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#### INTRODUCTION

#### REGARDING THE PURPOSE AND ORGANISATION OF THIS COURSE

This course is for persons beginning the study of the Gurung language. It has been designed with the needs of anthropologists, social scientists, and field workers in mind. The dialect represented is primarily that of the Seti Valley villages north-west of Pokhara.

The first eighty lessons in this course are arranged in the form of short natural conversations, carefully graded for the systematic presentation of new features and the review of old. Lessons 81 to 93 form a supplement on medical topics. The conversations are idiomatic Gurung. The English paraphrases provided are not literal translations but are attempts rather to convey the effect of the Gurung sentences.

The material is intended for use by an individual scholar working with a Gurung language assistant. Most Gurkha soldiers are familiar with the Roman transcription of Nepali and thus should have no difficulty in following the Roman transcription used here once they have gotten accustomed to the representation of pitch, nasalisation, and breathiness which we have adopted here. These features of the transcription are relatively simple and can be described as follows. Capitalised consonants are retroflexed. Capitalised vowels are nasalised. The symbol, x, represents the breathy pronunciation of the syllable in which it is found, while the apostrophe, ', represents the clear high pitch of the syllable in which it is found. The symbol, h, following a consonant represents aspiration (somewhat similar to the h in the English word, goatherd). There is no lexical contrast, evidently, between a and aa in word-final position, and the spelling of words in the course is not consistent in this respect.\* A description of the phonology of Gurung is given in W.W. Glover, 1969a, and this and the pedagogical guide to Gurung tone (Glover and Glover 1972) are necessary

In the representation of Gurung used in this volume there is only a very slight visual distinction between 1 /1/, a lateral consonant and 1 /i/, a nasalised vowel. The reader should be alert to distinguish the two symbols.

companions to this volume. Grammatical notes are based on W.W. Glover, 1974.

Rather full sets of drills have been supplied up to and including lesson thirty. From lesson thirty-one to lesson forty only substitution and transform drills have been included and build-up drills where longer constructions are used. Lessons forty-one to eighty, with a few exceptions, include nothing other than new vocabulary listings and grammatical notes where relevant. There are two reasons for this. First, it was felt that the field worker's most intensive language learning will take place in the first two months of his field work. Subsequent to that his own specific area of research will more and more dominate his time and the area of focus of his language learning. Second, as the student gains a thorough grasp of a good basic inventory of grammatical structures, other patterns can be assimilated more easily without dependence on a heavy drilling programme.

#### REGARDING LANGUAGE LEARNING

Something should be said about the nature of language learning. Contrary to what some people believe, it does not primarily involve learning long lists of vocabulary or of memorising complicated paradigms. Language learning is not language analysis, though of course if one can discern significant syntactic patterns in the course of one's exposure to the language that is all to the good. But language learning does involve the following activities:

- 1. Listening constantly to mother-tongue speakers talking to one another.
- Mimicking a mother-tongue speaker until you are indistinguishable from him.
- 3. Drilling until the patterns of the language become automatic.
- 4. Speaking wherever and whenever you can.
- 5. Thinking in the language.
- 6. Participating in the culture.
- 7. Evaluation of one's weaknesses and one's strengths.
- 8. Tracking, following tape recorded speech two or three syllables behind.

#### REGARDING THE USE OF THIS COURSE

In order to obtain the maximum benefit from this course the student should plan to spend each day two hours with a bilingual teacher using the lesson material, one hour reviewing and drilling with a tape recorder, and as many hours as possible immersed in the culture listening

to the language and practising the material already learned.

During the two hours spent with one's teacher it should be possible to complete two lessons. The hour devoted to a given lesson should be broken down as follows:

- 15 minutes for the lesson introduction,
- 30 minutes for drills,
- 5 minutes for memory review of the conversation, and
- 10 minutes for free conversation, making use of the vocabulary and grammatical constructions learned in previous lessons.

#### LESSON INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this portion of the lesson is for the student to hear the whole dialogue spoken by the teacher as a single linguistic unit. The student should listen to the rhythm of the sentences and of the question and response forms, concentrating first on the overall intonation patterns before worrying about individual sounds. The student should be satisfied to get the general gist of the dialogue and not worry at this stage about the meanings of individual words. After hearing the teacher render the whole dialogue orally, the student should repeat it after him utterance by utterance. If the utterances are too long, as may be the case in the later lessons, it is quite in order to do the build-up drills before actually repeating the whole dialogue.

The student should take along to his lesson whatever objects are mentioned in the two lessons for the day, and should encourage the teacher to read the dialogue with animation and expression and to make use of the relevant objects whenever appropriate. When, for example, the conversation deals with the buying and selling of foodstuffs, the actual items referred to should be made use of during the lesson.

#### DRILLS

There are usually three types of drills for each lesson in the course. Build-up drills break up the sentences into smaller, meaningful units for easier comprehension and pronunciation. Substitution drills are for drilling grammatical patterns of the language so that they become totally assimilated, and they review vocabulary in these meaningful frames. Transformation drills practise responses within the language structure and recognition of pattern changes. During these drills it is possible for the student to pay more careful attention to the teacher's pronunciation, listening especially for the contrasts not found in their mother tongue, such as dental versus retroflexed t and d, aspirated versus unaspirated consonants, clear versus breathy manner of

articulation, accented versus nonaccented.

#### REVIEW

At the end of each lesson period the student should repeat the dialogue with a colleague or one's language assistant from memory. This is a very valuable conclusion to the lesson time and lays a solid foundation of known grammatical patterns on which to build fluency in similar everyday situations.

#### USE OF TAPE LOOPS

A tape loop is a small piece of tape which is spliced together to make a complete circle and which can be used on a reel machine or inserted into an emptied cassette encasement. It would be beneficial for the user of this course to make tape loops of grammatical constructions as they are introduced throughout the course. The loops should only have one grammatical pattern recorded on it in a complete frame such as are found in the Substitution Drills and Transform Drills, leaving enough spare space on the loop to insert a recording of mimicry of the pattern. The advantages of the small loops are three-fold.

- 1. By playing the loop, the grammatical patterns can be heard over and over for as long as one wishes thus providing repeated opportunity for tracking the utterance.
- 2. By recording one's own attempt at mimicry after the Gurung example one can more easily hear where mistakes in pronunciation are being made.
- 3. By making up individual tape loops in the field situation any dialect differences for a specific area are automatically accommodated.

#### DIARY OF DIFFICULTIES

In general the student needs to be alert to his own area of weakness and should devise ways or remedying the weaknesses, and direct the lesson time accordingly. You cannot rely on your language assistant, especially if he is not a trained teacher, to devise special drills for you. For example when there is difficulty experienced in any area of phonology then you can ask the language assistant to repeat lists of words as listed in the Gurung Phonemic Summary or Guide to Gurung Tone and thereby focus more specifically on the problem area.

# AIDS TO CONVERSATION

#### **USEFUL STARTERS**

'What is this?' cu' to' jaa? 'What is that?' ca' to' jaa? 'Please say it again.' phe'ri bid aa. 'Please say it slowly.' nujile bid aa. 'What are you doing?' kxi to' lala? 'Where are you going?' kxi khani' xyaamu'? 'What is he doing?' ca' to' larila? 'Where is he going?' ca' khani' xyaamu'? 'What does x mean?' x maane to' jaa?

#### ON THE ROAD.

1.	a.	o mxalli!	'Hello there, Second Daughter!'
	b.	xwe' txajy0.	'Yes, Older Brother.' (general term
			of respect for males older than one-
			self).
	a.	kxi khani' xyaamu'?	'Where are you going?'
	b.	ta kaE'Du xyaa'm.	'I'm going straight up there.'
		(or ma kyuru xyaa'm.)	(or 'I'm going straight down there.)
		khani' xyaamdi kxi?	'And where are you going?'
	a.	ngam kyu' khaaba'ri xyaa'm.	'As for me, I'm going to fetch water.'
	b.	0, 0, xyaasidi'.	'Oh yes, well, go then.'
	a.	O, xyaamu'.	'Yes. I'm going.'
2.	a.	a baabu!	'O little one!'
	b.	xwe' bxujyu'?	'Yes Grandmother?'
	a.	kxi khani' xyaala'? <sup>1</sup>	'Where have you been?'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>When meeting a person on a path within the village it is important to know where their house is so that one can ask the appropriate question. For example, if a person is heading back in the direction of their own home then one should ask, 'Where have you been?' as in the text, not 'Where are you going?' as in the previous conversation.

b. nAA'sa jare gxumdli blrl' yu'la.

cu' nAA'sa swaaba mxAArdim

b. swaaban mu, bxujyu'.

a. lu', baabu, xyaa'l txui. Tid o. nga xyaa'm.

b. 0, 0. xyaa'd xyaa'd.

'Having strolled around the village I've come down.'

'Do you think this village is nice or not?'

'It is indeed nice, Grandmother.'

'Well, little one, I must go. You stay, then. I'm going.'

'Yes. Go then.'

#### IN THE HOME/COURTYARD.

l. a. o baaje!

b. xwe'? khai waa, baabu?

khai, baaje. kxi to lala?

b. pha'kkarna' kUriba. caUdi tid, baabu. kUn, kUn. baadcit lale.

a. O baaje, lalesidi'.

2. a. o aana!

xwe' Thaagu. kxi khani' b. phekhai?

a. kxine cyuguthiri tAA ngyu'ibari khalau'.

'O Grandfather!'

'Yes? You've come, have you, little one?'

'I've come, Grandfather. What are you doing?

'Just sitting for no reason at all. Spread out a mat, little one. Sit down. Let's have a chat.'

'O.K., Grandfather, let's.'

'O Elder Sister!'

'Yes, Eldest Son. What have you come for?' (Lit: 'Where have you arriving come?)

'I've come to ask you a small matter.'

b. bid, bid, Thaagu. kUnsidi'. 'Speak, speak, Eldest Son. Do sit down.'

# LESSONS 1-80

# LESSON 1

1.	o kanchi!	'O, Last-born Daughter!'
2.	hajur.	'Yes.' (Polite response to greetings,
		addressed to one's elders.)
3.	kaE cai' waa?	'Have (you) eaten rice?'
4.	cai'.	'Yes.' (Lit: 'I've eaten.')
5.	to' Txaa cai'?	'What curry did (you) eat?'
6.	pattu' Txaa cai'.	'(I) ate wild asparagus curry.'
7.	ll'na waa?	'Was (it) tasty?'
8.	beseri ll'namae.	'Indeed (I) found (it) very tasty.'

#### NEW VOCABULARY

kanchi	'last-born daughter'	to'	'what'
hajur	'yes'	Txaa	'curry'
kaE	'cooked rice'	cabaa'	'to eat'
waa	'question particle'	pattu'	'wild asparagus'
ll'ba	'tasty'	beseri	'very'

#### **NOTES**

Line 1: The address term for people is almost always a kinship term. See the kinship table for a full list of kin terms.

Line 3: The interrogative particle was turns an indicative sentence into a question. Note the rising intonation at the end of such a question sentence. Deletion – the omission of words which the hearer can readily understand from the context – is extensive in Gurung conversation. kxi 'you' is deleteed in lines 3 and 5, nga 'I' in lines 4 and 6, and ca' 'that, it' in lines 7 and 8.

Line 4: cai' The verb stem 'to eat' is ca-. The -i' ending is a past tense (final) suffix. (See Grammatical Table 2.)

Line 8: The stem II'- 'to be tasty' is followed by discovery and emphatic aspect particles: II'na 'I found it to be tasty!'

II'namae 'Indeed I found it to be tasty.'

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

cai' waa? 'Have you eaten?' 'Have you eaten rice?'
 Txaa cai'. '(I've) eaten curry.' pattu' Txaa cai'. '(I've) eaten asparagus curry.'
 Il'na. '(I) found it tasty.' I'ndeed (I) found it tasty.' beseri ll'namae. 'Indeed (I) found it very tasty.'

#### TRANSFORM DRILLS

#### Use of Transform Drills

To start with, the left hand column of a transform drill can be practised as if it were a simple substitution drill. Then the same procedure can be followed for the right hand column. Finally the drill can be practised switching from the first utterance in the left hand column to the first utterance in the right hand column paying special attention to the pattern demonstrated in the top boxes. Then this same transform procedure should be repeated right down the list.

1.	Question	Answer
	cai' waa?	cai'.
	'Have you eaten?'	'I have eaten.'
	pattu' Txaa cai' waa?	pattu' Txaa cai'.
	'Have you eaten asparagus?'	
	ll'na waa?	1121.
	'Is it tasty?'	
	kaE cai' waa?	kaE cai'.
	'Have you eaten rice?'	

2.	Full form (/-/ deletable)	Deleted form
	/kxi/ kaE cai' waa?	kaE cai' waa?
	'you rice eaten?'	
	/kxi/ to' Txaa cai'?	to' Txaa cai'?
	'you what curry eaten?	
	/ngaji/ cai'	cai'
	'I ate.'	'have eaten.'
	/ngaji/ pattu' Txaa cai'	pattu' Txaa cai'
	'I asparagus curry have eaten.'	'ate asparagus curry.
	/ca'/ li'na waa?	ll'na waa?
	'that tasty?'	'tasty?'
	/ca'/ beseri ll'namae	beseri ll'namae
	'that very tasty.'	'very tasty.'

o kanchi!

2. hajur.

kaE cai¹ waa?

4. cai'. kxiladi'?

5. ngada'i axca' kxid to'e Txaa cai'?

6. daala Txaa cai'.

7. li'na waa?

8. 0, 11'namae.

9. kxemaEe' nAA'sar y0m maa?

10. axy0'. cu'r khae' mattre' cai'.

'O Last-horn Daughter!'

'Yes.'

'Have you eaten rice?'

'(I've) eaten. And what about you?'

'As for me, I haven't eaten. What

kind of curry did you eat?'

'(I've) eaten lentil curry.'

'Was it tasty?'

'Yes. Indeed, I found it tasty.'

'Is it available in your village?'

'It is not available. I have eaten

it only since coming here.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

kxi 'you'

daala 'lentils'

nAA'sa 'village'

cu'r 'here'

mattre' 'only'

nga 'I'

kxemaE 'you (pl)'

yObaa' 'to be available'

khabaa' 'to come'

to'e 'what kind of'

#### **NOTES**

Line 5: ngada'i The pronoun 'I' nga is followed by an ergative particle da' and an emphatic particle -i. The whole word could be translated 'As for me'. The negative prefix ax- induces an accent on low clear verb stems such as ca- 'eat', giving axca'.

Line 9: The -e' suffix on kxemaE is a possessive particle. i.e. KxemaE'you (pl)'; kxemaEe' 'your (pl)'. The clitic -r (-ri) on nAA'sa is a locative form meaning 'in', 'at'. It occurs on nouns and noun phrases. The verb stem y0- 'to be available' is here suffixed by the nonpast aspect (final) form -m (see Grammar Table 2). maa is an alternative question form to waa and follows the nonpast (final) forms of the verb, whereas waa follows the past (final) form of the verb.

Line 10: Note the locative case particle -r on cu' 'this' to give the meaning 'here' (see Grammar Table 1).

cu' 'this, he, she it (near)'

cu'r *'here'* 

ca' 'that, he, she it (far)'

ca'r 'there'

cu'r khai' mattre' cai'. The -i past tense suffix can also act in a conjunctive role as is the case here with the verb kha- 'to come'. It can also be said with a conjunction included: cu'r khae' biri' mattre' cai'. This very common construction is used to join sequential clauses.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

l. cai'.

4. axy0'.

cai'. kxiladi'?

2. axca'.

ngada' axca'.
ngada'i axca'.
ngada'i axca'. kxid to'e
Txaa cai'?

3. y0m maa?
 nAA'sar y0m maa?
 kxemaEe' nAA'sar y0m maa?

axy0'. cu'r khai' cai'.
axy0'. cu'r khae' mattre'
cai'.

'(I've) eaten.'

'(I've) eaten. And what about you?'

'(I've) not eaten.'
'(I've) not eaten.'

'As for me, I've not eaten.'

'As for me, I've not eaten. What vegetable did you eat?'

'Is (it) available?

'Is it available in the village?'
'Is it available in your (pl)

village?'

'(It is) not available.'

(It is) not available. Since coming here I've eaten (it).

'(It is) not available. Only since coming here have (I) eaten it.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

	GUI	RUNG			ENGLIS	Н
Loca	ation				Lo	cation
Pla	ce	Loc. mk.	Verb	Subj. + Verb	Loc. wd.	Place
kxemaEe'	nAA'sa dxl' desa bana	-r -r -r -r	yOm maa?	Is it available	in	your village? house? country? forest?

#### TRANSFORM DRILLS

1. Positive		Negative		
	ca i '	'eaten'	axca'	'not eaten'
-	11'i	'tasty'	axll'	'not tasty'
	y0i'	'available'	axy0'	'not available'
	khai'	'came'	axkha'	'not come'

2.	Past (final)		Nonpa	Nonpast (present)	
	cai'	'eaten'	cam	'eat'	
	y0i'	'was available'	y O m	'available'	
	khai'	'came'	kham	'come'	

3.		QUESTION FORMS						
	Past + waa		Nonpast + maa					
	cai' waa?	'Have (you) eaten?	cam maa? 'Do (you) eat?					
	y0i' waa?	'was (it) available?'	yOm maa? 'Is (it) available?'					
	khai' waa?	'Have (you) come?'	kham maa? 'Do (you) come?					

4.	Final Past	Final Past in Conjunctive Sequence
	cu' khai' '(I) came here'	cu'r khai' cai' 'Having come here (I) ate (it).'
	cu'r y0i' '(It) was available here.'	cu'r y0i' cai' 'Being available, here (I) ate (it).

5. Conjunctive Sequence without biri	Conjunctive Sequence with biri'
cu'r khai' cai'	cu'r khai' biri' cai'
cu'r y0i' cai'	cu'r y0i' biri' cai'

'About a Hoe'

1. cu' to' jaa?

cu' kodaali' yaa.

3. cu' kodaali' waa?

4. O. kodaali' yaa.

cu' khaba'd banidimu?

6. kammaE'd banidim.

7. cu' to'l banidimu?

8. pa'el banidim.

9. cu' to'e lxaagir caidimu'?

10. cu'di txaaba'e kxe' lam.

'What is this?'

'This is a hand hoe.'

'Is this a hand hoe?'

'Yes. It is a hand hoe.'

'Who makes these?'

'The blacksmith makes (them).'

'What is it made of?'

'It is made of iron.'

'What is it needed for?'

'With this (we) do hoeing work.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

cu' 'this'

jaa 'is' (interrogative)

kodaali' 'hand hoe'

yaa '*is'* 

0 'yes'

khaba 'who'

banidiba 'make'

kammaE 'blacksmith'

pa'e 'iron'

Ixaagiri 'purpose'

caidiba' 'needed'

txaaba' 'hoeing'

kxe' 'work'

labaa' 'do'

#### NOTES

Line 1: The verb 'to be' (in the essive usage) of this lesson takes two forms: jaa in the content question form of line 1, and the indicative form yaa of lines 2 and 4. See W. Glover (1969b) for a fuller description of the verb 'to be' in Gurung.

Line 5: khaba'd: the -d / -di on the end of 'who' is an ergative particle which occurs on the subject of transitive verbs. See also Line 6 kammaE'd, and line 10, cu'di.

Line 6: to'l: the -1 suffix on the end of the question word to' 'what' expresses substance. Hence 'what is it made of?' Note same suffix in the response pagel banidim 'made of iron'.

Line 9: -e lxaagir(i) manifests the benefactive case particle 'for the sake/purpose of'. (See Grammatical Table 1.)

Lines 5, 7, 9: exhibit the nonpast, nonfinal aspect suffix on the verb stems. The aspect of nonfinality is here denoted because the question forms are incomplete without the answer.

