother-nom make-obj:part shade-nom*  
*'May I (take a photo of my) brother making a shelter?'*
7. T.OP.Pred Obj  
 nadjba nuḥu-∅ djuga-∅ maḥimbi-ḡuḥi budjiga-∅  
*see we:pl:ex-subj boy-nom hold-obj:part cat-nom*





tagmeme of the Participial clause when it is a Subject Reference clause. When reference is to the Object, then Subject is obligatorily absent.

*Examples of the Intransitive Participial Clause*

Subject Reference Intransitive Participial Clause:

1.
 

		I.SP.Pred	Loc
nadjba	ɲana	djuga-wanji	laɲa-ngina
see	me:obj	boy-erg	hang-subj:part
			up
<i>'The boy, hanging up (in the tree), sees me.'</i>			
  
2.
 

		Con	Subj	I.SP.Pred
nadjba	ɲayi-∅	djuga-∅	ɲala	ɲayi-∅
see	I:p-subj	boy-nom	while	I:p-subj
				stand-subj:part
<i>'I saw the boy while I (was) standing.'</i>				
  
3.
 

			I.SP.Pred
bagi	ɲayu-∅	daya	nanda-∅
and	I-subj	chop	that-nom
			tree-nom
			stand:in:tree-subj:part
<i>'And I, standing in the tree, chop it.'</i>			
  
4.
 

			I.SP.Pred
nanda-∅	guɲɔ-∅	daya	njuli-∅
that-nom	tree-nom	cut	he:p-subj
			standing:in:tree-subj:part
Loc			
bundal-ina			
river-loc			
<i>'He, standing in the tree at the river, chopped it.'</i>			

Object Reference Intransitive Participial Clause:

5.
 

			I.OP.Pred
nadjba-ɲga	wajga	walunganaŋa-∅	gulu-guŋi
see-pres	down	mythological:sea:creature-nom	sleep-obj:part
Loc . . . . .			
ganjdja-na			
galawunji			
sea-loc			
inside:loc			
<i>'(He) sees the mythological sea creature sleeping deep in the sea.'</i>			
  
6.
 

		I.OP.Pred	Ab
nadjba-yi	naŋi-∅	wala-jguŋi	gula-ni
see-p	you:pl:p-subj	come-obj:part	south-ab
<i>'We saw (them) coming from the south.'</i>			

7. I.OP.Pred Loc  
 wagaɾamba-yi djuga-wanji badja-nguʃi wabuda-na  
*find-p boy-erg play-obj:part water-loc*  
*'The boy found (him) playing in the water.'*
8. I.OP.Pred Loc  
 nadjba ɲayi-∅ djuga-∅ djila-jguʃi bundal-ina  
*see I:p-subj boy-nom go-obj:part river-loc*  
*'I saw the boy going to the river.'*
9. I.OP.Pred  
 wagaɾamba nuɾu-∅ njinbu-∅ gulu-guʃi  
*catch we:pl:ex-subj spiny:ant:eater-nom sleep-obj:part*  
 Loc  
 duɲala-na  
*rock-loc*  
*'We catch the spiny ant-eater sleeping on a rock.'*

6.2.3. Subject Reference Reflexive Participial Clause

CHART 23. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR SUBJECT REFERENCE REFLEXIVE PARTICIPIAL CLAUSE

Subject Reference Reflexive Participial Clause				
± Periphery	+ Reflexive Subject	+ Predicate	± Referent	± Periphery
	Reflexive Pronoun	Reflexive Participle -djina	Modified NP Co-ordinate Phrase Appositional Phrase	

Permutation Rules

Nuclear tagmemes may permute to any order though Predicate, Reflexive Subject, Referent is preferred.

Restrictions

1. Peripheral tagmemes, Connector and Negative, occur only at the beginning of the clause, while other periphery occurs after the nucleus.