Lines 5, 9: banidimu, caidimu: the -di suffix mark verb stems borrowed from Nepali: banaau- 'make', caahi- 'he needed'.

Line 10: txaaba'e kxe' is a gerundive phrase meaning 'hoeing work'.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. to' jaa?
cu' to' jaa?

2. khaba'd banidimu? cu' khaba'd banidumu?

3. to'l banidimu? cu' to'l banidimu?

4. to'e lxaagir? to'e lxaagir caidimu'?

kxe'lam.
 txaaba'e kxe'lam.
 cu'di txaaba'e lxe'

'What is (this, that)?'

'What is this?'

'Who makes (this, that)?'

'Who makes this?'

'What is (this) made of?'
'What is this made of?'

'For what purpose?'

'For what purpose is (this) needed?'

'(We) do work.'

'(We) do hoeing work.'

'With this (we) do hoeing work.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

	1.	_	Comment		Cop.	Verb
I		cu'	kodaali'		yaa.	
			daala			
ı			pattu'			
ı			pa'e			
1			kaE			
ı			kxemaEe'	nAA'sa		
ı			kxemaEe'	daala		
ı			kxemaEe'	Txaa		

Topic	Cop.	Verb	Comment
This	is		a hoe.
			lentils.
			asparagus.
			iron.
			rice.
			your village.
			your lentils.
- 4			your curry.

2.	c u ¹	to'e	lxaagir	Verb caidim?	For what	purpose	is	Verb needed?
				cam?				eaten?
				yOm?				available?
				banidim?				made?

#### QUESTION-ANSWER

1. Q: cu' to' jaa? 'What is this?' A: cu' kodaali' yaa. 'This is a hoe.'

daala lentils.'
pa'e iron.'

2. Q: ca' to' jaa? 'What is that?' A: ca' pattu' yaa. 'That is asparagus.'

nAA'sa yaa. a village.'

kaE yaa. cooked rice.'

3. Q: cu' kodaali' to'l banldimu? A: pa'el banidimu.

'What is this hoe made of?' 'It is made of iron.' Txaa (curry) pattu' (aspuragentils) maa'sa (black lentils)

#### TRANSFORM DRILLS

1.	Question	Statement		
	cu' kodaale' waa? 'Is this a hoe?'	cu' kodaali' yaa. 'This is a hoe.'		
	cu' pattu' waa? 'asparagus?' cu' daala waa? 'lentils?'	cu' pattu' yaa. cu' daala yaa.		

2.	ca' kaE waa? 'Is this cooked rice?'	ca' kaE yaa. 'This is cooked rice.
	ca' Txaa curry?	ca' Txaa yaa.
	ca' kxemaEe' nAA'sa	ca' kxemaEe; nAA'sa yaa.
	you village?	

3. Inde	pendent Clause	Subject	Gerundive phrase	Verb
With	this (we) hoe.	With this	(we) do hoeing work.	
cu'd	txaam	cu'd	txaaba'e kxe'	lam
	kha'Em (reap) tho'm (chop)		kha'Ebae tho'bae	

'About a Kukri Knife.'

ca' AAsi' waa?

2. axngxl'. ca'm kxojaa yaa.

kxojad chi kha'Em maa?

 axkhxa'E, axta'. tho'bae sa'e mattre'.

5. txulmaEd banidii waa?

6. axngxl' cu' kaamaE'd banidim.

7. chabi'yAA cu' to' lamale' caidim?

8. sl' tho'ba, phargu tho'ba.

9. cu'i pa'elA banidim maa?

10. 0, pa'elA yaa.

'Is this a sickle?'

'No. THAT is a kukhri knife.'

'Do you cut grass with a kukhri knife?'

'No, it is not right (to cut grass with a kukhri). It is a chopping thing only.'

'Is it made by tailors?'

'No. Blacksmiths make these.'

'In that case what do you need them

for?'

'For chopping wood, and chopping

poles.'

'THIS is made of iron, isn't it?'

'Yes, it is of iron.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

AAsi' 'small sickle'

ca' 'that'

chi 'grass'

tho'ba 'to cut with a downward

chopping action'

txulmaE 'tailors'

sl' 'wood'

axngxl' 'not so'

kxojaa 'kukhri knife'

kha'Eba 'to cut at ground level

(with a horizontal action),

to reap'

sa'e 'thing'

chabi'yAA 'that being the case'

phargu 'stick, stave, pole'

#### ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

jaga 'plural'

#### NOTES

Line 2: ca'm:-m is an emphatic suffix, as is -i (on cu'i in line 9).

Line 4: tho'bae is a relative clause, modifying the following sa'e:

'(thing) which chops' or 'chopping (thing)'.

Line 5: The -mae suffix in txulmaEd is a plural marker on animate

nouns only. jaga is also used to pluralise nouns.

Line 7: lamale': the -male' suffix 'while' (Eastern Gurung -mangere)

indicates simultaneous action: 'while doing what do you need (them)?'.

Line 8: The-ba suffix on tho' is a gerundive marker.

#### THE VERB 'to out'

In the Gurung language several distinct verbs are used in situations where the English speaker would use the verb 'cut'. Care must be taken to use the correct Gurung verb in the appropriate situation. The most general term, kyAA'ba, is limited to such areas as the cutting of cloth, paper, meat. Another common term, tho'ba, is limited to a downward movement of the hand and is close to the English concept of chopping. Butchering an animal, cutting branches from trees requires this verb. tho'ba is also used in a figurative sense, as in cutting one's pay, or purchasing tickets for a bus trip or cinema show. Other verbs include: kha'Eba 'to cut crops (with a horizontal action of the sickle) at ground level'.

thubaa' 'to cut heads of grains, to reap, to cut dry wood!'
kribaa' 'to cut hair.'
thObaa' 'to open up, to punch/cut a hole.'

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

- kxojaa yaa.
   ca' kxojaa yaa.
   ca'm kxojaa yaa.
   axngxl'. ca'm kxojaa yaa.
- tho'bae sa'e mattre.
   axkhxa'E. tho'bae sa'e mattre.
   axkhxa'E. axtaa'. tho'bae sa'e mattre.
- 3. to' lamale'? to' lamale' caidim? cu' to' lamale' caidim? chabi'yAA cu' to' lamale' caidim?
- 4. pa'ella banidim maa? cu' pa'ella banidim maa? cu'i pa'ella banidim maa?
- '(It) is a kukhri knife.' 'That is a kukhri knife.' 'THAT is a kukhri knife.' 'No. THAT is a kukhri knife.' 'It is a chopping thing only.' '(It) doesn't cut at ground level. It is a chopping thing only.' '(It) doesn't cut at ground level. That's not right. It is a chopping thing only.' 'While doing what?' 'While doing what is (this) needed?' 'While doing what is this needed?' 'In that case, while doing what is this needed? OR In that case what do you need them for?' 'Is (it) made of iron?' 'Is this made of iron?' 'Is THIS made of iron?'

# SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

l. Subj.	Object	Q.	Q.	Subj. Object
cal	AAsi'	waa?	Iз	that a hand sickle?
	kodaali' pa'e daala pattu' tho'bae sa'e kha'Ebae sa'e			hand hoe? iron? lentils? wild asparagus? chopping thing? cutting thing?

2.	Subj.	Object	Verb	Q.	Q	Subj.	Verb	Object
	kamme'd	kxoja	banidim	maa?	Does	a blacksmith	make	kukhris?
		Aasi' kodaali'						hand sickles? hand hoes?

# QUESTION-ANSWER

1.	Q: ca'	AAsi' waa?	A: axngxl' ca'm kxojaa yaa.
	'18	that a cutting knife?'	'No THAT is a kukhri knife.'
	ca'	kxojaa waa?	'No THAT is a sickle.'
	ca'	kha'Ebae sa'e waa?	'No THAT is a chopping thing.'
	ca'	pattu' txaa waa?	'No THAT is lentil curry.'

# TRANSFORM DRILLS

1.		Singular	Plural
	(a)	animate nouns	
		txulid lai' waa?	txulmaEd lai' waa?
	and the same	'Did the tailor do it?'	'Did the tailors do it?'
		kamid lai' waa?	kamaEd lai' waa?
		bxujyu'd lai' waa?	bxujyumaEd lai' waa?
		baajed lai' waa?	baajemaEd lai' waa?
	(b)	inanimate nouns	
		kxojaad lai' waa?	kxojajagad lai' waa?
		AAsid lai' waa?	AAsijagad lai' waa?
		kodaalid lai' waa?	kodaalijagad lai' waa?

2. Lack of Emphasis	Emphasis (-m)
ca' kxojaa yaa. 'That is a kukri knife.'	ca'm kxojaa gaa. 'THAT is a kukhri knife.'
ca' AAsi yaa.	ca'm AAsi' ga.
ca' pa'e yaa.	ca'm pa'e ga.
ca' kodaali' yaa.	ca'm kodaali ga.

Note: ga is an alternative form of yaa used for emphasis.

3.	Subject	Object	Verb (present final)	Subject	Gerundive phrase	Verb
	kxojad <i>The</i> kukhri	s!' knife chops	tho'm wood.	kxoja The kukhri	tho'bae sa'e knife is a chopping	ga thing.
	AAsi'd kodaali'd	chi baari	kha'Em txaam	AAsi' kodaali	kha'Ebae sa'e txaaba'e sa'e	ga ga

4.	Simult	aneous action	male'	Purposi	ve -e lxaa	giri	
		thomale' chopping wood	caidim it is needed.		tho'bae		
	chi	khaEmale'	caidim	sl'	kha'Ebae	lxaagiri	caidim
1	baari	txaamale'	caidim	baari	txaaba'e	lxaagiri	caidim
	phargu	thomale'	caidim	phargu	thobae	lxaagiri	caidim

'About Your Country'

kxie desa khani'r jaa? 'Where is your country?'
 nga'e desa jarmani ga. 'My country is Germany.'

3. kxilaa mrl pxasxi mu u, 'Do you have a wife and children or axxre'? not?'

4. mu. 'Yes.'

5. pxasxi kadi' lxe' mu? 'How many children?'

6. cxa gxri' mu, caml' ngxl' mu. 'One son, two daughters.'

7. aabaa, AAma mu u, axxre'? 'Are your father and mother living?'

8. aabaa, AAmaa tAAn mu. 'Father, mother both are living.'

9. ali, aadaa di'? 'And younger and older brothers?'

10. ali mu, aadai ngan yaa. 'I have a younger brother. As for the older brother that's me.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

desa 'country' khani¹ 'where?' mrl 'wife' 'child' pxasxi axxre' 'not' kadi' 'how many' lxe 'manu' 'is' mu 'son' cxa gxri' 'one' (E kri) caml¹ 'daughter' ngxli 'two' (E nay010) aaba 'father' 'mother' AAmaa tAAn 'all' ali 'younger brother'

aadaa 'older brother'

#### ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

s0 ' 'three' 'seven' ngi plxi 'four' prxe' 'eight' 'five' ngxa' ku ' 'nine' Txu¹ 'six' cyu' 'ten' AAnaa 'older sister' Angaa 'younger sister'

#### NOTES

Line 1: The -r suffix on khani' is a locative case particle specifying 'at where'. kxie: The -e suffix is a possessive particle.

Line 3: kxilaa The -la suffix is a possessive on a noun or pronoun in sentence topic position.

Line 7: mu u axxre'? This could best be translated 'Is there or not?' mu is another form of the verb 'to be' which acts in a way similar to the Nepali chha stating the existence of a certain thing. Whereas jaa, ga, yaa function similarly to the Nepali ho in equating or defining. The negative form of mu is axxre'.

Line 9: The di' particle acts as discourse conjunction from the previous question.

# BUILD-UP DRILLS

2. ngae desa. 'My country.'
jarmani gaa. 'It is Germany.'
ngae desa jarmani gaa. 'My country if Germany.'

3. mu u axxre'?

mrl pxasxi mu u axxre'?

kxila mrl pxasxi mu u axxre'?

'Is there a wife and children or not?'

'bo you have a wife and children or not?'

4. caml' mu.

caml' ngxl' mu.

cxa mu.

cxa gxri' mu.

'There is a daughter.'

'There are two daughters.'

'There is a son.'

'There is one son.'

cxa gxri' mu. caml' ngxl' mu. 'There is one son and two daughters.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

la. aaba, AAma mu u axxre'? 'Do you have a mother and father or not?'
cxa, caml'
ali, aada
mri, pxasxi
'Do you have a mother and father or not?'
son or daughter
younger or older brothers
wife, children

lb. AAsi' mu u axxre'?

kodaali'

kxoja

daala

pattu'

'Do you have a sickle or not?'
hoe
kukhri knife
lentils
asparagus

2a. pxasxi kadi' lxe' mu? 'How many children are there?'
nAA'sa villages
desa countries
phargu poles

2b. kaE kadi' lxe' mu?

Txaa

daala

sl'

kxe

'How much cooked rice is there?'

Unry

curry

wood

work

3. cxa gxri' mu, caml' ngxl' mu. 'There is 1 son and 2 daughters.' kodaali ngxl' mu, AAsi's0' mu. 'There are 2 hoes and 3 sickles.' ali ngxl' mu, aada gxri' mu. 'There are 2 younger and 1 older brother.

AAsi' ngxa' mu, kxoja ngxl' 'There are 2 sickles and 2 kukhri mu. knives.'

nAA'sa ngi' mu, desa plxi' mu. 'There are 7 villages and 4 countries.'

#### TRANSFORM DRILLS

1.	'This a chopping thing.' cu' tho'bae sa'e yaa	'There is (exists) a chopping thing tho'bae sae mu.
	kha'Ebae	kha'Ebae
	kyAA'bae	kyAA'bae
	txaabae	txaabae

2. Possessive -e	Possessive -la (-1)	
kxie desa khani'r jaa? 'Where is your country?'	xa' desa kxil ga. 'That country is yours.'	
kxie pxasxi ca'r mu. 'Your child is there.' ca'e AAsi' kammaEd banidii. 'His sickle was made by the blacksmith.'	kxilaa pxasxi mu u axxre'? 'Do your children exist or not?' .kammaEd banidibae AAsi' cal ga. 'The sickle made by the blacksmith is his.'	

#### QUESTION-ANSWER

1. Q: 'What is this?'	A: 'This is a cattle shed upright.'
cu' to' jaa? this what is	cu' phargu yaa. this upright is
	s I '
	chi
	pa'e
	baari

2. Keep on asking questions using only the words which have been learnt. To assist in this dialogue gather together items listed in the lessons so far. e.g.

cu' kodaali' waa?

AAsi' mu u axxre'?

AAsi' kadi' lxe' mu?

cu' to'e lxaagiri caidim?

cu' khabad banidim?

kxoja mu u axxre'?

'On Buying Eggs'

na'ga phU' mu waa?

2. mu

ti'phUlaa' kadi' jaa?

4. ti'phUlaa' mxori' yaa.

5. chabi'yAA cyu'phU pln o'.

0, na', bod. mxui' ngxa' tai'.

7. lu' paisaa' kln.

8. tam.

'Do you have any eggs?'

'(We) have.'

'How much does one cost?'

'For one, it costs one mohor.'

'In that case, give me ten.'

'Yes, here, take them. That is Rs.

5/-.

'There take the money.'

'O.K.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

na'ga 'hen'

plbaa' 'to give'

bobaa 'to take'

bobaa to take

-phU 'numerical classifier on

eggs and other small,

round objects'

paisaa' 'money'

phU' 'eaa'

mxori' 'one mohor' (50 pice)

na' 'here!'

mxui' 'rupees'

lu' 'here!'

klbaa' 'to get'

#### NOTES

Line 3: ti'phUlaa': When counting objects the number one (1) rarely appears as gxri' but ti' followed by the numerical classifier appropriate to the shape, size, or nature of the object. (See numerical Classifier Chart, Grammatical Table 4.) In this sentence the -laa' suffix is a focus marker, 'as for'.

Line 4: A mohor is a 50 pice coin of the Nepalese currency. One rupee = 100 pice. In the hills, for amounts up to Rs. 10/- people often count by mohors.

Line 5: The imperative -d / -n follows the verb stem. The -n form occurs on verb stems which have nasal vowels. The -d form occurs elsewhere.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

mu waa?
 phU' mu waa?
 na'ga phU' mu waa?

2. kadi' jaa? ti'phUlaa' kadi' jaa? 'Is there (something)?'
'Are there eggs?'
'Are there hen eggs?'
'How much (is it)?'

'How much for one (egg)?'

3.	pln o'	'Please give.'
	cyu'phU pln o'	'Please give 10.'
	chabi'yAA cyu'phU pln o'	'In that case, please give 10.'
4.	O, na', bod.	'O.K., here take (it).'
	mxui' ngxaa' tai.	'That is Rs. 5/
	O, na', bod. mxui' ngxaa'	'O.K. Here, take them. That is Rs.
	tai.	5/

SUB	STITUTION D	RILLS	
1.	ti'phU pln ngxl'phU sO'phU plxi'phU' cyu'phU	o'.	'Please give me one (egg).'  two  three  four  ten
2.		mxori' yaa. mxui'ngxa' mxui'Txu' mxui'ngi' mxui'pxre' mxui'ku'	'One costs one mohor.' five rupees six seven eight nine
3.	na'ga phU' aaba AAma AAsi' kodaali' kxojaa daala pattu'	mu waa?	'Do you have any eggs?'  a father and mother?  a sickle?  a hoe?  a kukhri knife?  lentils?  wild asparagus?

# TRANSFORM DRILLS

1.	'Do you have any eggs?' na'ga phU' mu waa?	'Is this an egg?' cu' na'gu phU' waa?
	mxori'	
	mxui'	

2.	Indicative (past) '(I) took the money'	Imperative 'Take the money.'
	Nasal stem vowel paisaa' ki-i' na'ga phU' pi-i'	paisaa' kl-n na'ga phU' pl~n
	Oral stem vowel kxoja banidi-i sl' tho'-i kaE ca-i'	kxoja banidi-d si' tho'-d kaE ca-d

'On Buying Rice'

1. mlxasi' mu waa? 'Do you have any husked rice?'

2. mu '(We) have.'

tlmna'laa kadi' jaa? 'How much is it for one mana?'

4. timna'laa mxor s0'ba ga. 'It is three mohors for one mana.'

5. ngalai pyO'no pIn 'Please give me one pathi.'

6. na', bxAADo' to'd 'Here, hold out your container.'

7. lu', jx0n. 'Here, pour (it) in.'

8. na' mxui', baaraa ru'byAA mu. 'Here is the money. It is Rs. 12/-.'

9. 0, tam. 'O.K.'

10. Tid o'? 'Stay here, O.K.?'

11. 0, 0, chenle xyaad'. 'Yes. Go well.

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

mlasi' 'husked rice' py0'no 'one pathi' (about one

timna' 'one mana' (about one gallon - 4.5. litres)

pint) to'ba 'to hold out'

bxAADo' 'container' ru'byAA 'rupees'

jx0ba' 'to pour in, to put in' chenle 'well' (adv)

Tibaa' 'to stay, dwell' xyaaba' 'to go'

#### ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

muThi 'muthi (about a handfull)' padi 'pathi (about 4.5. litres)'

mxana 'mana (about ½ litre)' mxuri 'muri (about 100 litres)'

mlxa 'unhusked rice'

# UNITS OF VOLUME

10 muthi = 1 mana

8 mana = 1 pathi (4.5. litres)

20 pathi = 1 muri

However the use of classifiers in counting frequently disguises the Nepali loan words. e.g.

ti'mna' = ek' mana py0'no = 1 pathi ngx1by0 = 2 pathi s0'by0 = 3 pathi mxuri = 1 muri s0'mri = 3 muri

#### POLITE FAREWELLS

The normal means of saying 'good bye' to one another when departing from a house is exemplified in lines 10 and 11.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

 kadi' iaa? ti'mnaa'la kadi' jaa?

py0'no pln. ngalai py0'no pln.

3. baaraa ru'pYAA mu. na' mxui'.

'How much is it?'

'How much is one mana?'

'Give (me) a pathi.'

'Give me a pathi.'

'It is Rs. 12/-.'

'Here (is) the money.'

na' mxui'. baaraa ru'pyAA mu. 'Here (is) the money. It is Rs. 12/-.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

 timna'laa mxor s0'bo qa. ngxlmnalaa mxui' s0'. sOmna'laa mxor ku'bo. pyO'nolaa mxui' Txu'.

2. ngalai py0'no pln.

ngxl by0 cyu'by0 eghara pathi

mxuri

'It is three mohors for one mana.'

Rs. 3/- for two mana.

nine mohors for three mana.

Rs. 6/- for one pathi.

'Please give me one pathi.'

two pathi.

ten pathi.

eleven pathi.

one muri. (twenty

pathi)

#### TRANSFORMATION DRILLS

1.	Imperative	Softened Imperative	
	Tid	Tid o'	
	'Stay.'	'Please stay.'	
	to'd	to'd o'	
	xyaad'	xyaad o'	
	cad	cad o'	
	jx0n'	jx0n o' pln o'	
	pln		
	kIn	kin oʻ	
2.	Request	Response	
	'Please give (me) the money.'	'Here! Take the money.'	
	paisaa' pln o'.	na' paisaa' kln.	
	na'ga phU'		
	mlxa		
	mlxasi'		

'On Buying Milk'

 ngxe cU'ba mu u, axrxe'? 'Do you sell milk or not?' 2. to'e ngxe? 'Which sort of milk?' ma'qilaa. 'Buffalo's. (milk)' 4. mu. 'We have (some).' 5. timnaa'laa kadi' jaa? 'How much is a mana?' 6. mxor s0'bo ga. 'It is three mohors.' 7. caUthE' s0' pIn o'. 'Give me 3/4 (mana) please.' 8. tam, plsyo'. 'O.K., I will certainly give.' 9. mxui' gxri' se' ngxisxyu 'Here is Rs. 1/20. Take it.'

**NEW VOCABULARY** 

ngxe 'milk' cU'ba 'selling' ma'gi '(E) maai buffalo' caUthE' '1/4' ngxIsyu '20'

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

paisaa'. naa'. kln.

'11' soraa 116' eqxaara barra 12' 117' satara 1131 te'raa aThara '18' 114' cauda unnaais '19' pandra 1151

#### **NOTES**

Line 8: Plsyo': The syo' suffix is used only in the 1st person and is an emphatic future marker.

Line 9: mxui' gxri' se' ngxisyu paisa. The use of se' as a conjunction is unique to number phrases.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. ngxe cU'ba.
 mu u axxre'?
 ngxe cU'ba mu u axxre'?
 'Selling milk.'
 'Is there or not?'
 'Do you sell milk or not?'

# SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

2. mxui' gxri' se ngxlsyu paisa' *'That is Rs. 1/20.'* mu.

 ngxa' se s0jyu'
 Rs. 5/30

 pxre' se pandra
 Rs. 8/15

 ku' se ngxIsyu
 Rs. 9/20

1.	Non past	Emphatic future (1st p. sing.)
	ngad plm. 'I will give (it).'	ngad plsyu'. 'I will certainly give (it).'
	ngad klm. kham. banidim. j×0m′.	ngad klsyo'. khasyo'. banidisyo'. jx0syo'.

'About Your Home'

1. dxl' khani'r jaa, kxilaa? 'Where is your home?'

2. nga'e dxl' asTreliyaar mu. 'In Australia.'

kadi' dinbae gxyAA' mu? 'How many days travel is it?'

4. xaawaa' jxaasa'r xyaadu' biyAA 'If you go in a plane you arrive in ngxigaE s0ga'Er phenmu. two or three days.'

5. lxe'n xrEgo munaa'. 'It's very far then.'

6. 0, xrEgon mu. 'Yes, it's far indeed.'

7. lu'di, nga xyaam, bindi mu. 'Well, I'm going, Goodbye.'

8. 0, 0. xyaad. 'Yes, O.K. Go.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

 dxl' (E) tl 'house'
 gxyAA' 'road'

 xaawaa' 'air'
 jxaasa' 'vehicle'

 phebaa' 'to arrive'
 xrEgo 'far'

-ga'E 'numeral classifier

for days'

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

ngi 'we (excluding addressee)'
ngxyo' (E) ngy0 'we (including addressee)'

#### NOTES

Line 4: -du' biyAA (or -syAA or -yAA) is a conditional aspect particle, 'if'. phenmu: The suffix -n (or -ne) following the stem phe indicates that the action involves 'going' as well. e.g. cxaa thU'-ne 'Go and drink tea'.

Line 5: lxe'n: The -n suffix on lxe' is an emphatic particle, as also on xrEgo in line 6.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

khani'r jaa?
 dxl' khani'r jaa?
 dxl' khani'r jaa, kxilaa?
 Where is the house?'
 'Where is your house?'
 asTreliyaar mu.
 'It is in Australia.'

dxl' asTreliyaar mu. 'The house is in Australia.'

nga'e dxl' asTreliyaar mu. 'My house is in Australia.'

3. ngxlgaE s0ga'Er phenmu. '(You) arrive in two or three days.'

xyaadu' biyAA ngxlgaE s0gaEr 'If you go you will arrive in two or
phenmu. three days.'

xaawaa' jxaasa'r xyaadu' biyAA 'If you go on a plane you will arrive

ngxlgaE s0gaEr phenmu. in two or three days.'

4. bindimu. 'Good-bye.'

nga xyaam. bindimu. 'I'm going. Good-bye.'

lu'di, nga xyaam. bindimu. 'Well, I'm going. Good-bye.'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. dxl' khani'r jaa kxilaa? 'Where is your house?'

desa country?
nAA'sa 'village?

2. nga'e dxl' asTreliyaar mu. 'My house is in Australia.'

kxie Your ca'e His

kxemaEe' Your (pl)
ngi'e Our (incl)
ngxyo'e Our (excl)

3. lxe'n xrEgo munaa'. 'I see it is very far away.'

ll'ba tasty.

4. xaawaa' jxaasa'r xyaadu' biyAA 'Is is O.K. if you go in an aeroplane.' tam.

Tidu' stay
jx0du' put (it) in

bodu' bring (it)

banididu' make it

# TRANSFORMATION DRILLS

1.	Indicative +ne	Imperative +ne
	canem / canmu 'I will go and eat'	cane 'Go and eat'
	cxaa thU'nmu / thU'nem.	cxaa thU'ne.
	'(I) am going to drink tea.'	'Go and drink tea.'
	ngxe cU'nmu / cU'nem.	ngxe cUne.
	'(I) am going to sell milk.'	'Go and sell milk.'

'On Buying Wine'

1. paa' mu? 'Do you have wine?'

'(We) have.' 2. mu

3. kadi' 11'b mu? 'How tasty is it?'

4. beseri ll'ban mu. kadi' 'It is very tasty. How much is

caidii? needed?'

5. bodol ngxlde' plndi. 'Give me about two bottles.'

6. na', bod. 'There, take (them).'

7. kadi' lxaudii? 'How much do they cost?'

8. bodol gxrilaa' mxui' s0' yaa. 'It is Rs. 3/- for a bottle.'

9. chabi'yAA mxui' Txu' lxaidii. 'Therefore that will cost Rs. 6/-. na¹, kln. There, take it.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

'wine' bodol 'bottle' paa'

lxaudiba 'to cost' -de' 'approximately'

#### NOTES

Line 5: plndi: -di (or -sidi') suffix softens the imperative.

# BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. ll'ban mu. 'It is tasty.' beseri ll'ban mu. 'It is very tasty.'

beseri ll'ban mu, kadi' 'It is very tasty. How much is

caidii? needed?'

bodol gxrilaa' mxui' s0' yaa. 'For one bottle it is Rs. 3/-.'

'There, take it.' 3. na', kln.

mxui' Txu' lxaidii. na', kln. 'That will be Rs. 6/-. There, take it.' chabi'yAA mxui' Txu' lxaudii. 'In that case, that will be Rs. 6/-. There, take it.'

'It is Rs. 3/-.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

xrEgo

2. mxui's0'yaa.

1. kadi' ll'ba mu? 'How tasty is it?' far

> many are they? lxe'

'Please give me about two bottles.' Bodol ngxlde' plndi.

> s0'de three five ngxade' pxrede' eight

3. bodol gxrilaa' mxul' s0' yaa 'For 1 bottle it is Rs. 3/-.'

mlxa timnalaa' 1 mana mlxa pyO'nolaa' 1 pathi

tiphUlaa' 1 egg (or small round object)

# QUESTION-ANSWER DRILL

1. Q: kadi' ll'ba mu? A: beseri ll'ban mu.

erEgo lxe'

1.	Normal Imperative (instruction)	Soften	ed Impe	ratives	(instructions)
	-n / -d	-0'	-di	- s i	-sidi'
	Nasal Stem Vowel				
	pln	plno'	plndi	plnsi	plnsidi'
	kln				
	j×0n				
	cUn				
	Oral Stem Vowel				
	ca d	cado'	caddi	cadsi	cadsidi'
	xyaad				
	to ' d				
	tho'd				
	banidid				
	Tid				

'On Buying Bananas'

 mxaiaa' mu waa? 'Do you have bananas?'

'(We) have.' 2. mu.

3. to' kisimba'e mxajaa' mu? 'What kind of bananas do you have?'

4. kxUDe mxajaa' mu. 'We have munde bananas.' (a fat,

stumpty variety).

5. mxori'laa kadi' kosaa' plmu? 'How many do you give for a mohor?'

'We give two.' 6. ngxigy0 plm.

7. chabi'yAA cyu'gy0 pln. 'In that case give me ten.'

8. 0, 0, mxor ngxabo' lxaudii. 'O.K., that will cost five mohors.'

9. naa' paisaa'. 'Here's the money.'

10. nge'! 'Oh!'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

mxajaa' 'banana' kosaa' 'units' (long thin objects) mxUDe 'k.o, banana' 'numeral classifier for long - qy0 nge¹ 'yes' (Oh! I see) thin objects'

kisimba'e 'kind of' -bo 'numeral classifier for mohors and other small round things'

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. to' mu? 'What is there?' to' kisimba'e mxajaa' mu? 'What kind of bananas do you have?'

2. kadi' kosaa' plmu? 'How many do you give?'

mxori'laa kadi' kosaa' plmu? 'How many do you give for a mohor?'

'Give me ten. (bananas)' cyu'gy0 pln.

chabi'yAA cyu'gyO pln. 'In that case give me ten. (bananas)'

#### NOTES

Line 3: to' kisimba'e mxajaa' is a variant form of to'e mxajaa' 'What kind of bananas?'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. to' kisimba'e mxajaa' mu? 'What kind of bananas do you have?'

daala lentils mlxasi' uncooked rice

dxl' house gxyAA' road xaawaa' jxaasa' plane 2. ngxlgy0' plm 'We give 2 (bananas, cigarettes)'
ngxlmna' 2 (manas)
ngxlby0' 2 (pathis)
ngxlga'E 2 (days)
ngxlphU' 2 (eggs, small fruit, coins)
ngxlbo' 2 (mohors, small bowls,
larger items than objects
using -phU')

'What kind of?'		
to'e mxajaa' mu?	to' kisimba'e mxajaa' mu?	
Txaa		
phU'		
ml xa s i '		
ngxe		

'On Buying a Fowl'

- na'ga mu waa?
- 2. bxaale' u y0mAA'?
- bxaale' ba.
- 4. mu. kadi' thebbrE' caidii?
- 5. Thi'kka xyaabaa'.
- 6. o' ca' tam maa?
- 7. 0, cxo theb muyAA' tam. sa'e kadi' ja?
- 8. te'raa ru'byAA.
- 9. tam, na' paisaaq.
- 10. 0, khwe'.

'Do you have a fowl?'

'A rooster or hen?'

'A rooster, indeed.'

'We have. How big a one is needed?'

'Just average.'

'Is that one O.K.?'

'Yes, if there is one that big it would be O.K. How much is the price?'

'Rs. 13/-.'

'O.K., here's the money.'

'O.K., give it.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

bxaale' 'rooster'

thebbrE' 'big'

sa'e 'price'

khwe' 'Give it!'

yOmAA' 'female'

Thi'kka 'average, O.K., right'

cxo 'thus, that'

ba 'indeed'

# ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

cyugu' thiri' 'small'

cisiri' 'small'

## NOTES

Line 2: bxaale' u y0mAA'? The u particle characterises this as an alternative type question (J. Glover 1969:40-1).

Line 3: ba: Another emphatic form of the verb 'to be' (cf. ga, ya). Line 4: thebbrE': the -brE suffix is common on adjectival stems, but occurs also on active stems to denote habitual action: thU'brE lam 'he is repeatedly drinking'.

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

 bxaale' u y0mAA'? daala u pattu'? kaama'E u txulmaE?

> kodaali' u AAsi'? kodaali' u kxoja?

cxa u caml'? AAma u aaba? 'A rooster or a hen?'

'Lentils or asparagus?'
'Blacksmiths or tailors?'

'A hoe or a sickle?'

'A hoe or a kukhri knife?'

'Son or daughter?'

'Mother or father?'

2. 0 cxo theb muyAA' tam.

'Yes being that big it is O.K.'

tasty

xrEgo
cisiri / cyugu'thiri

small

1.	The	use of u 'or'
	bxaale' u y0mAA'. 'rooster or hen.'	bxaale' cU'ba u y0mAA' cU'ba. 'selling a rooster or selling a hen.
	daala u pattu' kodaali' u AAsi' kodaali' U kxoja na'ga phU' u ngxe	

'On Buying Kerosene'

1. te'l mu waa? 'Do (you) have oil?'

2. caba'e te'l u, mroba'e te'laa? 'Eating oil or lighting oil?'

3. mroba'e te'laa 'Lighting oil.'

4. mu. kadi' caidii? '(We) have. How much is needed?'

5. ngxlmna' pln. 'Give me two manas.'

6. mxui' plxi' lxaudii. 'That will cost Rs. 4/-.'

7. 0, 0, na' paisaa'. 'O.K., here's the money.'

8. tam khwe'. 'O.K., give it.'

9. Tid o', nga xyaam'. 'Stay here, I'm going.'

10. 0, 0, xyaad'. 'O.K., go.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

mroba'e 'lighting'
te'laa 'oil'

#### NOTES

Line 2: caba'e te'l 'eating oil': another illustration of the relative clause, introduced in Lesson 3. The fluctuation of final vowel (te'l / te'laa) is very common.

# BUILD-UP DRILLS

2. nga xyaam'. 'I'm going.'
Tid o', nga xyaam'. 'Stay, O.K.? I'm going.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. caba'e te'l u mroba'e te'laa? 'Eating oil or lighting oil?'
caba'e sa'e u mroba'e sa'e? 'Eating thing or a lighting thing?'
tho'bae chopping thing?
kha'Ebae cutting thing?

## REVIEW

1. As this lesson has no new grammatical items in it, the student can use the opportunity for review of all the lessons so far learnt. In preparation for the review the student should assemble the necessary props:

Lesson 1, 2. Food stuffs.

Lesson 3, 4. Hoe, sickle, kukhri knife.

Lesson 6-11. Eggs, rice, milk, bananas, wine.

Plus a good variety of money.

- 2. Go over each of the lessons as action dialogues with your teacher. You should by now have committed the lessons to memory. Pay careful attention to the intonation of the utterances. Try to attain the speed natural to Gurung speakers.
- 3. Using the same props and limiting the vocabulary to that introduced in the lessons and drills, converse with your teacher in Gurung. Take parts, such as shopkeeper and customer, and simply talk together naturally. Where there is more than one student in the class, have conversations between students in Gurung.
- 4. Try to begin conversation with greetings typically used such as in Lessons 1 and 2 and in 'Conversational Openers'. Include in your conversation questions about the family of your language assistant. Encourage him to ask you about yours.

'On Buying Black Lentils'

1. maa'sa mu waa?

2. mu.

3. timna'laa kadi' jaa?

4. paa'n sugaa' yaa.

5. Txumna pln o'.

 0. mxui' ngi'se mxoraa lxaidii.

7. na' sidi', paisaa' kln.

8. 0, 0. phe'ri caidiyAAq kho'

caididu' biyAA nga cu'rna kham. 'Do you have any black lentil?'

'(We) have.'

'How much is it for one mana?'

'It is five sukas (Rs. 1.25).'

'Please give me six manas.'

'O.K., that will cost Rs. 7/50.'

'There, take the money.'

'O.K. If you need more, come again

won't you?'

'If I need more I will come HERE.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

maa'sa 'black lentils' kho' 'come (imp.)'

paa'n suga' 'five sukas' (Nepali)

#### NOTES

Line 4: paa'n suga': This is a Nepali number phrase. It should be observed that Nepali numerals and number phrases are frequently used in the Gurung language. There are four sukas to the rupee. Line 8: kho': An irregular imperative form of khabaa' 'to come'. Line 9: The -na suffix on cu' expresses emphasis.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

paisaa' kln.
 na' sidi' paisaaq kln.

mxui' ngi' lxaidii.
 mxui' ngi'se mxoraa lxaidii.

 mxui' ngi'se mxoraa lxaidii.

3. kho' o'? phe'ri caidiyAAq kho' o'?

0, 0. phe'ri caidiyAA; kho'
 o'?

nga kham.
 nga cu'rna kham.

'Take the money.'

'Here, take the money.'

'That costs seven rupees.'
'That costs seven rupees, one mohor.'

'Yes. That will cost seven rupees and one mohor.'

'Do come, won't you?'

'If you need some more come again, won't you?'

'O.K. If you need some more come again, won't you?'

'I will come.'

'I will come HERE.'

caididu' biyAA nga cu'rna kham.' $If\ I$  do need some  $I\ will$  come HERE.'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. mxui' ngxl' se' mxora lxaidii. 'It costs Rs. 2/50.'
ngxa' se' suka
gxri' se' ti'n suka
ti'n skka
-/75.
eghaara' ru'byAA se' mxori.
mxui' s0' se' mxori. (or)
mxor ngi'bo.
3/50.

2. caididu' biyAA nga cu'rna kham. 'If it is needed I will come HERE.'

caq he ngxyoq we (incl) ngi we (excl) ca'maE they

1.	Alternate forms of 'if' construction			
	-yAA	-du' biyAA'	-syAA'	
	caidiyAA' kho' o' 'If you need (it) please come.'	caididu' biyAA; kho' o'	caidisyAA; kho' o'.	
	lxaudiyAA' tho'yAA' cU'yAA'			

2.	Emphatic -na on nouns and pronouns	
	'I will come here.' nga cu'ri kham.	'I will come HERE.' nga cu'rna kham.
	ca'ri	ca'rna
	dxl'ri	dxl'rna
	nAA'sa	nAA'sarna
	gxyAA'r	gxyAA'rna

'Repairing the Water System'

to'e sa'e ja, Thaagu?

- - - -

2. cu' aa?

axngxl', yorbaa'.

4. cu' jaali yaa.

5. khani'r bomu?

6. ta Tyangki'ri.

7. ix0ba' u?

8. O. cu' jxOdu' biyAA axnxO.

o. o. cu jaddu biyaa axiixo.

chabi'yAA jx0'thEn. dxarma' kham.

'up (directional)'

10. 0, jx0'thEnmu.

'What kind of thing is that, First-Born-Son?'

'You mean this?'

'No, what you have in your hand.'

'It is a wire mesh.'

'Where are you taking it?'

'Up to the tank.'

'To put it in (the tank) or what?'

'Yes. If you put this in, it won't

break.'

'If that be the case, put it in. You

will gain credit (religious).'