2. As Referent has been placed in the clause nucleus, it must be excluded from the periphery.

#### Additional Note

Examples of this clause are extremely scarce in text, and to date, only one item of clause periphery following the Predicate has been found, though others should be permissible as in other clauses of this group.

#### Examples of Subject Reference Reflexive Participial Clause

1. R.SP.Pred            Refl.Subj  
 djungu njuli-Ø    baŋða-na    waḍambi-djina    naŋga  
*sit    he:p-subj    camp-loc    feed-subj:part    he:refl*
- Refr  
 baŋnji-jŋjganji  
*meat-refr*
- 'He sat at the camp feeding himself with meat.'*
2. R.SP.Pred            Refl.Subj  
 guluga ninjdji-Ø    buŋumbi-djina    ŋanŋi-ŋga  
*sleep    you:s-subj    loaf-subj:part    you:s-refl*
- 'You sleep, loafing (on the job).'*
3. R.SP.Pred            Refl.Subj  
 baɭba-dja njulu-Ø    darwin-yuŋi    djanjbi-djina    naŋga  
*go:back-f    he-subj    Darwin-al    die-subj:part    he:refl*
- 'He will go back to Darwin to die (there).'*

#### 6.2.4. Object Reference Reflexive Participial Clause

The Bidimensional Array for the Object Reference Reflexive Participial clause is the same as for the Subject Reference Reflexive Participial clause, except for the obligatory absence of the Reflexive Subject.

#### Examples of the Object Reference Reflexive Participial Clause

1. R.OP.Pred  
 mangu ŋayi-Ø    bula-nja    majgaŋa-Ø            da-jguŋi  
*hear    I:p-subj    they:d-obj    married:couple-nom    hit-obj:part*

Time-loc

guṇḍa-yudi-nji      muṇa-na  
*stick-concom-erg    night-loc*

*'I heard that married couple fighting with sticks at night.'*

Note: In the above example the Subject of the Participial clause, *majgaḥa guṇḍa-yudi-nji*, is interrupted by the Predicate of that clause.

2. R.OP.Pred
- gaya            njuli-∅        nimbala-nja    ṇabaya-wanji    djagaga-jguḥi  
*call:out    he:p-subj    you:d-obj    white:man-erg    argue-obj:part*
- 'He called out to you, that white man, arguing.'*

### 6.3. ATTRIBUTIVE NOUN CLAUSE

The Attributive Noun Clause is very restricted in construction, owing to the small number of possible tagmemes, as shown in Chart 24. It comprises an obligatory Predicate which is formed by the addition of an adjectivising suffix *-waḥ* to a verb stem. The only other tagmeme is an optional Object, the manifestation of which is limited to one particular type of phrase. This clause functions as the exponent of the Modifier slot of a Modified Noun Phrase or the Comment tagmeme of a Topic-Comment Clause.

CHART 24. BIDIMENSIONAL ARRAY FOR ATTRIBUTIVE NOUN CLAUSE

<i>Attributive Noun Clause</i>	
<b>+ Adjectivised Predicate</b>	<b>± Object</b>
Adjectivised Verb	Modified Noun Phrase

#### Permutations

Predicate and Object may be permuted to the alternative order.

#### Restrictions

1. Transitive, Intransitive and Reflexive Verbs may manifest the Predicate tagmeme, but no reflexive pronoun occurs with the Reflexive Predicate.
2. No clause periphery occurs in this construction.
3. Object Tagmeme is optional with Transitive or Reflexive Adjectivised Verb.