'I will go and put it in.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

Thaagu 'First-Born Son'

jaali 'net mesh, mantle (of

pressure lantern)'

yo 'hand'

Tyangki' 'tank'

thEbaa' 'to put down, to place in' nxOba 'to break'

dxarma' 'merit (religious)'

## NOTES

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Line 7: jx0baa'u: the second part of the alternate question is deleted. The speaker is often not sure of an alternative and therefore leaves the question open ended.

Line 10: jx0'thEnmu: is an example of a compound verb stem. Sometimes, as in the example in this lesson, stems are almost synonymous and the compounding simply gives emphasis. Otherwise a close chronological sequence is being expressed e.g. cakho' 'come, eat'. jx0'thEnmu the -n in fix is the motion suffix 'go and...' (see Lesson 9).

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. to'e sa'e jaa?
 to'e sa'e jaa Thaaqu?

'What is that thing?'

'What is that thing Last-born

Brother?'

2. 0, axnx0.

'Yes it won't break.'

0, cu' jx0du' biyAA axnx0.

'Yes, if you put this in it won't break.'

3. jx0'thEn. 'Do put it in.'
chabi'yAA jx0'thEn. 'In that case, do put it in.'
chabi'yAA jx0'thEn. dxarma' 'In that case, do put it in. You'll
kham. get merit.'

# SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

'This is a wire mesh.' cu' jaali yaa. kodaali' hoe. AAsi' sickle. kukhri knife. kxojaa bxAADo' container. phargu an upright for a cattle shelter. ma'gi a buffalo. bodol bottle. mxajaa' banana. 2. ta Tyanki'ri. 'Up there to the tank.' desari' country (foreign). dxlri' house. nAA'sari village. 0, cu' jx0du' biyAA axnx0'. 'Yes, if (you) put this in, it won't break.' kha'Edu cuttho'du chop tadu' is 0.K.

1.	Alternate Question	Indicative/Negative
	<pre>jx0m' u? 'Are you putting it in or what?'</pre>	<pre>jx0m' u axjx0'? 'Are you putting it in or not   putting it in?'</pre>
	cam u? xyaam' u? lam u?	

2.	Two Forms of Alternate Question u		
	· ·	jx0ba' u ThEbe jaa? 'Are you putting it in or leaving it?'	
	cU'baa u?	klb jaa?	
	klbaa' u?	cU'b jaa?	
	plbaa' u?	klb jaa?	
	banidiba u?	nxOb jaa?	

'A Trip to Pokhara'

1. khani' xyaalaa'?

pukhru xyaalau'.

3. khoy0 xyaalaa'?

4. tiyAA'm ngxagaE tai.

5. to' kxer' xyaalaa?

6. caja klba'r xyaalau'.

7. toe k0' munaa'?

8. mxor ngxabo' ro, py0'n0laa.

sigreT khaile munaa'?

curaaDaa' ka'tti axxre'.

'Where have you been?'

'I have been to Pokhara.'

'When did you go?'

'Today it's five days (ago).'

'On what work did you go?'

'To get salt.'

'What price was it?'

'They said five mohors, for a pathi.'

'What price (lit. how) were

cigarettes?'

'There were no cigarettes at all.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

khoy0 'when'
caja 'salt'
sigreT 'cigarette'

khaile 'how'

tiyAA' 'today'

k0' 'price'

curaaDaa' 'cigarette'

ro 'reported speech'

#### NOTES

Line 1: -laaq: This suffix on the verb represents a pluperfect aspect expressing action completed prior to some past point of time. Alternate forms of this suffix are -l and -lau'. The latter is only used in 1st person response to questions, Line 2.

Line 4: The -m suffix on tiyAA' gives emphasis as shown in Lesson 4.

Line 6: caja klba'r 'to buy salt': the -r suffix on the verb expresses the purpose of a particular action.

Line 8: ro: a particle which marks reported speech. It is often used by the speaker to disclaim personal responsibility for a statement. In this sentence py0'n0laa 'for 1 Pathi' has been added as an afterthought to clarify the meaning. With usual word order this sentence would read py0'n0laa mxor ngxabo' ro.

Line 10: ka'tti axxre': Here the question word ka'tti 'how much' is not used to seek information but rather to express emphasis (J. Glover 1969).

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

ngxagaE tai.
 tiyAA'm ngxagaE tai.

'Five days have elapsed.'

'Today, five days have elapsed.'

mxor ngxabo'. '5 mohors.' 
mxor ngxabo' ro. 'They said (it was) 5 mohors.' 
mxor ngxabo' ro py0'n0laa. 'They said (it was) 5 mohors for a 
pathi.'
 curaaDa' axxre'. 'There were no cigarettes.' 
curaaDa' ka'tti axxre'. 'There were absolutely no cigarettes.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

 tiyAA'm ngxagaE tai. 'Today five days have elapsed.' TxuqaE six days seven days ngiga 'E tiga 'E one day kuga ' E nine days 2. to' kxer' xyaala'? 'In what work did you go?' caidiba is it needed. bobaa are you taking it. caja klba'r xyaalaa' 'I want to buy salt. ngxe cU'bar sell milk. jali jx0ba'r put in the mesh. chi kha'Ebar cut grass. sl' tho'bar chop wood. phargu tho'bar chop poles. kaE caba'r eat rice. na'ga phU' kIba'r get hen eggs. 4. mxor ngxabo' ro 'They said (it was) 5 mohors.' pukhru' xyaam' (they were) going to Pokhara. paa'n suga' (it was) 5 sukkas.

# QUESTION-ANSWER DRILLS

caja klba'r xyaam

1. Q: to' laba'r xyaam?

'For doing what are you going?'

'(I'm) going to buy salt.'

sigreT 'cigarettes'

maa'sa 'black lentils'

(they were) going to buy salt.

1.	khani' xyaalaa'? 'Where did you go?'	khy0 xyaalaa'? 'When did you go?'
	ki laa'	
	j×0laa'	
	mr0laa'	

2. caja k 'I bou	llau' ght salt.'	caja klba'r xyaalau' 'I went to buy salt.'
maa'sa		
te'l mxajaa		
paa		

3.	Indicative	Reported Speech
	'It is Rs. 5/- for a pathi.' pyO'nOlaa mxor ngxabo'.	'It is Rs. 5/- for a pathi, they said.'  py0'n0laa mxor ngxabo' ro.
	curaaDa' katti axxre' pukhru' xyaalaa' Tyangki'ri bom timna'laa paa'n sugaa'	

4.	Pluperfect	Past Tense Final
	'He went to Pokhara.' pukhru' xyaalaa'.	'He's gone to Pokhara.' pukhru' xyaai.
	pattu' calaa' tiyAA' khalaa'	

'Buying Matches'

1. khani' xyaam', kanchi?

2. dugAAnar xyaam'.

3. to' laba'r xyaamu'?

4. sale' klba'r xyaam'.

5. sale' khAA'xyaal' waa?

6. 0, khAA'xyaai'.

7. sale' mattre' kinmu u?

8. sale' nego' turi te'la klm.

mxaar chyugu' axca' waa?

10. axca', axt0'.

'Where are you going, Youngest Sister?'

'To the shop.'

'What to do?'

'To get matches.'

'The Matches are completely finished,

are they?'

'Yes, completely finished.'

'Are you going to buy only matches

or (what)?'

'Matches and mustard oil.'

'Don't you eat butter?' (Lit: gold

ghee.

'(I) don't eat (it), (I) don't like

it.

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

dugAAna 'shop'

khAA'ba 'to finish'

mxaara 'gold' hence yellow

chyugu' 'butter'

tObaa' 'to like'

sale' 'matches'

turi 'mustard'

chyugu' 'clarified butter'

nego' (nero', nebae') 'and'

#### NOTES

Line 5: khAA'xyaaba': the juxtaposition of the verb xyaaba' 'to go' in the compound verbal construction is used as an emphatic device. It carries a passive meaning except in the combination boxyaai' where the juxtaposition is a literal chronological sequence. Not all verbs can be emphasised in this way - the student will need to observe the contexts in which this juxtaposition is used in this particular dialect area.

Line 8: nego' is a conjunction joining nouns or noun phrases. It should be noted that the conjunction can be omitted in the co-ordinate noun phrase as in lines 7, 8, 9 of Lesson 5. With some speakers, nego' becomes nero' or neba'e.

Line 10: Note the deletion of both subject and object in both clauses.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

l. turi te'la klm.

sale' nego' turi te'la klm.

2. sale' kinmu u?

sale' mattre' kinmu u?

3. axca' waa?
 chyugu' axca' waa?
 mxaar chyugu' axca' waa?

'I'm buying mustard oil.'

'I'm buying matches and mustard oil.'

'Are you going to buy matches or (what)?'

'Are you going only to buy matches or (what)?'

'Don't (you) eat?'

'Don't (you) eat clarified butter?'

'Don't (you) eat yellow clarified

butter?'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

dugAAnar xyaam'.

dxlri'

desari'

Tyangki'r

sale' nego' turi te'la klm.

na'ga phU'

maa'sa

curaaDaa'

mxaar chyugu' axca' waa?

pattu'

daala

kaE

mxajaa'

'I'm going to the shop.'

house.

country (India).

tank.

'I'm buying matches and mustard oil.'

eggs.

black lentils.

cigarettes.

'Don't you eat butter?'

asparagus? lentils?

cooked rice?

bananas?

1.	Minus emphasis	Plus -xyaaba (emphasis)
	'Are the matches finished?' sale' khAAI' waa?	'Are the matches completely finished?' sale' khAA'xyaai' waa?
	sale' cU'I waa? sale' boi' waa?	

2.	Co-ordinate Noun Phrase without nego'	with nego'
	'I'm buying matches (and) mustard oil.' sale' turi te'la klm.	'I'm buying matches and mustard oil.' sale' nego' turi te'la klm.
	mrObae te'la na'ga phU' maa'sa caja	

'Going to Get Eggs'

- 1. khani' xyaala' kanchi?
- 2. na'ga phU' mxaebari.
- 3. y01' waa?
- 4. 0, y01'.
- 5. kadi' 1xe' klldi'?
- 6. cyu'phU mattre'.
- 7. aargo'i klm maa?
- 8. tiyAA' cxaga muyAA' tam.
- 9. pxana liUI bxam' o'?
- 10. 0, 0 bxau'.

'Where have you been, Youngest Sister?'

'To look for eggs.'

'Did you get them?'

'Yes, I got them.'

'And how many did you get?'

'Only ten.'

'Will you buy others also?'

'Being that many today, it's enough.'

'Shall I bring them in a few days?'

'Yes, bring them.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

mxaeba 'to search, look for'

cxaga 'that much'

li 'behind, beyond'

bxaba' 'to bring (from a lower or level altitude).

bxau'

'imperative of bxaba'

aargo' 'other'

pxana/pxanaga 'tomorrow'

UI

'in the direction of'

#### NOTES

Line 2: Note the deletion of xyaala'u in this response.

Line 5: -di': sentence conjunction (cf. Lesson 5).

Line 8: -yAA' on the verb 'to be' carries a similar conditional aspect to the -du biyAA of Lesson 9. However, here it is best translated 'since I have this many, that's enough'.

Line 9: pxana liUI: Here the literal meaning is 'beyond tomorrow' is translated more freely as in a few days'. The -UI or -UIdi' locative case particle can also be used spatially as well as temporally. (See G. Table 1.) e.g. dxI' liUdi' 'In the direction behind the house'.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

cxaga muyAA' tam.
 tiyAA' cxaga muyAA' tam.

2. bxam' o'?
 pxana liUI bxam' o'?

'Being that many, that's enough.'

'To-day since I have that many,

that's enough.'

'Shall I bring (them)?'

'I'll bring (them) in a few days time. O.K.?'

# SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1.	kadi'	lxe'	klldi'?	'How many/much did you	buy?'
			caidi'?		eat?
			boidi?		take?
			cU'ldi?		sell?
			plldi'?		give?

1. I	Location	
'at, in' -ri	'beyond' liul	
'It is in the house.' dxl'-ri mu.	'It is beyond the house.' dxl' liUl mu.	
Tyaangki-ri mu. dugAAna-ri mu. gxyAA-ri' mu.		

2.	Irregular Imperatives		
	'I'll bring them, O.K.?' bxam' o'?	'Yes, yes. Bring them.'	
	kham o'? pim o'?	kho' khwe' (pin also used)	
	kim o'?	na' (kin also used, see lesson 14, Line 7)	

'How Old Are Your Children?'

1. kxie cxa kadi' barsa tai'?

2. ku'dl tai.

3. caml'di?

4. Txudl' tai.

5. cxae lxo to' jaa?

6. pralo yaa, yogaara lxo.

7. caml'1 di'?

8. pholo yaa. phoe lxo.

cxa nego' caml' lxo kadi' pha'rag jaa?

10. 1xo s0' pha'rag yaa.

11. 0. 0.

'How old is your son?'

'Nine. '

'And your daughter?'

'She's six.'

'What year (of the twelve-year cycle)

is your son's?'

'He's the monkey year.'

'And your daughter's (year)?'
'The year of the antelope.'

'How many years different are your

son and daughter?'

'Three years different.'

'Oh, yes.

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

barsa 'year' -dl 'year num. classifier'

lxo 'years within 12 year pha'rag 'different'

cycle' (See Appendix 2.) pho 'deer (antelope)'

yogaara 'monkey'

### **NOTES**

Line 1: The use of taba'/tai' in this sentence demonstrates another use of the verb 'to be'. The meaning is 'How many years have happened to your son'.

Line 5: The 1xo cycle is based on the 12 year cycle observed by Tibetans. A Gurung always knows which animal year he was born in and therefore it is possible to calculate the age of the villager. Sometimes it is difficult to know which particular cycle to put people in beyond 25 years of age. e.g. A 40 year old man may pass for 28, or may look as old as 52 years.

Line 5 and 7: The possessive particle is manifested as -1 when the possessed noun is deleted.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. kadi' barsa tai'?
 kxie cxa kadi' barsa tai'?

'How many years have happened?'
'How many years have happened for your son?'

2. to' jaa?
 cxae lxo to' jaa?

'What is it?'

'What year (of the 12 yr. cycle) is

your son?'

3. kadi' pha'rag jaa? lxo kadi' pharag jaa? cxa nego' cxaml lxo kadi' pha'rag jaa?

'How different is it?' 'How many years difference is there?' 'How many years difference between your son and your daughter?'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

aaba AAma caml' aanga' aana aali aada

1. kxie cxa kadi' barsa tai'? 'How old is your son?' father? mother? daughter? younger sister? older sister? younger brother? older brother? 'It is the year of the monkey.'

2. praa lo yaa. mubru' lxo sabri' lxo cxe 1 xo lxo ta 1 xo tο

vulture. snake. bird. horse. tiger.

3. ku'dl tai

'Nine years have happened.' (He's nine years old.)

'How many years have happened?'

ngi'ngxl'prxe'ti'-

seven two eight one

4. kadi' barsa tai'?

different is it? far is it? tasty is it?

pha'rag xrEgo 11'ba

1.	Non-past		Past	
	'(He) will	be three years old.'	'Three years have happened.' s0'di tai'.	
	lxe' pukhru' sigreT na'ga phU'	Tim xyaa'm klm		

'Why Did You Come to Our Village?'

1. bindi mu. 'Hello.'

2. bindi mu. 'Hello.'

3. kxi cu' nxepaal desar khai' 'How many years since you came to biri' kadi' barsa tai? Nepal?'

4. ti'dl mattre' tai'. 'Only one year.'

5. kxi to'e lxaagir khab ja? 'For what have you come?'

6. khaa'gae prxu kxyui' lubaa', 'To learn a little Nepali, and to tamuukxyui' lubaa', chaaba'na. learn Gurung, like that.'

7. kxi mattre' khal u, jahAAn 'Did only you come, or have you jagai bxangngyU'? brought (your) family?'

8. nga nego' nga'e prxEsyo' 'Only I and my bride-wife have come.' mattre' khai'.

9. pxasxi jaga axxre' waa? 'Don't you have any children?'

10. axxre', ngi ngxl' mattre' gaa. 'No, there's only us two.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

prxu kxyui' 'Nepali language' khaa'gae 'a little' lubaa' 'to learn' tamu kxyui' 'Gurung language' jahAAn 'family' chaaba'na 'that's all' ngi 'we (excl)' 'plural' jaga 'wife (bride)' prxEsyo'

#### NOTES

Line 7: -ngngyU' / -imyU'/-mU is a completive, perfect aspect on the verb stem. Note the -i emphatic particle on jaga. In this conversation there are sentences which are longer than those so far encountered. Pay careful attention to the intonation patterns of these longer sentences and try to imitate.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

2. chaaba'na. 'Just that.' tamu kxyui' lubaa' chaaba'na. 'Just for learning the Gurung language.'

prxu kxyui' lubaa', tamu 'Just for learning the Nepali and the kxyui' lubaa' chaaba'na. Gurung language.'

khaa'gae prxru kxyui' lubaa', 'Just for learning a little Nepali tamu kxyui; lubaa', chaaba'na. and Gurung.'

3. kxi mattre' khal u?

kxi mattre' khal u jahAAn

jagai bxangngyU'?

'Have you come alone or have you

brought your family?'

4. nga mattre' khai'.

'I only have come.'

nga nego' nga'e prxEsyo'

"I and my wife only have come.'

mattre' khai'.

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

ngxe cU'ba.

1. kxi to'e lxaagir khab jaa? 'What is the purpose of your coming?'

 xyaab'
 going?

 Tib
 staying?

 cU'b
 selling?

 bob
 taking

 (it)?

2. khaa'gae tamu kxyui' lubaa', 'Just to learn a little Gurung and pxru kxyui' lubaa', chaaba'na. Nepali.'

khaa'gae na'ga phU' cU'ba, 'Just to sell a few eggs and milk.'

khaa'gae kaE cabaa', daala 'Just to eat a little rice and cabaa'. lentils.'

3. kxi mattre' khal u jahAAn 'Did only you come or have you jagai bxangngyU'? brought your family also?'

pxasxi children

aam mothers (and aunts)

aab fathers (and uncles)

aali younger brothers

aada older brothers

aanga younger sisters

aana older sisters

1.	Completive	Past (final)
	'My family have been brought.' jahAAn jagai bxangngyU'.	'My family were brought.' jahAAn jagai bxai'.
	caingngyU' xyaa'ngngyU TingngyU	

'About a Chicken-Enclosing Basket'

1. khani' xyaalaa' axgxl'? 'Where have you been, Eldest Brother?'

2. ubxapradxaan ngAAri'. 'To the deputy Mayor's house.'

ca' to' jaa? pxi waa? 'What is that? A carrying basket?'

3. axngxl', kurgu' gaa. 'No, it's a kurgu.'

4. cu'r chi kha'Eb waa? 'Do you cut grass in that?'

5. axngxl', na'ga cyu'ba. 'No, it's for encaging the chickens.'

6. cu' to'l banidim? 'Of what is this made?'

7. mo'l banidim. 'You make it of rattan.'

8. mo' khanir y0m? 'Where is rattan available?'

9. banar y0m. 'In the jungle.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

axgxl' 'first born (oldest brother)' ubxapradxaan 'deputy mayor (village

ngAA 'the place of--' level)'

kurgu' 'open weave basket for pxi 'open weave back basket'

penning chickens' cyu'ba 'to enclose, to pen in'

mo' 'rattan' bana 'bushy hilly area,

jungle, forest.'

#### ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

Thaagu 'first-born male' kanchi 'last-born youngest female'

(properly, younger txaajy0 'older (not 1st-born)

than Ego) brother'

axgxE' 'first-born sister' anjyO 'older (not 1st-born)

(older than Ego) sister' (properly, last-

cy0 / cxijy0 'last-born youngest born sister)

male'

naa'ni 'first-born female'

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. khani' xyaala'? 'Where have you been?'

khani' xyaala' axgxl'? 'Where have you been, Eldest- rother?'

ubxapradxaan ngAAri'.
 'To the place of the deputy mayor.'

to the place of the aspara mager.

ubxapradxaan ngAAri'. ca' to' 'To the place of the deputy mayor.

aa? What is that?

ubxapradxaan ngAAri'. ca' to' 'To the place of the deputy mayor.

jaa? pxi waa? What is that? Is it an open weave

back basket?'