6. T.Adj.Pred Obj  
 wijgunumba-yi baŋḍa-ři ŋařgadaba-wařa-nji gaŋaŋanjdja-nji  
*bring:back-p camp-al spear-adjr-erg emu-refr*  
 '(The one who is adept at) spearing emus brought (it) back to  
 camp.'
7. Obj T.Adj.Pred  
 nadjba ŋayi-∅ nanda-∅ waŋaŋa-∅ malidjba-wař-∅  
*see I:p-subj that-nom buffalo-nom follow-adjr-nom*  
 djaguwanda-na  
*creek-loc*  
 'At the creek, I saw the buffalo (which habitually) follows  
 (people).'
8. R.Adj.Pred  
 nanaba djibaři-∅ guliřadjba-wař-∅  
*there woman-nom cut:her:head-adjr-nom*  
 'There is the woman cutting her head (in mourning).'

## 7. CLAUSE FRAGMENTS

A special feature of the Garawa language is the tendency to repeat the important parts of clauses or sentences, and the consequent ability of the speaker to omit tagmemes that may be understood from the context if these are not the important semantic parts of the clause. This is reflected in the omission of Subject or Object in many cases, or of both these tagmemes where the Predicate is the most important semantically. Similarly, large sections of clauses, often including all parts of the nucleus, are omitted, resulting in what we have termed "Clause Fragments". These fragments are generally one or two tagmemes such as Allative, Time, etc., repeated from a previous clause.

Phonological breaks determine the separation of the fragmented speech and thus distinguish them from reduplication of tagmemes within the clause. The breaks are often of longer duration than is usual between complete clauses.

Examples of Clause Fragments are found in the next section in the sample text.

## 8. SAMPLE TEXT

The following text is an excerpt from the description of the proceedings of a meeting of both Yanyula and Garawa people held at Borroloola

to elect a new Council, representative of both tribes. The two tribes live on opposite sides of the McArthur River, and a proposal had been made to build a new camp for both Garawa and Yanyula people on the Yanyula side of the river. Rorie, the narrator of the proceedings, is the most influential member of the Garawa tribe.

Clause breaks are signified by a bar, /, and the breaks have been made according to phonological and grammatical considerations. Clauses are numbered and labelled above, and clause fragments designated by the abbreviation "Cl.Frag".

## (1) Intrans.Cl

.../ gaḍigaḍi-∅ baʃi / ŋayu-∅ --- ŋaʃanba ŋagi-∅  
Nephew-nom um I-subj --- stay I:poss-nom

'... Nephew, I --- my (children) stay (where we are).

## (2) Intrans.Cl

ŋanji / baʃi ŋayu-∅ djuŋgu / manjdjalmanjdjalidjba  
you:s:refr um I-subj sit lose:flesh

I stay (here).

## (3) Intrans.Cl

(I) am getting old.

## (4) Del.Pred.Intrans.Cl

manganji-∅ / ŋala ŋagi-∅ yadji-∅ gaʃu-ʃi /  
body-nom con I:poss-nom country-nom east-place:loc

My home is in the east.

## (5) Del.Pred.Intrans.Cl

ŋaḍanja-∅ gaḍiḍi-∅ yalu-∅ ŋagi-∅ baṅḍa-nji  
mother-nom uncle-nom they:pl-subj I:poss-nom camp-refr

(Your) mother and uncles, those many (children) of mine,

nana-ŋanji gaʃu-ʃi gadja-mugu-∅ /  
that-refr east-place:loc some-pl-nom

belong to that camp in the east.

## (6) Trans.Cl

nanda-∅ gaʃu-ʃi migu ŋayi-∅ yiŋidjba-wa /  
that-nom east-place:loc neg I:p-subj leave-cont

I did not leave that east place.



## (7) Trans.Cl

ḡayu-∅ yinidjba migu nanda-∅ djamba-∅ ḡagi-∅  
 I-subj leave neg that-nom ground-nom I:poss-nom

*I do not leave that land of mine, that east place.*

ḡagi-∅ ḡaḡu-ḡi / ḡaḡigaḡi-∅ /  
 I:poss-nom east-place:loc Nephew-nom  
 Nephew,

## (8) Reflexive Cl

nanaba ḡaga-dja djanjba ḡaḡu-ḡi /  
 there I:refl-f die east-place:loc

*I intend to die in that place, in the east.*

## (9) Trans.Cl

yanjba ḡayu-∅ ḡanji baḡi nanda-∅ / bariwa /  
 talk I-subj you:s:refr um that-nom para:mkr

*That is what I say to you.*

## (10) Trans.Cl

bagi nanda-∅ baḡi ninjdji-∅ ḡagi ḡaḡu-yi /  
 and that-nom um you:s-subj I:refr tell-p

*And you tell me this -*

## (11) Cl.Frag

nana-ḡanji djunu waguwagu-nji /  
 that-refr perhaps pine:tree-refr

*"Perhaps (we'll have) shrubs*

## (12) Cl.Frag

waguwagu-∅ nanda-∅ /  
 pine:tree-nom that-nom

*those shrubs*

## (13) Cl.Frag

waguwagu-∅ nanda-∅ /  
 pine:tree-nom that-nom

*those shrubs*

## (14) Trans.Cl

ḡala yugu baḡi nanda-∅  
 while yes um that-nom

*And yes, (you) told about those shrubs.*

## (15) Trans.Cl

waguwagu-nji maḡa ḡaḡu-yi / bayangalidjba-yi /  
 pine:tree-refr also tell-p have:a:collection:of-p

*(We could) have a collection of  
 (shrubs).*

## (16) Trans.Cl

gaŕu-yi nana-nganji djunu /  
 tell-p that-refr perhaps

*(You) told those people perhaps (this could be)!"*

## (17) Trans.Cl

migu nuŕi-∅-ya mangu nanda-∅ djanguŕ-∅ wabula /  
 neg we:pl:ex-subj-abil hear that-nom words-nom before