Last-Born Younger

Sister?

3. axngxl'. 'No.'
axngxl'. na'ga cyu'ba. 'No. It is for penning chickens.'

# SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. cu'm mo'l banidim? 'This is made of rattan?' pa'el iron 511 wood milk ngxel 'Where have you been Eldest-Brother?' 2. khani' xyaala' axgxl'? Eldest-Sister? axgxE' naa'ni 1st-born Younger Sister? Last-Born Younger cy0 Brother?

kanchi

anjy0 Older Sister? txaajy0 Older Brother?

## QUESTION-ANSWER

<ol> <li>Q: 'Of what is this m cu' to'l banidim?</li> </ol>	nade?' A: 'This is made of rattan.'  cu' mo'l banidim.
	iron.
	wood.
	grass.
	lentils.
	rice.

2. Q: 'What is that? An open weave basket?' ca' to' jaa? pxi waa?	A: 'No, a chicken penning basket.' axngxl', kurgu' gaa.
b×AADo'	jaali
chyugu '	te'la
kodaali	kxojaa
mxora	mxui'

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'The Student of Gurung'

- bindi mu. to', kxi cu' nAA'sar TingngyU' waa?
- O. nga cu' nAA'sarna' Tim. khabdi' kxi?
- 3. ngam bidyaarthi' ga.
- 4. kxi to'e kxe' lal di'?
- 5. ngam tamU kxyui' luba'e kxe' lam.
- 6. kxe' Thaaldi waa'di?
- 7. O. Thaaldii.
- 8. sa'jilo' mu u, gaaro?
- 9. lxen' qaaro tam.

'Hello! Say, do you live in this village?

'Yes. I live in this village. And who are you?'

'As for me, I am a student.'

'What kind of work did you do?'

'I am studying the Gurung language.'

'Have you started your work?'

'Yes. I've started.'

'Is it easy, or difficult?'

'It's very difficult.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

bidyaarthi' 'student'
sajilo' 'easy'

bindi mu 'greeting' (lit:

'there is a request')

Thaaldiba' 'to begin a project'

gaaro 'difficult'

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

prxiba 'to write'

khe'ba 'to read; to study'

cEdo' 'close, near'

### NOTES

Line 1: to' is being used here as a discourse introducer. It is frequently used when the discourse topic is being changed.

Line 6: The -waa' suffix on Thaaldi is the verb waabaa' 'to throw out' used to give emphasis in a similar way to xyaaba' in lesson 17. The -di / -ji suffix is a past tense marker.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

bindi mu.
 bindi mu. cu' nAA'sar
 TingngyU' waa?
 bindi mu. to', kxi cu'

nAA'sar TingngyU' waa?

'Hello!'

'Hello! (you) live in this village

do you?'

'Hello! er... You live in this

village do you?'

- 2. O. cu' nAA'sarna' Tim.
  - O. nga cu' nAA'sarna' Tim.
  - O. nga cu' nAA'sarna' Tim. khabdi' kxi?
- ngam kxe¹ lam. ngam tamU kxyui' luba'e kxe' lam.
- 4. sa'jilo' mu u? sa'jilo' mu u gaarno?

- 'Yes. (I'm) staying in this village.'
- 'Yes. I'm staying in this village.'
- 'Yes. I'm staying in this village. And who are you?'
- 'I do work.'
- 'I do the work of learning the Gurung language.'
- 'Is it easy or (what)?'
- 'Is it easy or difficult?'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

ngam tamU kxyui' luba'e kxe'

prxu kxyui' luba'e kxe' lam. learning the Nepali language. tamU kxyui' prxibae khe'bae

'As for me, I do the work of learning the Gurung language.'

writing the Gurung language. reading

2. sa'jilo' mu u gaaro?

thebbrE' mu u Thi'kka? xrEgo mu u cEdo'? thebbrE' mu u cyugu'thiri'? 'Is it easy or difficult?'

big or average? far or near? 'big or small?

'The Foreign Trekkers'

2. goraama'E baa. 'White men.' (NB: In Nepali goraa is a somewhat derisive term).

3. khani' xyaab ro'? 'Where do they say they are going?'

4. ta kadaa'sUr xyaab ro'. 'Up to the mountain summit, they say.'

5. kadi' jAAnaa mulaa? 'How many people were there?'

6. saabma'Em ngxl mattre' mu. 'As for the Sahebs, there are only

two.'

7. bxaare'maE di'? 'And carriers?'

8. bxaare'm gxri' mattre' mu. 'As for carriers, there is only one.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

jxaad' 'over there' goraama'E 'white skinned people'
kadaa'sU 'mountain' jAAnaa 'numeral suffix in
saab 'westerner (respectful)' counting people'

bxaare'maE 'carriers'

#### NOTES

Line 6: The function of the -m suffix on saabma'E can well be translated 'as for the Sahebs'.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

jxaad' xyaaba' khabma'E jaa? 'What sort of people are they going over there.'

2. ngxl mattre' mu. 'There are only two.'

saabma'E ngxl' mattre' mu. 'There are only two westerners.'

3. gxri' mattre' mu. 'There is only one.'

bxaare' gxri mattre' mu. 'There is only one carrier.'

bxaare'm gxri' mattre' mu. 'As for the carriers, there is only one.'

writing?

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. bxaare'm gxri' mattre' mu. 'As for the carriers there is only one.'

saabma'Em westerners
goraama'Em white-skinned people
kamma'Em blacksmiths
txulmaEm tailors
bidyaarthi'maEm students

2. ta kadaa'sUr xyaab ro' 'They said they were going up thereto the mountain.'

Tyangki'r tank.
dugAAnar shop.
ubxapradxaan ngAAri' place of the deputy mayor.
dxl'ri house.

3. khani' xyaab ro' 'Where did they say they were going?'

Tib staying?
lu'b studying?
txaab hoeing?
khe'b reading?

## TRANSFORM DRILL

pxrib

1.	Lack of Emphasis	Emphasis -m
	'There were only two sahebs.' saabma'e ngxl mattre' mu.	'As for the sahebs, there were only two.' saabma'Em ngxl mattre' mu.
	bxaare'ma'E bidyaarthima'o goraama'E	

'The Lost Lock Key'

1. o' kanchi.'

2. xwe'. 'Yes.'

sAAju' kuji' khani'r mu? 'Where is the lock and key?'

4. sAAju kuji'? 'Lock and key?'

5. 0. 'Yes.'

5. o' ca' plDi khoba'r mu. 'They are in that verandah niche.'

7. cxaa' xyolaa axxyola? 'Have you made tea or not?'
8. axxyongngyU. 'No. I haven't made (it).'

9. ta'le axxyoldi? 'Why not?'

10. xyol y0yAA' gadi'.

'If I had been free to cook, I would have made it.'

11. to' lal di' togo' sammaa'? 'What have you been doing up to now?'

12. ngam cu' khaagun taa'ne maa'ne 'As for me, I have been doing all the laba'di.

chores around here.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

kuji'

xwe' 'response to hailing sAAju' 'key'

call from one not older plDi 'verandah'

than one's self' cxaa' 'tea' 'lock' togo' 'now'

khobaa' 'niche in verandah' khaa'gu 'surroundings'

ta'le 'why' taa'ne maa'ne 'chores'

sammaa' 'up to'

xyoba 'to cook by boiling in

water'

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

khAA'ba 'to be able to' txeba' 'to cook vegetables by frying plu'baa 'to boil in water' in oil first and then adding

xEba 'to boil in water for fluid!'

a long time'

# NOTES

Line 3: sAAju' kuji': Note the deletion of the conjunction nero''and'. Line 7: cxaa' xyolaa axxyola?: An alternate question with the question particle u omitted. Full form is cxaa' xyolaa u axxyola? It is mostly in fast speech that the deletion of u occurs.

Line 8: axxyongngyU: the suffix -ngngyU marks completive aspect of the verb.

Line 10: xyol y0yAA': y0baa' 'to be available' is an auxiliary verb functioning as 'to be free to'. gadi': a double emphatic, expressing frustration. Thus, 'If I had been free to, I would have cooked the tea'. Line 11: The sammaa' particle is a locative case particle used in spatial and temporal contexts (Grammatical Table 1).

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. khani'r mu? sAAju' kuji' khanir mu?

2. khoba'r mu. plDi khoba'r mu. O ca' plDi khoba'r mu.

3. to' laldi'? to' laldi' togo' sammaa'?

4. ngam taa'ne maa'ne laba'di. laba'di.

'Where is it?' 'Where is the lock and key?'

'It's in the niche.'

'It's in the verandah niche.' 'Oh, it's in that verandah niche.'

'What have you done?'

'What have you done up to now?'

'I've been doing chores.'

ngam cu' khaagun taa'ne maa'ne 'I've been doing the chores around here.'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. sAAju' kuji' khani'r mu? 'Where is the lock and key?

AAma aaba pxi kurgu'

sigreT sale' AAsi' kxoja

mother and father? open weave basket? and the chicken-pen basket? cigarettes and matches? sickle and kukhri knife?

2. cxaa' xyola axxyola?

Txaa txela' axtxela'?

'Have you cooked the tea or not?'

rice curry

xyol y0yAA' gadi'.

'If I had been able to cook them it would have been done.'

khe'l pxril lul mxael bxal

kaF

read write learn search bring

1.	'If I had been free to'	'If I had been able to'
	'If I had been free to cook (it) I'd have done so.' xyol y0yAA' gadi'.	'If I had been able to cook (it) I would have done so.  xy01 khAA'yAA gadi.'
	khe'l lul xyaal' mxael	

2.	Alternative Question	'Did you make tea or (not)?'
	Deleted form -negative cxaa' xyolaa u?	Deleted form -u cxaa' xyolaa axxyola?
	Txaa txelaa'u? kaE xyolaa u? sAAju'yOlaa u? kxe'Thaaldilaa u?	

'Going on a Short Journey'

- l. o' Thaagu.
- 2. xwe', to' bilaa?
- 3. kxi khani' xyaamu'? kxi qxri'n waa?
- 4. O. nga gxrina. thu axxre'.
- 5. khwi'b u, baas Tib jaa?
- 6. axkxo. to' bilaa?
- 7. tiyAA' ekhab u marna' Tib iaa' bilau.
- 8. axTi'. ekham.
- 9. lu', xyaad o'.
- 10. 0, xyaam'.

- 'Oh, First-born son.'
- 'Yes, what did (you) say?'
- 'Where are you going? You are alone, are you?'
- 'Yes. I'm by myself. I don't have a friend.
- 'Are you returning to-day or staying?'
  'I don't understand (you). What did
  you say?'
- 'I said, 'Are you coming back today or staying overnight down below'.'
  '(I'm) not staying. (I'm) coming back.'
- 'Oh. Well go (now).'
  'Yes, I'm going.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

thu 'friend'

baas 'to lodge overnight'

eba 'to return'
ma 'lower down'

khwi'ba 'to return the same day

from a journey'

kxoba 'to understand'

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

pxanxAAga 'tomorrow' tela' 'yesterday'

Ulmi' 'day before yesterday'
nUl'maa 'day after tomorrow'

# **NOTES**

Line 3: gxri'n here means 'alone'. It's literal meaning being 'one'. Line 7: marna' consists of three parts: ma 'down', -r 'locative marker', -na' 'emphatic'.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

- 1. khani' xyaamu'?
   kxi khani' xyaamu'?
   kxi khani' xyaamu'? kxi
   qxri'n waa?
- thu axxre'.
   nga gxri'na. thu axxre'.
- 'Where are (you) going?'
  'Where are you going?'
  'Where are you going? You're alone,
  are you?'
- 'I don't have a friend.'
- 'Yes. I'm alone. I don't have a friend (with me).'

3. tiyAA' ekhab u?

tiyAA' ekhab u marnaa' Tib

jaa?

tiyAA' ekhab u marnaa' Tib

down below?'

tiyAA' ekhab u marnaa' Tib

jaa? bilau.

'Are you returning to-day or staying

down below?'

'I said 'Are you returning to-day or

staying down below?''

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. khwi'b u baas Tib jaa? 'Are you returning or staying overnight?'
marnaa'
tarnaa'
cu'rna
staying down below?
staying up there?
staying here?

2. tiyAA' ekham u baas Tib jaa? 'Are you returning today or staying overnight?'

pxanxAAga tomorrow day after tomorrow

1.	Non-past		Past
П	'I am going	today'	'I went yesterday'
	tiyAA' xyaa	-m'.	tela' xyaa -la'u.
	рl	- m	
	txaa	- m	ere the second of
	kha	- m	5-75
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2.	Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
	'I said I am staying down (there).' marna' Tib jaa bilau.	'They said that they were staying down there.' marna' Tib jaa ro.
	xyaab' klb khe'b	
	tho'b	

'On Eating Berries.'

- timmru' caba'r xyaale' o',
   Thaaqu.
- 2. khaniri'?
- 3. banaUdi'.
- 4. til' joro' ml'm ma, timmru'?
- 5. O. palAA', cuduru', timmru' tAAn' coro'n ml'm.
- 6. kadi' xrEgo xyaal' txum?
- 7. saar' xrEgo xyaalaa' axtxu.
- 8. xyaale' o'?
- 9. 0, 0, xyaale' sidi'.

'Let's go to eat some timmru berries,
First-Born Son.'

'Where?'

'Towards the jungle.'

'Are timmru berries ripe these days?'

'Yes. palaan, cuduru, and timmru

berries are all ripe now.'
'How far will we have to go?'

'(We) won't have to go very far.'

'Let's go then?'

'O.K. come on let's go.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

timmru' 'berry'

coro' 'these days'

palAA' 'berry (yellow,

strawberry-like)'

txuba 'must'

til joro' 'these days'

ml'ba 'to be ripe, cooked of

food'

cuduru' 'berry (dark red/blue)'

Udi' / Ul' 'towards'

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

prxaba' 'to walk'

#### NOTES

Line 1: -le' on the stem xyaa 'to go' is a lst person (sg. or pl.) hortatory aspect.

Line 6: txum 'must' is an auxiliary verb inducing infinitive in -1 on main verb. The Nepali loan pardiba' is also used, particulary in East Gurung.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

 xyaale' o' Thaagu. timmru' caba'r xyaale' o' Thaagu.

2. ml'm ma timmru'?

til' joro' mlm ma? timmru'?

'Let's go, 1st-Born Son.'

'Let's go to eat timmru berries, 1st-Born Son.'

'They're ripe, are they, the timmru berries?'

'These days they're ripe are they, the timmru berries?'

xyaal' txum?
 kadi' xrEgo xyaal' txum?
 xyaalaa' axtxu.

xrEgo xyaalaa' axtxu. saar' xrEgo xyaalaa' axtxu.

'Do you have to go?'
'How far do you have to go?'
'(You) don't have to go.'
'(You) don't have to go far.'

'(You) don't have to go very far.'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. timmru' caba'r xyaale'.
 palAA'
 cuduru'

1. timmru' caba'r xyaale'. 'Let's go for eating timmru'.'

palaan. cuduru. bananas.

2. banaUdi'

mxaja'

dugAAnaUdi' plDiUdi' kadaa'sUUdi' Tyanki'Udi' 'Towards the jungle.'

shop. verandah. mountain. tank.

3. saar' xrEgo xyaalaa' axtxu '(We) won't have to go very far.'

 bolaa
 take (it)

 Tilaa
 stay

 talaa
 be

 prxalaa'
 walk

1.	1st person Hortatory	Non-past
	'For eating berries let's go, O.K.?' timmru' caba'r xyaale' o'?	'For eating berries (I'm) going.' timmru' caba'r xyaam.
	mxaja' kaE phU mxUDe	

'For drinking milk I'm going.' ngxe thU'bar xyaam.
r

2. Alternative Word Order	
'These days ripe? timmru' til' joro' ml'm ma, timmru'?	'These days timmru ripe?' til' joro' timmru' ml'm ma?
palAA' cuduru' mxaja' mxUDe mlxa	

3. 'How far must (we) go.' kadi' xrego xyaal' txum.	'When must we go.' 'kh0y0 xyaal' txum.
Til	
prxal'	
bol	
tal	

'Eating Berries Again.'

1. o' Thaagu! 'Oh First-Born Son!'

'Yes.' 2. haju'r.

3. khani' xyaai' yu'laa? 'Where are you coming back down from?'

4. banar xyaala'u. 'I went to the jungle.'

5. to' laba'r xyaalaa'? 'For what did you go?'

6. palAA', cuduru' caba'ri. 'For eating palAA and cuduru berries.'

7. Txaa axmxael waa? 'You didn't seek for edible

vegetables?'

'I cut just a little bit of TonDaa 8. TonDaa' mare' cyugu'de thui'.

fern. '

'Didn't you look for asparagus?' 9. pattu' axmxae waa?

'The leeches were thick. So I didn't 10. tibe'd jyAAU jyAAU lai'.

chatai' biri' axmxae. look for it.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

'a type of edible mare' 'alternate form of mattre'.' TonDaa'

> fern' tibe' 'leech'

cyugu'de 'a little' yu'ba 'to come down'

jyAAU jyAAU 'congregation - as of

people massed together; leeches in the forest!'

# **NOTES**

Line 3 and 10: Note the conjunctive particle joining sequential clauses, with and without biri', viz: xyaai' yu'laa and cha tai' biri' axmxae.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. cuduru' caba'ri. 'For eating cuduru berries.'

palAA' cuduru' caba'ri. 'For eating palaan and cuduru berries.'

2. cyugu'de thui'. 'I cut a little.'

TonDaa' cyugu'de thui'. 'I cut a little bit of TonDaa fern.'

TonDaa' mare' cyugu'de thui'. 'I only cut a little bit of TonDaa

fern.'

jyAAU jyAAU lai'. '(They) congregated everywhere.'

tibe'd jyAAU jyAAU lai'. 'The leeches were everywhere.'

tibe'd jyAAU jyAAU lai'. 'The leeches were everywhere therechatai' biri' axmxae.

fore I didn't search.'

# SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. to'laba'r xyaala'? 'For what purpose did you go?

mxaela? search?
kila? buy?
ekhala? return?

Thaaldila'? begin (it)?'

2. tibe'd jyAAU jyAAU lai. 'The leeches were thickly congregated.'

bidhyaarthi'maEd students
pxasximaEd children
bxaare'maEd carriers
na'gad chickens

3. cha tai' biri' axmxae. 'That being the case I didn't seek (for them).'

 axla'
 do (it)

 axthu'
 cut (them)

 axbxa'
 bring (them)

1.	Alternate forms of conjuncti	ve participle
(	'Having gone where have you come down?' khani' xyaai' yu'laa	'Having gone where have you come down?' khani' xyaai' biri' yu'laa
	boi	
	pxrai'	
	b xa i '	Fr. Service and Care and Care

2.	Yes/No Question		
	'Did you not seek for vegetables?' Txaa axmxael waa?	'Did you seek for vegetables or not?' Txaa mxaelaa (u) axmxaelaa?	
	y01		
	cal		
	xyol		
	kyAA'l		
	thul		

3.	Positive Indicative	Negative Indicative
	'Therefore I searched for (them).' cha tai' biri' mxaei	'Therefore I didn't search for (them).' cha tai' biri' axmxae
	thui'	
	lai'	
	cai¹	
	c U ¹ I	Land to be Seen Seen and the second

'Strolling Around'

1. khani' prxa'rila Thaagu? 'Where have you been walking, First-Born Son?'

2. phaa'karna' Duldiriba'. 'Just strolling about for no special reason.'

3. khani' jare prxai' di'? 'Where abouts did you walk?'
4. Tusyaa', khaire' jare. 'Around Tusya and khaire.
5. tiyAA' chuTTi' waa? 'To-day is your holiday is it?'