*Perhaps we did not hear all he said before.*

## (18) Reflexive Cl

yaŕaŕagaŕinjdja nanŕi-li  
 not:being:explicit he:refl-hab

*(He) had not made himself very clear.*

## (19) Intrans.Cl

nanda-∅ yaŕaŕagaŕinjdja /  
 that-nom is:not:explicit

*That one is not very explicit.*

## (20) Interrog.Inform.Cl

wanjdja-ni gudiyān-∅ maŕaŕga-yi /  
 what-nom some-nom not:know-p

*Some - who were they - did not know.*

## (21) Intrans.Cl

maŕaŕga-yi gudiyā-∅ /  
 not:know-p some-nom

*Some did not know.*

## (22) Intrans.Cl

nanama-∅ langū-ŕinjbā baŕi djungū-yi /  
 that:other-nom north-side:loc um sit-p

*The others (Yanyula) sat on the north side.*

## (23) Del.Intrans.Pred.Cl

bagu nuŕu-∅-ma /  
 later we:pl:ex-subj-lim

*Later we (arrive) by ourselves.*

## (24) Intrans.Cl

djila nuri-∅-li /  
 go we:pl:ex-subj-hab

*We come (in groups).*

## (25) Trans.Cl

gaya-ngili yinamali-ŕga /  
 call:out-hab one-refr

*(He) calls out for one (nomination).*

## (26) Cl.Frag

mili yingga- $\emptyset$  /  
again other-nom

*(He calls for) another (nomination) again.*

## (27) Trans.Cl

gaya-ngili yiqamali-ngga /  
call-hab one-refr

*(He) kept on calling for one (nomination).*

## (28) Trans.Cl

gaya-ngili yiqamali-ngga /  
call-hab one-refr

*(He) kept calling for one (more).*

## (29) Intrans.Cl

guḍadi nuři- $\emptyset$  binjdju /  
neg we:pl:ex:p-subj speak:out:of:turn

*We didn't speak out of turn.*

## (30) Trans.Cl

ḡawamba nuři- $\emptyset$ -li baři nadjba /  
only we:pl:ex-subj-hab um see

*We only kept on watching.*

## (31) Topic-Comment Cl

njulu baři mambuga- $\emptyset$  /  
he:subj um boss-nom

*He (is) the boss.*

## (32) Topic-Comment Cl

mambuga- $\emptyset$  /  
boss-nom

*(He is) the boss.*

## (33) Trans.Cl

mili gaya-ngiii yingga-nji bagu /  
again call-hab other-refr later

*Later he was still calling out for another.*

## (34) Trans.Cl

bagu gaya-ngili yingga-nji /  
later call-hab other-refr

*Later (he) kept on calling for another.*

## (35) Intrans.Cl

migu ha|ba-nga yinamali-∅ /  
neg go-pres one-nom

*Not one (person) goes,*

## (36) Intrans.Cl

maḍa yuřmba nangi-ya nana-wa /  
also move he:refl-did that-way

*nor moves in any direction.*

## (37) Intrans.Cl

baři djungu nani bařinani djamangi-na /  
um sit this like:this dancing:ground-loc

*They sit like this at the corroboree.*

## (38) Cl.Frag

nanda-∅ baři musilina-∅ naņa-ŋi /  
that-nom um Mussolini-nom he-refr

*For that one, Mussolini.*

## (39) Reflexive Cl

mangumangu nuřu-ŋgi naņaŋi djanguř-anji / bařiwa baři  
think we:pl:ex-refr he:poss word-refr finish um

*We think about his words.*

(Paragraph ending)

## (40) Trans.Cl

ŋayu-∅ ŋayu-∅ yanjba naņa-ŋi /  
I-subj I-subj talk he-refr

*I say to him,*

## (41) Cl.Frag

ŋayu naņaŋi-∅ dudju-∅ /  
I-subj he:poss-nom uncle-nom

*I, his uncle, (said)*

## (42) Topic-Comment Cl

gaḍigaḍi-∅ gadja-∅ yalu-∅ ŋaḍanja-∅ nanda-∅ miminja-∅  
Nephew-nom many-nom they:pl-subj mother-nom that-nom grandfather-nom

*"Nephew, they are many people, (your) mothers, grandfathers,*

## (43) Intrans.Cl

gaḍiḍi-∅ / ŋařanba ŋaga-dja nana-njina djamba-na /  
uncle-nom stay I:refl-f that-loc ground-loc

*and uncles.*

*I will stay at that place.*

## (44) Trans.Cl

nani djamba-∅ ŋayi-∅ mařimba wabula /  
like this:ground-nom I:p-subj hold before

*I held on to that ground before like this.*

## (45) Cl.Frag

waluwa ɲali-∅-ya                      guguɖi-yuʃu-nji                      /  
*first we:d:ex-subj-ident grandmother-deceased-erg*

*First, we two, (your) dead grandmother and I (held that land).*

## (46) Cl.Frag

djabaʃi ɲayu-∅ baʃi ɲayu-∅-ma baʃi /  
*again I-subj um I-subj-lim um*

*Again I, myself, (held that land).*

## (47) Reflexive Cl

ɲala njulu-∅ guguɖi-∅                      djanjba ɲaŋgi                      /  
*while she-subj grandmother-nom die she:refl*

*Then she, grandmother, died.*

## (48) Cl.Frag

guguɖi-yuʃu                      /  
*grandmother-deceased*

## (49) Intrans.Cl

ɲala ɲayu-∅-ma baʃi ɲaʃanba /  
*then I-subj-lim um stay*

*So, I myself, will stay.*

## (50) Cl.Frag

ɲayu-∅ ɲanji                      /  
*I:subj you:s:refr*

*I (say this) to you.*

## (51) Trans.Cl

gaʃu ɲa-ninjdji-∅                      /  
*tell I:obj-you:s-subj*

## (52) Cl.Frag

nanda-∅ baʃi /  
*that:nom um*

*And you are telling me (what to do)!"*

## (53) Cl.Frag

baʃiwa /  
*finish*

*(end of discourse).'*