6. axngxl'. chuTTi'm pxanxAAga 'No. My holiday is tomorrow.'

7. pxanxAAga khani' xyaam'? 'Where are you going to tomorrow (morning)?'

8. khanira'i axxyaa'. 'I'm not going anywhere.'

9. ta'le? 'Why?'

10. bx0' nxam. 'I'm going to rest.'

11. 0, bx0' nxal txum. 'Yes, you should rest.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

jare 'where abouts' chuTTi' 'holiday'
Duldibaa 'strolling' khanira' 'nowhere'
bx0' 'strength' nxaba 'to keep, preserve'

phaa'karna' 'for no reason'

#### NOTES

Line 1: pxra'rila: the suffix, -ri, marks 'continuative aspect'. The same suffix is used in Line 2 in Duldiribaa'.

Line 8: khanira'i 'nowhere' is also pronounced by some speakers as khanida'i. The ra'i / da'i are both emphatic particles which, when used with the negative verb give the meaning of 'nowhere'.

# BUILD-UP DRILLS

# SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

axngxl'. chuTTi'm pxanxAAga 'No. The holiday is tomorrow.'
 yaa.

telaa' was yesterday
Ul'mil' day before
yesterday

nu'lma is day after

tomorrow

tiyAA' is today

2. 0, bx0' nxal txum. 'Yes, you should rest.

 xyaal'
 go.

 cal
 eat.

 Til
 stay.

 khe'l
 read.

 prxil
 write.

 lul
 learn.

3. khanira'i axxyaa'. 'I'm not going anywhere.' khanida'i axxyaa'. 'I'm not going anywhere.' to'i axla'. 'I'm not doing anything.'

4. pxanxAAga khani xyaam'? 'Where are you going tomorrow?'

ta'le Why kh0y0' When

khani' dana Whereabouts

khaile How

# TRANSFORM DRILLS

1.	Pluperfect Continuous	Past Conjunctive Particle
	'Where have you been walking?'	'Where, having walked, have come down from?'
	khani' prxari'la	khani' prxai' yu'la
	xyaari'la borila bxari'la tarila' Duldiriba'	

# QUESTION-ANSWER

1.	are you going?'	A: 'I'm not going anywhere.' khanira'i axxyaa'
	lam	And the second
	Thaaldim	
	xyom	
	pxram'	

'Looking for a Lost Child.'

1. o' naa'ni! 'O First-Born Daughter!'

2. xwe'. 'Yes.'

3. surje axmr0' waa? 'You've not seen Surfe, have you?'

4. mrOlau. 'I've seen him.'

5. khaniri'? 'Where?'

6. cu' pxriri. ta'le mxaelaa? 'Below here. Why are you looking

for him?'

7. kaE caba'e txi tasyaabaa'. 'It's time to eat rice.' (Lit: 'the

rice eating time having come in. ')

8. jxule' xui'tti. 'Call (him) from here.'

9. jxuile' theem maa? 'Will he hear from here?'

10. 0, theem. xui'd. 'Yes, (He'll) hear. Call (him).'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

mrObaa' 'to see' prxirba 'lower altitude'

kxorba 'upper altitude' theebaa' 'to hear' jxuba' 'this way' xuiba' 'to call'

kuiba' 'to call'

# NOTES

Line 7: -syaabaa' is an alternate conjunctive particle to -i biri'.

This could alternatively be kaE caba'e txi tai biri.

Line 8: -ile'/-le' 'from' are dialectal variants of the postposition.

xui'tti: the -ti suffix softens the imperative, xui'd (line 10).

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. ta'le mxaelaa? 'Why are you looking for (him)?'

cui pxriri. ta'le mxaelaa? 'Below here. Why are you looking

for (him)?'

2. txi tasyaabaa'. 'The time has come (lit: happened').

kaE caba'e txi tasyaabaa'. 'The rice eating time has come.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. ta'le mxaelaa? 'Why are you seeking him?'

khanir Where

khani' dana Were abouts

khaile How

khoy0' 'When

2. jxuile' xul'ttl.
 jxaale'
 taale'
 maale'

'Call (him) from this direction.'
that direction.
up higher.
lower down.

1.	'The rice eating time having come'	'The rice eating time has come.'
	kaE caba'e txi tasyaabaa'.	kaE caba'e txi tangngyU'.
	cuduru' thuba'e	
	pukhru' xyaaba'e	
-	TonDaa' thuba'e	
	bxo nxaba'e	

'A Visit with Baidara'

1. Thaaqu!

2. haju'r.

3. khani' xyaai' khalaa?

4. baidaraaa ngAAri'.

5. to' laba'r xyaalaa'?

6. cyugu' cyugu' tAA ja'ga

ngyu'ibari.

7. tamu kxyui' u?

8. 0, tamu kxyui'.

9. khAA'l biri' khal waa?

10. 0, AAna.

'First-Born Son!'

'Yes.'

'Where are you coming back from?'

'(From) the place of Baidara.'

'What did you go there to do?'

'To ask a few things (matters).

'(About) Gurung or (what)?'

'Yes, (about) Gurung.'

'Having finished (the work) you've

come, have you?'

'Yes, Elder-Sister.'

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

tAA 'matters'

ngyu'iba 'to ask' khAA'ba 'to finish'

cyugu' cyugu' 'a few, a little'

### ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

bxuiba 'to bring from higher altitude'

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

 tAA ja'ga ngyuibari. cyugu' cyugu' tAA ja'ga

ngyuibari.

2. khal waa? khAA'i biri' khal waa? 'To ask some matters.'

'To ask a few small matters.'

'You've come, have you?'

'Having finished you've come, have

you?'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. cyugu' cyugu' tAA ja'ga ngyu'ibari. 'To ask a few small matters.'

lxe'

banarba'e

dugAAnarba'e

Tyangki 'rbae

a lot of matters.

about the jungle.

the shop.

the tank.

2. khani' xyaai' khala 'Having gone where have you come?

yu'la come down?
bxala' brought it?
bxui'la' brought it down?

3. khAA'l biri' khal waa? 'Having finished (it) you've come have you?'

tai' completed (it) kll' bought (it) cu'l sold (it) eaten

#### REVISION EXERCISES

This lesson has no new grammatical features. The student should take the opportunity to review the lessons 14-30. If tapes are available spend extra time tracking the conversations paying particular attention to the intonation patterns over the various utterances.

'Fetching Water'

1. khani' xyaamu'? 'Where are you going?'

2. kyu' khaaba'r xyaam'. 'To fetch water.'

3. kyu'axxyu'. to' tae? 'The water's not flowing down. What

could have happened?'

4. xo? tela'm yu'ldi! 'Really? It was certainly flowing yesterday!'

5. tara ta'le biyAA nAA' baaDi 'But if you should ask why, since tasero' axxyu'. (the time) rain came in a flood the water hasn't come down.'

6. cyaa'! khai lab nge'? 'Blow it! What is to be done!'

7. mu'larna' xyaal' txumaEn'. 'To the spring you'll probably have to go.'

8. kxaelaa. 'It's late.'

9. dx|r' kyu' ka'tti axxre' waa? 'Is there not water at all in your house?'

10. axxre'. khai labaa'. 'None at all. What to do!

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

khaaba' 'to fetch water' mu'la 'spring'

nge' 'to be' kxaeba 'to be delayed'

nAA' 'rain' tara 'but'

baaDi 'flood' tela' 'yesterday'

cyaa' 'expression of disgust'

#### NOTES

Line 3: to' tae? the -e ending on the verb stem ta indicates a questioning aspect.

Line 5: ta'le biyAA more frequently functions as a 'because' construction however it is used in a more literal sense in this lesson.

sero' is a source case particle which functions in temporal and locative constructions. Here the time sequence is in focus.

Line 7: -maEn' functions as a probabilitive aspect on the verb. Line 6, 10: khai 'how'? is used in rhetorical questions, like 'to' 'what?'.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

2. nAA' baaDI tasero' axxyu'.

tara ta'le biyAA nAA; baaDi tasero' axxyu'. 'Since the rain came in a flood (the water) hasn't come down.'

'But if you should ask 'why' - Since the rain came in a flood, the water hasn't come down.'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

kyu' khaaba'r xyaam' '(I'm) going to fetch water.'

tAA jaga ngyu'ibar surje mxaebar nAAsar Duldiba'r cuduru' caba'r Txaa mxaebar ask a few things.
look for Surje.
stroll around in the village.
eat cudury berries.

look for edible vegetables.

2. nAA' baaDi tasero' axxyu' 'Since the rain came in a flood, (the water) hasn't come down.'

kadaa'sU xyaasero'
'Since (he) went to the mountain (he)...'
baas Tisero'
'Since (he) stayed the night (he)...'
ta khaagun taa'ne maa'ne
lasero'
(he)... (he)...'

3. mu'larna' xyaal' txumaEn' '(You'll) probably have to go to the spring.'

sy0'rna' river.

Tyangkirna' tank.
banarna' forest.

1.	Probabilative	Non-past (final)	
	'You'll probably have to go the spring.' mu'larna' xyaal' txumaEn'.	'You will have to go to the spring.' mu'larna' xyaal' txum.	
	mxael txumaEn' bx0' nxal txumaEn' xuil' txumaEn'		

'Fetching Water Again'

1. o, kanchi 'Oh, Youngest Daughter'

2. xwe, nAAni. 'Yes, Eldest Daughter'

3. chyo' kyu khaaba'r waa'? 'Let's go, aren't you going up to

get water?'

4. xyaamu'. lxau jxuina' kho'. 'I'm going, indeed. Come on, come (and sit here).'

5. ngalaim!' kyu' yunaa khaabxui' 'But to me they have said 'Go get bingngyU.
water quickly'!'

6. birge'di. chindrim kU'nsi. 'Let them say it. Sit down a minute.'

7. chyo'siddi, xyaale'. 'Come on, let's go.'

8. thaidu', nga cu' kolo 'Wait, I will wash this child and khru'thEmu', daai xyaam. settle him and then go.'

9. chabi'yAA xyaam'. ngami 'In that case I'm going. As for me, kxaei ja. I'm late.'

10. kxi kxaeyAA xyaasidi'. 'If you are late, then go.'

ll. O, ngam xyaam'. 'Yes. <u>I</u> will go.'

12. 0, 0 xyaad'. 'O.K., O.K. go.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

jxuina' 'of this direction', chindri 'a moment'

emp. of jxuba' thaidu' 'wait!'

yunaa 'quickly' bxuiba' 'to bring down'

bxuiba' 'to bring down'

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

neba' 'to put a child to bed' khiba' 'to wear clothes' kwE 'clothes'

# NOTES

Line 5: khaabxui' a compound verb, lit. 'fetching the water, bring it down'. See also in Line 8: khru'thEmu', 'having washed him, I'll settle him'.

Line 6: birge'di 'let them say': the third person hortatory aspect of the verb is -rge. The -di suffix is an emphatic particle.

1st person hortatory bile 'let us speak'

2nd person bid '(you) speak'

3rd person birge' 'let (him, them) speak'

Line 8: khru'thEmu: compounds with -thEbaa' 'place' denote care and attention to the object - hence 'settle'.

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

 ngalaim!' kyu' yunaa khaabxui' 'To me they said fetch and bring bingngyU.
 the water quickly.

Txaa yunaa thubxui' pluck and bring
the edible vegetables quickly.

cuduru' yunaa pluck and bring
thubxui' the cuduru' quickly.

sAAju' yunaa klbxui' get and bring the
key quickly.

cu' kolo khru'thEmu' daai 'I will wash this child and settle xyaam.

nethEmu' bed down kwE khithEmu' clothe waathEmu' leave

3. kxi kxaeyAA xyaasidi'. 'If you are late, then go.'

xyaal txuyAA must go,
tayAA are O.K.,

1.	Statement	Question
	'I'm going to fetch water.' kyu' khaaba'r xyaam'	'Are you not going to fetch water?' kyu' khaaba'r axxyaa' waa?
	tonDaa' mxaebar tAA ngyu'ibar tamU kxyui' luba'r	

2.	Use of daai conjunction.	Use of conjunctive particle.
	'I will wash and settle this child and then go.' cu' kolo' khru'thEmu' daai xyaam.	'Having washed and settled this child I'll go.' cu' kolo khru'thEl' biri' xyaam.
	nethEmu' kwE khithEmu' waathEmu'	

3.	3rd person hortatory.	2nd person hortatory.
	'Let them say it.' birge'.	'Say it!' (1mp.) bid.
	kU'rge' Tirge' xyaarge' kxaerge' mr0rge'	

'Taking Rice to be Pounded'

ca' to' jaa?
 What is that?'
 mlxa yaa.
 Unhusked rice.'

3. khani'r bob jaa? 'Where are you taking it?'4. dx0ba'r bobaa. 'I'm taking it to pound it.'

5. mila'r u? 'At the mill?'

6. axngxl¹, kuniri¹. 'No, at the rice pounder.'

7. ta'le mila'r axbo? 'Why don't you take it to the mill?'
8. cxagai to' laba'r bobaa. 'For that little amount, why should

I take it. '

9. khaba'e kunir dx0nmu'? 'At whose rice-pounder will you go

to pound it?'

10. mxijagae kunir dx0nmu'. 'I will go and pound it at some one

else's pounder.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

mlxa 'rice, unhusked' kuni 'rice-husking pounder' dx0ba' 'to pound' (operated by foot)

mila' 'rice husking mill' khaba'e 'whose'

# ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

khaile 'how'

#### NOTES

Line 10: mxijaga 'people' is used frequently like an indefinite pronoun - 'other people', 'someone'.

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. khani'r bob jaa? 'Where are you taking it?'

ta'le Why
khaile How
kh0y0' When

2. ta'le mila'r axbo? 'Why do you not take it to the mill?'

axjx0'? put it in place it in axxyaa'? go to

1.	Gerundive	Questioning Aspect
	'Where are you taking it?' khani'r bob jaa?	'Where might (they) be taking it?' khani'r boe?
	lub jaa? dx0b' jaa? ngyu'ib jaa? prxab' jaa?	

2.	Content Question	Yes/No Question
	'Why are you not taking it to the mill?' ta'le mila'r axbo?	'Aren't you taking it to the mill?' mila'r axbo waa?
kunir kyu' axkhaa'?		

'The New Rice Pounding Mill'

1. kxi khani' xyaalaa'? 'Where have you been?'

2. mil ngxyobar xyaala'u. 'I went to look at the mill.'

3. khaiba'e khaale bxana'? 'What kind did you discover that

they brought?'

4. plgyaa mu. 'It is green.'

5. khaniUle' bxae' xwaa'? 'Where might they have brought it

from?'

6. bxairabaUle' bxal ro. 'It is said that they brought it

from Bhairuwa.'

7. kadi' swaab muna'? 'How good did you find it?'

8. swaaba'n mu. 'It's good.'

9. khoy0' sero' calidim ro? 'From when will it be operating do

they say?'

10. pxanxAAga sero' calidim ro. 'They say they'll be operating it

from tomorrow.'

### **NEW VOCABULARY**

ngxyoba 'to look at' swaaba 'good, nice'

khaal 'kind, variety' calidiba' 'to operate, use'

plgyaa 'green'

#### ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

ni'ra 'blue' olgyaa' 'red'
urgyaa 'yellow' mlOgyaa 'black'

targyaa 'white'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. mil ngxyobar xyaala'u. 'I went to look at the mill.'

kyu' khaaba'r to get water. mlxa dx0ba'r to pound rice.

tAA jaga ngyu'ibar to ask some matters.

2. khoy0' sero' calidim ro? 'From when do they (it) will operate?'

dx0m' (they) will pound (it)?

bxuim' (they) will bring (it)

down?

khaam (they) will bring water?

bxairabaUle' bxal ro.

'It is said that they brought it from

Bhairuwa.

pukhru'Ule'

Pokhara.

kadaa'sUUle'

the mountain.

dugAAnaUle'

the shop.

khobaUle'

the niche in the wall.'

4. plgyaa mu.

'It is green.'

ni'ra

blue.

m10gyaa

black.

targyaa

white.

urgyaa

yellow.

olgyaa'

red.

1.	Discovery	Questioning
	'What kind did you find that they brought?' khaiba'e khaale bxana'?	'What kind might they have brought?' khaiba'e khaale bxae?
	k I na ' ? d x O na ' t huna ' ? x y o na ?	bought? pounded? picked? cooked?

2.	Future	Past
	'From when will it be operating?' kyoy0' sero' calidim?	'From when has it been operating?' khoy0 sero' caldila?
	Duldim Thaaldim gxumdi'm	

'An Early Mark from School'

1. o' kolma'E! 'Hey, kids!'

2. xwe'. 'Yes.'

3. tiyAA' kxemaE ta'le yuna yu'i? 'Why have you come down early today?'

4. masTarma'Ed xyaad biba daai 'The teachers said "Go" and we come yunan yu'i. early.'

5. ta'le ro, yunaa pi'ba? 'Did they say why they dismissed you early?'

6. khemaElaa' aphisar kxe' mu ro. 'They said they have work in the chatai' yunan pi'ba. office. So they dismissed us early.'

7. maasTar kadi' mu, kxemaEe 'How many teachers are there, in your skulari'? school?'

8. s0' mu. 'Three.'

9. paile'm ngxl mattre' muldi. 'Before, indeed, there were only two.'

10. til joro' thabdingngyU. 'These days it's increased.'

11. xe. 'Oh.'

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

kolma'E 'children' aphisa 'office'

xwe' 'response to hailing call' pi'ba 'to leave to be dismissed'

maasTar 'school teachers' skula 'school'

khemaE 'they themselves thabdiba' 'to increase, to add to'

(reflexive)

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

khemaElaa' aphisar kxe' mu. 'They had work in the office.'

dxlr' house.
skular school.
mila'r mill.

2. paile'm ngxl' mattre' muldi. 'Before indeed there were only two.'

 ngi'
 seven.

 ngxaa'
 five.

 prxe'
 eight.

 ku'
 nine.

 plxi'
 four.

til joro' thabdingngyU.

'These days it's been increased.'

thaaldingngyU. ml'ngngyU. begun. ripe.

calidingngyU.

been operating.

'Coming to Live in the Village'

kxe' laba' suru' lai' waa?

2. lai!.

kxi khani'r Timu'.

4. nga ti'syaa kaaThamandur Timu'. daai sad ngxl', s0'. liUdi' khai' biri' cu'r Tim.

5. e, ngi'e nAA'sari'?

0. kxemaE nAA'saai.

7. cu' bxandaa' paile'?

8. O. ekaais (21) saa'lar khalaa. 'Yes, I had come in the year '21.'

9. ca' txiri khani'r Tilaa?

10. ma bxaaTi'r Tilaa.

11. 0x, 0x.

'Have you started working?'

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'Where do you live?'

'For a little while I am staying in Kathmandu. Then I will come after two or three weeks and stay here.'

'Oh, in our village?'

'Yes, in your village.'

'(Have you come) before this?'

'Where did you live at that time?'

'Down at the inn.'

'Oh. '

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

ti'syaa 'a little while' (see

numeral classifiers)

'week' sad saa'la 'year'

paile'

'first, before formerly'

bxandaa' 'compared with'

'inn' bxaaTi'

'then' daai

## **NOTES**

Line 4: The conjunction daai 'and then' (and jxaale, jxaale pheri) function to connect sentences in discourse.

Line 7: cu' bxandaa' paile' is a comparative expression. It could literally be translated, 'compared with this, have you come before?'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. kxe' laba' suru' lai' waa? 'Have you begun working?'

kh0l waa?

khAAI waa?

entered into finished

2. sad ngxl' s0' liUdi' Tim. 'After two or three weeks I will stay.'

Txu' ngi'

s0' plxi'

gxri' ngxl'

prxe' ku'

six or seven

three or four

one or two

eight or nine

3. cu' bxandaa' paile' khal waa? 'Have (you) come before this time?'

 ngxyol
 looked at (it)

 calidil
 operated (it)

 mr0l
 seen (it)

 pxral'
 walked

 theel
 heard

## TRANSFORM DRILLS

1.	Non-past final.	3rd Person Hortatory
	'Having come (I'll) stay.' khai'biri' Tim.	'Having come, let (him) stay.' khai' biri' Tirge'.
	suru' lam dxOm' bxuim'	start pound (it) bring (it)

jxaale'.

'I live in Kathmandu, and then having come here I'll stay/live.'

kaaThmandur Timu'. daai (jxaale') cu'r khai' biri' Tim.

bxaaTi'r

2. Drill the sentence using the daai conjunction, then substituting

nAA'sa'r khadaa'sur dxl'r banar

3.	Pluperfect	Non-past
	'I stayed in the inn down there'. ma bxaaTi'r Tilaa.	'I will stay down at the inn.' ma bxaaTi'r Tim.
	ngxyolaa dx0laa Duldirilaa	

'The Village Visitor'

- 2. nga'e dxl' amerikaa yaa.
- 3. tiyAA' khaniUle' khalaa kxi?
- 4. tiyAA' nga pukhru'Ule khalaa.
- 5. taad kadaa'sUUd xyyab' u, cu' nAA's jare mattre' gxumdi'b iaa?
- 6. nga kadaa'sUUd axxyaa'. cu' nAA's jare mattre' gxumdi'm.
- 7. kxilai khaibaa' mxAAdii, cu' kaju' nAA'sa?
- 8. 0, cu' nAA'sa beseri chyAAb mu. ngalai beseri swaab mxAAdii.
- cu' nAA'sari'?
- sOga'E Til txulaase'.
- 11. 0, 0 tam. nga xyaam'. bindi 'I see, O.K. I'm going. Good-bye. mu.
- 12. bindi mu.

1. kxie dxl' khani'r jaa, saabaa'? 'Where is your home, Sahib?'

'My home is in America.'

'Where have you come from today?'

'Today I have come from Pokhara.'

'Are you going up to the mountain or just strolling around this village?'

'I'm not going up the mountain. I'll just stroll around this village.'

'How does this village of Ghachok appeal to you?'

'Oh, this village is very nice. It seems very nice to me. '

9. kxi kadi' din sammaa' Timdi', 'And how long are you going to stay, in this village?'

10. ngalai thaa axrxe'. ngxigaE 'I don't know. I shall probably stay about two or three days.'

'Bye.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

gxumdi'ba 'to stroll around'

mxAAdiba 'appeal'

'Ghachok' kaju

khaibaa' 'how'

chyAAba 'nice, good'

# ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

hapta 'week'

### **NOTES**

Line 3, 7, 9: Note alternate ordering of certain components of the sentence. tiyAA' kxi khaniUle' khalaa? would be the normal ordering of line 3, but in the text the pronoun kxi occupies final position, as if an after thought. Likewise, in Line 7 cu' kaju' nAA'sa is an after thought, and in line 9; cu' nAA'sari'.

Line 5: note the use of u 'or' to join quite lengthy sentences. Line 10: txulaase': the -laase' suffix marks dubitative aspect on the verb, producing a similar English gloss to -maen 'probabilitive aspect' (Lesson 31) implying uncertainty.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

taad kadaa'sUUd xyaab u?

taad kadaa'sUUd xyaab u, cu'
 nAA's jare mattre' gxumdi'b
 jaa?

nga kadaa'sUUd axxya'.

cu' nAA's jare mattre'
gxumdi'm.

3. kxi kadi' din sammaa' Timdi'? kxi kadi' din sammaa' Timdi' cu' nAA'sari'?

ngalai thaa axxre'.
 ngalai thaa axxre'. ngxlgaE,
 s0qa'Ede Til txulaase'.

'Are you going up there towards the mountain or (what)?'

'Are you going up there towards the mountain or just strolling around this village?'

'I'm not going up towards the mountain.'

'I'm just strolling around this village.'

'And how long are you staying?'
'And how long are you staying, in
this village?'

'I don't know.'

'I don't know. I'll probably stay about two or three days.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. tiyAA' khaniUle' khalaa? 'Where have you come from today?' tela' yesterday? day before

yesterday?

2. taad kadaa'sUUd xyaab' u cu' nAA's jare mattre' gxumdi'b jaa? 'Are you going up to the mountain or just strolling around this village?'

prxari'b walking
Duldi'b strolling
ngxyorib looking

3. kxi kadi' din sammaa' Timdi'. 'And up to how many days are you staying in this village?'

hapta weeks
mxaina months
saa'la years

4. ngxlgaE s0'gaE Til txulaase'. 'I shall probably stay about two or three days.'

hapta ngxl'de S0'de two or

three weeks.

mxaina ngxl'l s0'la two or

three months.

saa'la ngxlde s0'de two or

three years.

5. khani'le' khalaa? 'Where did you come from?'

khaile' How did you come?

ta'le Why khoy0 When

1.	Non-past (emphatic)	Dubitive
	'How long are you going to stay?' kadi' din samaa' Timdi'?	'How long will you probably have to stay?' kadi' din samaa' Til txulaase'?
	lamdi' ngyu'imdi' xyomdi'	lal txulaase'?

2.	Alternate Orderings		
	'From where came you?' khaniUle' khalaa kxi?	'you from where came?' kxi khaniUle' khalaa?	
	kxilai khaibaa' mxAAdii, cu' kaju' nAA'sa? kxi kadi' din sammaa' Timdi', cu' nAA'sari'?	kxilai cu' kaju' nAA'sa khaibaa' mxAAdii? cu' nAA'sari' kxi kadi' din sammaa' Timdi'?	

'Finding Accommodation in the Village'

- mu u. axxre'?
- hoTe'la axxre'. tara nAA'sa jaren y0m.
- 3. ticholaa' kadi' ru'byAA pardimu'?
- 4. mxor ngi'bo, mxui' pxli', chaba'n pardi'maEn.
- 5. jxaale' ro'bae khlxyolaadi'?
- 6. ro'bae khlxyolaa mxui' gxri' qaa.
- 7. ngi xyaadu' biyAA Tibaa' khai
- 8. Tiba'e lxaagiri khani'r bile y0m.

1. cu' nAA'sar kaE caba'e hoTe'l 'Is there a hotel providing meals in this village?'

> 'There's no hotel, but (meals) are available around the village.' 'How many rupees for a meal?'

'Seven mohar, four rupees, it costs that much probably.'

'And as for a place to sleep?' 'One rupee for a place to sleep.'

'If we go, how do we get a place to stay?'

'Wherever you ask a place is available for staying.' (i.e. 'A place to stay is available anywhere you ask.')

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

hoTe'l 'hotel' pardi'ba 'to cost, must'

'numeral classifier for meals' -cho jxaale' 'and'

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

Ixaudiba 'to require'

#### NOTES

Line 8: khani'r.....le expresses a 'wherever' construction.

### BUILD-UP DRILLS

- cu' nAA'sar kaE caba'e hoTe'l mu u axxre'?
- hoTe'la axxre'. hoTe'la axxre'. tara nAA'sa iaren v0m.
- 3. chaaba'n pardi'maEn.
  - mxor ngi'bo. mxui' pxli' chaaba'n pardi'maEn.

1. cu' nAA'sar hoTe'l mu u axxre'? 'Is there a hotel in this village?' 'Is there a hotel for eating rice in this village?'

'There is no hotel.'

'There is not hotel. But you'll find (meals) around the village.'

'It will possibly cost round about that much. '

'Seven mohors, four rupees, it will cost round about that much.'

4. Tibaa 'khai tam? tam?

'How is it for staying?' ngi xyaadu' biyAA Tibaa' khai 'If we should go there how will it be for sleeping?'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

 ticholaa' kadi' ru'byAA pardilaase'? ro'bae khlxyolaa ngxlcholaa baaslaa

'How much might it cost for one rice meal?'

> sleeping place? two rice meals? stay overnight?

2. Tiba' lxaaglri khanl'r bile y0m.

'Wherever you ask a place for staying is available.'

go

xyaale' prxale' phenle

walk arrive

khani'r xyaale' axy0'.

'Wherever you go it is not available.'

to'i lale khai lale kh0l' lale

Whatever you do However you do it Whenever you do it

1.	Affirmation	Negation	
'It's available round the village.' nAA'sa jaren yOm.		'It's not available round the village.' nAA'sa jaren axy0.	
	Tim baas Tim ngxyom		

2.	Question-Answer in Uncertainty Aspects		
'How many rupees might it cost?' kadi' ru'byAA pardie?		'It will probably cost four rupees.' 'mxui' plxi' pardi'maEn.	
	lxaudie? caidie?		

'How Do You Spend Your Days in the Village'

- 2. nxAAkkarna' rii biri' li' 'I get up early and wash my face.' khru'm.
- 3. jxaale'? 'And then?'
- 4. kaE cab bxandaa' os0' mr0'r 'Before eating rice I work in the kxe' lam. wet field.'
- 5. e, nxAAgar kxe' lam maa? 'Oh, you work in the morning, do you?'
- 6. 0, mr0'ri baariri' kxe' lam. 'Yes, I work in the wet field and the dry field.'
- 7. to' txiri khaiba'e kxe' lam? 'And what time do you do what kinds of work?'
- 8. caidari' makhA'E, aalu' jx0m. 'In the month of cait (March-April) daai jeTh, asaarari mlxa, we plant corn and potatoes. Then in naare' rUlm. jxaale aru kxe' jeTh (May-June) and asaar (June-July) lam. kxemaEe' nAA'sardi? we transplant rice and millet. Then we do other work. And in your
- village.?'

  9. ngi'e nAA'sara'm chaaba'e
  'As for our village, we don't do a
  kxe' lxe' axlaa'.

  lot of that sort of work.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

nxAAkkarna'	'early in the	ribaa'	'to get up'
	morning'	khru'ba	'to wash'
111	'face'	mr0'	'rice paddy'
os0'	'before, in front of'	aalu'	'potatoes'
makhA'E	'corn, maize'	mlxa	'rice'
j×0ba'	'to plant'	rUlbaa'	'to transplant new plants'
naare'	'millet'		
chaaba'e	'that sort of'		

# ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

pru'gaE 'snack' mxulsa 'night'

#### NOTES

Line 4: cab bxandaa' os0': Here the comparative bxandaa' is used in a time construction bxandaa os0' 'before'. cab bxandaa' paile' could also be used here.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

- khaile din tho'mu?
  - kxie' nAA'sar khaile din tho'mu?
- 2. li' khru'm. nxAAkarna' rii biri' li' khru'm.
- mr0'r kxe' lam. kaE cab bxandaa' os0' mr0'r kxe' lam.
- 4. caidari makhaE', aalu' jx0m.
  - caidari' makha'E, aalu' jx0m. daai jeTh, asaa'rari mlxa, naare' rUlm.
  - caidari' makha'E, aalu' jx0m. daai jeTh, asaa'rari mlxa, naare' rUlm. | jxaale' aru kxe' lam.

- 'How do you cut the days? (How do you spend your days?)' 'In your village how do you spend?'
- '(I) wash (my) face.' 'Early in the morning after rising I wash my face.'
- 'I work in the paddy field.' 'Before eating rice I work in the paddy field.'
- 'In caidra (March-April) we plant the corn and potatoes.'
- 'In caidra (March-April) we plant the corn and potatoes. In jeTh (May-June) and asaar (June-July) we transplant the rice and millet.'
- 'In caidra we plant the corn and potatoes. Then in jeTh and asaar we transplant the rice and millet. And then we do other work.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

- rii' biri' li' khru'm. li' khru'i biri' mr0'r kxe'

  - kaE cai' biri' aru kxe' lam.
- kaE cab bxandaa' os0' aru kxe' lam.
  - pru'gaE nesa'rba kaE ro'b
- nxAAgarna' kxe' lam? nxAAkkarna' txiyAArna' nesa'rna mxulsarna'

- 'Having risen I wash (my) face.' 'Having washed my face I work in the paddu.'
- mr0'r kxe' lai' biri' kaE cam. 'Having worked in the paddy I eat rice. '
  - 'Having eaten rice I do other work.' 'Before eating rice I do other work.'
  - 'Before eating a snack....' 'Before eating the evening rice meal...'
  - 'Before sleeping...'
  - 'You work in the morning do you?' early in the morning at midday ... in the evening

in the night...

1.	Before (eating)	After (eating)
•	'Before eating rice I wash my face.' kaE cab bxandaa' os0' li' khru'm.	'After eating rice I wash my face.' kaE cab bxandaa' liUdi' li' khru'm.
	ro'b pukhru' xyaab' Duldib	

'Seeking Directions on the Road'

1. AAna. 'Elder Sister!'

2. haju'r? 'Yes?'

3. bxurjung kholaa xyaaba'e 'Which is the road that goes to gxyAA' khani'r jaa? Bhurjung River?'

4. jxule' xyaal' txum Thaagu. 'You should go this way First-Born-

chale xyaad. chale xyaad. Son. Go in that manner.'

5. cAA khani'r dana mudi'? 'And in what direction is the bamboo bridge?'

briage

6. cAA cu' pxrirna mu. jxule' 'The bamboo bridge is below here.

xyaal txum. You'll have to go in this direction.'

7. kati' gxanTa'de lxaudilaase? 'Approximately how many hours do you

think it will take?'

8. gxanTa' gxride' lxaudimaEn. 'Approximately one hour probably.'

9. xyaai' biri' ekhal khAA'm u 'Having gone is it possible to return

axkhxAA'? (in the same day), or not?'

10. kadi' battii togo'? 'What time is it now?' (Lit: 'How

much has struck?')

11. (3) ti'n battii. 'Three o'clock.'

12. chabi'yAA sa'njan khAA'm. 'In that case (you'll) be able (to

return) by evening.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

kholaa 'river' cAA 'bamboo bridge'

dana 'direction' gxanTa' 'hour' kadi' battii 'What time is it?' sa'njan 'evening'

#### **NOTES**

Line 3: The gerundive phrase kholaa xyaaba'e gxyAA' could be more literally translated as the 'river going road'.

Line 5: khanir dana is an alternate question form to khanir Uld.

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. bhurjung khola xyaaba'e gxyAA' 'Which is the road that goes to

khanir jaa? Bhurjung river?'

pukhru' Pokhara?

kadaa'sU the mountain?

cAA the bamboo bridge?

hoTe'l hotel?

2. jxule' xyaal' txum. 'You'll have to go in this direction.'

pxral' walk

mxael search

3. kati' gxanTa'de lxaudilaase? 'About how many hours will it probably take?'

dinde days haptade weeks mxainade months saa'lde years

1.	Negative Stated	Negative not Stated
	'Having gone are you able to return or not able?' xyaai' biri' ekhal khAA'm u axkhAA'?	'Having gone are you able to return or (not able)?' xyaai' biri' ekhal khAA'm u?
	baas Til khwi'l hoTe'l y0m u axy0'?	

2.	One Approximation	Two Approximations
	'It will probably take about one hour.' gxanTa gxride' lxaudimaEn.	'It will probably take about one or two hours.' gxanta gxride' ngxl'de lxaudimaEn.
	hapta mxaina til saa'l gxride' tigaEde	

'Visiting a New Village'

- 1. kxie dxl' khani'r jaa?
- nga'e dxl'm y0'jqui xari'.
- khani' phekhai'di, cu' nAA'sari?
- 4. xyul ngxyobar khalu.
- 5. ta'le? kxi cu' nAA'sar kh01' axkha'ngyU u to jaa?
- 6. 0, kh0l' axkha'laa. ballaa paile'bae laa yaa. cu' nAA'sar cabaa', ro'ba lxaagir khlxyo y0m u, axy0'?
- y0m, cibaa'. kxi to'i nxU no'laa axtxu, to'ndorin y0m.
- 8. caba'laa khaile mu, ro'bae khlxyolaa khaile mu?
- caba'laa daalaa khu'ne kaE cadu' biyAA mxui' s0' mu. tara na'ga sene kaE cadu' biyAA mxui' ngxaa' mu.
- 10. 0, chabi'du biyAA daalaa khu'ne kaE cam. ca' dxl' khani'r jaa? ca'e ml to'jaa? gaaraa axmxAAdille sebxIn' o?

11. 0, 0 tam.

'Where is your house?'

'My house is over towards Yanjakot.'
'And for what reason have you come
to this village?'

'To come to look at the district.'

'Why? Is it what you've never come to this village or what?'

'Yes. I've never come here. At last this is the first time (I've come). Is there a place for eating and sleeping available or not?'
'It's available, Sir. You don't have to worry about anything. Everything is available.'

'As for the eating, how is it; and for the sleeping place, how is that?'
'For eating: if you eat lentil soup with your rice it costs three rupees.
But if you eat chicken meat with your rice it costs five rupees.'

'O.K. In that case I will eat lentil soup with the rice. Where is that house? What is his name? Please don't be offended but please tell me, O.K.?'

'Yes, yes, that's O.K.'

# NEW VOCABULARY

xari' 'towards'
kh01' 'never'
no'ba 'to carry'
sebaa' 'to tell'
se 'meat'
laa/laari 'time, occasion'

xyula 'district, area'
ballaa 'finally'
cibaa' 'sir, chief
(term of respect)

nxU 'worry'
to'ndorin 'everything'

#### ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

baara 'day of the week'

## **NOTES**

Line 3: phekhai'di: The stem phe 'to arrive' is conjoined with khabaa' 'coming' to give 'arriving here'. phenei in Lesson 9 meaning 'arrive there (going away)'.

Line 9: -ne 'with' is a comitative case particle, expressing accompaniment.

Line 10: The -bxin suffix on seba 'to tell' is a benefactive particle implying that an action is done on behalf of another. If the main verb has the pluperfect -1 (la) ending bxiba' has a permissive sense: sebxin 'please tell me'; sel bxin please allow me to tell'. gaaraa axmxAAdille is a phrase which is frequently used when a request is being made. It means literally 'not counting it difficult' but loosely means 'don't be offended' or 'don't be annoyed'.

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

khu -ne kaE cam. 'With curry juice I eat rice.' daala lentils -ne pattu' Txaa -ne asparagus curry aalu Txaa potato curry -ne na'ga se chicken meat -ne ma¹gi se buffalo meat -ne

-ne baalun xyaai. 'I went with mother.' 2. AAma aaba father. -ne nAA'ni -ne eldest sister. eldest brother. axqxl' -ne eldest sister. axgxE' -ne aali younger brother. -ne AAna elder sister. -ne Angaa' -ne younger sister.

1.	Arriving, Coming	Arriving, Going
	'When did you arrive (here)?' khOyO' phekhai'di?	'When did you arrive (there)?' kh0y0' phenei'di?
	khaile khabne to' baarari	When Who with On what day

2.	Benefactive		Permissive	
	'Don't be offended bu tell me.' gaaraa axmxAAdille se		'Don't be offended me tell.' gaaraa axmxAAdille	
	UT	bibxin (speak) Ulbxin (show) no'bxin (carry)		

'A Brahmin Wedding'

1. ca' to' lab jaa chale xraaba? 'What are they playing like that for?'

2. byaa labaa'. 'A wedding.'

3. to' maEl jaa? 'Of what caste is that?'

4. bommaElaa. 'Of the Brahmins.'

5. tamuma'Elaa xraam u axrxaa? 'Do they play for Gurungs or not?'

6. axrxaa. axtaa' ro. 'No. It is not appropriate they say.'

7. ta'le axtaa'? 'Why is it not appropriate?'

8. xraadu biyAA chuDidi' xyaam 'If they play, (the couple) will

divorce, it is said.'

9. liUd aa? 'Later?'

10. 0, liudi'. 'Yes, later.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

ro'.

xraaba 'to play an instrument' maE 'people'

byaa 'wedding' chuDidiba' 'to separate, to run

away'

## **NOTES**

This lesson does not include any new grammatical patterns. Opportunity should be taken to review previous lessons and to concentrate on drilling constructions which have not as yet been assimilated.

'The Hen and the Marten'

1. ca' na'ga ta'le kodob jaa? 'Why is that hen cackling?'

2. dxUri' khamaE'n. 'Perhaps a marten is coming.'

3. dxUri' bibaa to' jaa? 'What is a marten?'
4. kxid axsengyU' waa? 'You don't know?'

5. axsxe', khaiba' tam? 'No, what is it like?'

6. khaa'gae nimud0 by0b tam. 'It looks somewhat like a rat. But tara ca'laa mi bU bU xyaaba', in its case, the tail goes fluffy, nimu bxandaa' te' thebrE' tam. (and) it's a bit bigger than a rat.'

7. ca' na'ga mattre' lxaam u? 'Does it hunt only fowls?'

8. O, na'ga jxaga' jau mattre' 'Yes, it catches only baby chickens.' kxaam.

9. dxUri' khani'r Tim? 'Where does a marten live?'

10. bAAnu khU'ri, nx0' kallAA'ri 'In holes in the stone wall, (and) khU' thOl Tim. in the terrace walls it makes holes and lives there.'

### **NEW VOCABULARY**

kodoba 'to cackle of a hen' thObaa' 'to make a hole' 'marten' '(cf. jaga) plural' dxUri' jau 'to catch, seize' bU bU xyaaba' 'to be fluffed up' kxaaba 'a little' 'stone wall' tel bAAnu 'to hunt, to drive khU' 'hole' lxaaba out' nx0' 'flat plot of paddy fields' kallAA' 'paddy wall' jxaja' 'offspring - of

animals'

#### ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

xrlgyo 'long' ranThi' 'short'

# NOTES

Line 6: nimud0 by0b tam: -d0 by0ba is a construction expressing similarity.

# SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. nimu -d0 by0b tam. 'It is just like a rat.'

 na'ga -d0
 hen.

 AAma -d0
 mother.

 aaba -d0
 father.

aali -d0 younger brother.

2. nimu bxandaa' te' thebrE' 'Compared with a rat it is a little tam. larger.'

cisiri' smaller.
xrlgyo long.
ranThi short.

'Protection of the Cane Forrests'

- saarqi'maElai mo' pxEwaai bimdi xwaa'?
- 2. O, saargi'maElai mattre' axnoxl' ro. prxiUba'e tamUma'Elaadi'yaa pxEwaai ro.
- 3. x0, ngada'm axsxe', mxijagad bii qa theelaa, ta'le pxEe?
- 4. ca'm maldab chaledi', mo' xrlgyo ranThi' khaiba' y0mu, chaaba'n tho'waai'. phe'ri din dinu xyaaba', mo' tAAn'
- 5. O. ballaa maldab thaa sei.
- 6. tiyAA'm saargima'Edam panjyeda'r darkhaastaa jxOngngyU'.
- 7. jx0'rge we, ngxyo'lai to' tarimu?
- 8. dilen to' to' bibmanaa' theeba'r xyaale' o'?
- 9. theenle sidi'. khai khai lammanaa'.
- 10. nga kaE cai' biri' kxi ngaar kham aa?
- 11. 0, 0 tam.

'They've seized the leather workers' cane they say. Is that so?' 'Yes, Not only the leather workers its said. It's said that they've also seized the cane of the lower (dwelling) Gurungs too.'

'Really? I didn't know that. I heard it only from other people. Why would they be seizing it?' 'The meaning is like this. They were cutting cane, long or short, just however they found it. Again, in getting it every day the cane was nuwaai' ro. chatasi pxEwaai'. finished they said. Because of that they seized it.

> 'Oh. Now I understand. (know the meaning).'

'Today the leather workers have put in a petition to the council.'

'Let them put it in. What is that to us?'

'Anyway whatever is said let's go and hear O.K.?'

'Let's go and hear. How shall it be done (resolved).'

'Having eaten rice, I'll come to your house O.K.?'

'Yes, yes O.K.'

#### NEW VOCABULARY

'leather worker' mo I 'rattan' saargi 'to hear' <sub>D</sub>xE ba 'to snatch away' theeba 'daily' maldab/madlab 'meaning' din dinu nubaa' 'to finish' panjyeda' 'village council' 'petition' dilen 'anyway' darkhaastaa

#### **NOTES**

Line 1: pxEwaai 'snatched', waabaa' in the compound verb gives emphasis. Line 8: dilen 'anyway' is a sentence conjunction.

'The Cane Mat'

1. cu' pxyo waa?

axngxl', bxagaa'ri yAA.

3. khanir bomu, cu' bxagaa'ri?

4. khalaa'ri.

5. ta'le bol txui?

6. khala'r tiba'e lxaagiri.

7. khala'r tii' to' lamu?

(. Khala'r til' to' lamur

8. mlxa xobaa'.

o. mixa xobaa'.

9. bxagaa'ri axti'yAA to' tam?

10. phoxor tam.

'Is this a pxyo?'

'No, it's α bxagaari.'

'Where are you taking it, this

bxagaari?'

'To the threshing floor.'

'Why do you have to take it?'

'To spread it at the threshing floor.'

'Having spread it out what will you

do?'

'Thresh the rice (by beating).'

'If you don't spread a bxagaari what

will happen?'

'It gets dirty.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

pxyo 'mat woven of fine rattan bxagaa'ri 'mat of less fine rattan

(about 2.5 x 1.5 metres)' (about 4 x 1.2 metres)'

khalaa' 'threshing floor' xobaa' 'to thresh by beating'

tiba' 'to spread out' phoxor 'dirt'

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. khani'r bomu? 'Where are you taking it?'

khani'r bomu, cu' bxagaa'ri? 'Where are you taking it? This cane

mat?'

2. to' tam? 'What will happen?'

bxagaa'ri axti'yAA to' tam? 'If you don't spread out a bakaari

what will happen?'

3. to' lamu? 'What do you do?'

khala'r tii' to' lamu? 'Having spread it on the threshing

what do you do?'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. cu' pxyo waa? 'Is this a finely woven mat?'

kodaali' hoe?
AAsi' sickle?

kxojaa kukhri *knife*.

plDi verandah.

pxi open weave carrying basket?

kurgu' open weave chicken penning basket?

2. bxagaa'ri axti'yAA to tam? 'If you don't spread the mat what will happen?'

maE axthU'yAA sAAju' khuji' axyO'yAA tonDaa' axthu'yAA tAA axngyu'iyAA drink the medicine find the lock and key collect the fern ask about the matter

'Making Saurkraut'

- 2. 0, nAA'ni.
- 3. ta'le tAAn' plildi'?
- 4. gUndru lab bii plilau.
- 5. tilna'm te' chenle axci'ngngyU.
- 7. tilna' pliba'm gUndru nx0xyaam.
- 8. x0? chabi' yAAm cxagan plil txui.
- 9. cxagan plid, nx0xyaam.
- 10. chAAn lal txui.

1. labu' pxo plil waa, kanchi? 'Have you taken off the radish leaves, Youngest sister?'

'Yes, First-born sister.'

picked them. '

'Why did you take it all?' 'Saying, "I will make saurkraut" I

'Nowadays it's not quite full grown.'

- 6. tu'sidi'. ngad'm pliwaai di. 'I don't know! As for me, I have taken them off.'
  - .'If you take them now you will spoil the saurkraut.'
  - 'Oh? If that is the case, I should only take this much (is it?).
  - 'Take only this much, (otherwise) it'll spoil.'
  - 'I'll have to do it that way.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

labu' 'radish' pxo 'leaves'

pliba' 'to take off'

gUndru 'saurkraut'

cibaa' 'mature, of plants' nx0ba 'to break, spoil'

'Moving a Cow Shed'

- 1. khani' xyaamu'?
- 2. phargu tho'bar xyaam'.
- baar thu'b u TaaldU' labaa'?
- 4. mxe'e pxr0 TaaldU' labaa' baa'. mxe' pxr0 ku' sy0 ti'rar bomau.
- 5. khoy0' pingngyU', pxr0 ku'bae dinami?
- 6. kya 20 ngxisyu xyaa'male bae su'krabaara' ku'd bingngyU.
- 7. nxAAkkarna' ku'd ro u?
- txi khaau ku'd bingngyU.
- 9. prxOchaE khab mudi', kxilaa? 'Who is your cow herdsman?'
- 10. ta pakha'rbae bomaE kolo' gxri' jxOngngyU'.
- 11. 0, 0 xe.

'Where are you going?'

'I'm going to cut some uprights.'

'For putting up a fence or making a cattle stall?'

'For mending a cow stall. I'm taking the cow shed to the edge of the river. '

'When did they announce (Lit: give) the day for moving cattle sheds?' 'They've said to move them on Friday 20th. '

'Did they say to move them early in the morning or (what)?'

8. axngxl'. txiyAA pre'bi seba'e 'No. Round about sunrise they said to move them. '

'I've employed the Brahman child who lives up there in the grazing fields.' 'Oh. Yes.'

#### NEW VOCABULARY

chaE	'herdsman, shepherd'	baar	'fence'
thu'ba	'to put up a screen,	TaaldU'	'to mend, repair'
	barrier or partition'	mxe¹	'cow'
pxr0	'cattle shelter'	sy0	'river, stream'
ti'ra	'edge of river or	ku'ba	'to move, shift,
	stream'		transport'
su'krabaaraa'	'Friday'	kya	'that, over there,
pre'ba	'to shine'		spatial and temporal'
pakhaa'r	'grazing fields	khaau/khaagu	'round about (spatial
	above village'		and temporal'
prx0chaE	'herdsman'		

## NOTES

Line 8: txiyAA pre'bi seba'e txi: -bi seba is an auxiliary expressing that something is about to happen. -ba kh0'male' using the verb kh0'ba 'to enter' is used similarly.

1.	Alternate forms of 'about to'	Construction
	'At the time when the sun is about to set.' txiyAA pre'bi seba'e txiri	txiyAA prebar khOmale'
	gUndru labi seba'e txiri pxo plibi seba'e txiri bxagaa'r tibi seba'e txiri mo' pxEbi seba'e txiri	

'Getting Grass for the Buffalo'

- 1. chi ta'le cxaga bxuilaa'? 'Why did you bring (only) this much grass?'
- 2. beseri nAA' yu'i chi tho'laa 'It rained a lot and I couldn't axy0'. (chop) cut grass.'
- 3. naa' banaUda'i yu'i waa? 'Did it rain in the jungle?'
- 4. O, beseri yu'i. nAA'sardi? 'Yes, it rained a lot. And in the village?'
- 5. jxuda'i khaa'gae mattre' yu'i. 'This side it only came a little.'
- 6. taada'm beseri baaDi tai. 'Up there though, it got very heavy (lit: became a flood).'
- 7. ta'le tAAn chaaba'e chi 'Why did you bring all this sort of bxuilaa'? grass?'
- 8. ngi'e ma'gida'm chaaban baaek 'As for our buffalo, she won't eat aru axca'.

  aru other kind.'
- 9. aru chi axca' waa? 'She doesn't eat other grass?'
  10. axcaa'. 'No.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

ma'gi 'buffalo' aru/arko/argo 'other' baaek 'except for'

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

khobaa' 'to like'

# **NOTES**

Line 8: The use of baaek in an 'except for' construction.

1.	Without exception clause.	With exception clause.
	'As for our buffalo, she won't eat anything else.' ngi'e ma'gida'm aru axca'.	'As for our buffalo, except for this sort, she won't eat anything else.  ngi'e ma'gida'm chaaban baaek aru axca'.
	axthU' (d axkho' (l axmxae (s	ike)

'Buying a Buffalo'

1. kxie ma'gi saa' xyaai waa'? 'Your buffalo has mated, has it?'

2. axxyaangngyU', ta'le?

cU'm mui u, bisyaalaa.

4. se caba'r u, nxaba?

5. saei' cab tajo'n.

axcxU'.

7. tiwaar samma' ngxaarab waa'? 'It'll probably dry up by the

8. tu'si, khai lam?

pln o'?

10. ngxaaryAA pIbaadi.

'No, why?'

'Wondering (Lit: saying) might you

sell it or (not)?'

'To eat meat, or to keep (the animal)?'

'To kill and eat it of course.'

6. ngxe ti'brA pllna mu. tilna' 'You see it's giving a little bit of

milk. I won't sell it today.'

festival of Tihar, won't it?'

'I don't know, what will it do?'

9. cxam samma' ngxaaryAA ngilai 'If it dries up by then please give

it to us. '

'If it dries up I'll give it,

certainly.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

saa'ba 'to mate' 'to keep, look after' nxaba

tu'si 'I don't know'

ngxaarba 'to dry up'

'to kill' saeba

#### NOTES

Line 5: tajo'n: The -jo'n suffix is an emphatic certaintive particle. The same meaning could have been expressed as saei cajo'n.

Line 6: The use of -na 'discovery aspect' on the verb 'to give' gives the gloss 'you see it's giving a little milk'.

#### TRANSFORM DRILLS

1.	Alternate Use of -jo'n for Emphasis	
'Having killed it to eat it of course!'		-
4	saei cab tajo'n	saei cajo'n
chi kha'Ei bxuib tajo'n		
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'(Having cut the grass to bring it down of course!)' pxo plii jx0b' tajo'n.

'(Having picked the leaves to put them in of course!)' bxagaa'ri tii' xob tajo'n

'(Having spread the mat to thresh of course!)'

'Buying a Buffalo'

- kadi' xrEgobae saaidu' jaa?
- nga ma xUnbyAAsi jare xyaado ngxAAsyaaba.
- ta'le? xyaal' txubae kxe' mu waa?
- 0, ngxe thU'bae ma'gi DyAAgra gxride' mxaene u biyaabaa.
- 5. ngxyolaa' dxlr' ngxe plba'e ma'gi axxre' waa'?
- 0, gxri' mulaa. ca'm ngxaarxyaade. chatai' biri' aargo' gxride' mxae u bisyaabaa'.
- xe. chabi'yaam gxrim' caidijo'n.
- 0, chabi'i biri' yu'ldi. y0m xo gi' axy0' xo?
- 9. xyaa=sya y0m gxrim' y0maen chale.
- 10. to' xo? to' xodi'? lu'di,
   xyaad' o'.
- 11. 0, 0. chenle xyaad'.

'How far are you going?'

'I'm thinking to go down round Hunbassi.'

'Why? Do you have work you have to do there?'

'Yes, saying perhaps I will look for one thin milking buffalo (lit: milk drinking).

'Is there no milk-giving buffalo in our house?'

'Well there was one but it has dried up. Therefore I am thinking to look for another one.'

'Oh. In that case, one is needed of course.'

y0m, 'Yes, having said thus I have come (from above). Will there be one available or not?'

'Having gone there you will probably find one to be available.'

'What will happen? What will happen? Well, you go then.'

'Yes, yes. Go well.'

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

saaidu 'departure on a journey' DyAAgra 'thin'
xo/tabaa' 'to be' ngxAAba 'to think, feel'

#### NOTES

Line 2: xyaado ngxAAba is acconstruction to express that one was thinking of doing something. When a 3rd person construction is being used then it becomes xyaamdo ngxAAba.

Line 3: biyaabaa: variant of bisyaabaa.

Line 6: ngxaarxyaade: the -de suffix is an emphatic form of past tense -i.

Line 8: xo gi' axy0'xo borrows the Nepali ho ki? Alternatively the Gurung construction, y0m nge' u axy0' nge could be used. Similarly in Line 10 ho is used.

1.	Thinking that lst person	3rd person
	'I was thinking to go.' xyaado ngxAAi	'I was thinking he would go.' xyaamdo ngxAAi
	chi bxuido ngxAAi (bring grass down) ma'gi saedo ngxAAi (Kill a buffalo) kolo' gxri jxOdo ngxAAi (employ a child)	

2.	Alternate form of Conjunctive Participle		
	'Thinking I'd go' using -syaaba xyaado ngxAAsyaaba	using biri' xyaado ngxAAi biri	
	kaE cado ngxAAsyaaba (I'd eat rice) theedo ngxAAsyaaba (I'd hear) gUndru lado ngxAAsyaaba (I'd make saurkraut)	xyaado ngxAAi biri	

'A Lost Buffalo'

- khani' xyaalaa' cxijy0?
- 2. ma'gi mxaebar xyaala'u.
- 3. ma'gi mxaxyaai' waa?
- 4. 0, phugaar carge bii p''laa khani' xyaai? khani' xyaai'?
- talaa'na cu khaagu khalaa. togo'm axmro'.
- 6. khani'r mrOlaa?
- 7. o' ca mrO'ri.
- 8. ngal mattre' u, aargo' maElai mulaa?
- 9. kxil nero' baidaaral mulaa.
- 10. ngxina' ngxin' baalun muwaa?
- 11. 0, mu.

'Where have you been, little Youngest-Son?'

'I've been to look for the buffalo.'

'Is the buffalo lost?'

'Yes, Having said "Let it graze in the fallow fields" I let it loose. Where has it gone? Where has it gone?' 'Before, it came around here. As for

now, I haven't seen it.'

'Where did you see it?'

'In that paddy.'

'Mine only, or were there other people's also?'

'Yours and Baidara's were there.'

'The two were together, were they?'

'Yes, they were.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

phugaar 'grazing available on edges talaa 'earlier, before'
of harvested, previously baalu/baalun 'together'
enclosed, fields'

#### NOTES

Line 10: ngxina' ngxin' 'the two together, both': when used on numbers the suffix -na'... -n' emphasises a combined grouping. e.g. s0'na' s0n'... 'the three together, all three'. This suffix also occurs on verbs (xyaana' xyaan') to denote protracted action: 'going going...'.

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

ngxina' ngxin' baalu'n mula. 'The two were together.'

ngxaana' ngxaan' All five
plxina' plxin' All four
s0na' s0n All three

2. xyaana' xyaan' gxyAA mxaxyaai. 'Going and going they lost their way.'

pxrana' pxran' p0'na p0'n' tAA lana' lan Walking and walking Talking and talking Chatting and chatting

'Tying Up Wood Bundles'

- 1. o mxo.
- 2. xwe' aasy0.
- 3. to' larilaa?
- to' labaa', chalen kU'rilau.
   lxau kU'kho'.
- nge' mxo. kxilam sl' phwi'i axphwi' mxo?
- axphwi'ngngyU' aasy0.
- 7. khoy0 ja're phwi'mdi?
- dxe'ro ngxigaE s0gaE liUd phwi'en.
- ngala'm Ulna' phwi'se kul khAA'I.
- 10. xo, kxilam Ulna' syu'gul khAA'l waa'?
- 11. 0, syu'gubxlde'.
- 12. chabi'yAA lxen' sxajo'ndi.
- 13. lu'di mxo, ngam xyaam'.
- 14. ngye', chenle xyaad' o'.
- 15. 0, 0.

'Oh, brother-in-law (=Younger Sister's Husband).

'Yes, brother-in-law (=Wife's Brother).

'What are you doing?'

'What am I doing? Just sitting. Come on, come and sit.'

'O.K., brother-in-law. Have you tied up the firewood or not, brother-in law?'

'I've not tied (them) brother-in-law.'
'Approximately when will you tie it
then?'

'I'll probably tie it up two or three days from now.'

'As for me, I finished tying up and moving it a while ago.'

'Oh, you before finished the wood carting, did you?'

'Yes, I've carried it all, for them.'
'In, that case, you are in a very
good state.'

'Well, brother-in-law, I'm going.'

'O.K., go well.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

mxo 'brother-in-law, son-in- phwiba 'to tie up'
law (husband of younger dxe'ro 'from now on'
sister or daughter)' UI 'a few days ago'

aasy0 'brother-in-law (wife's brother)'

syu'guba 'to carry'

#### **NOTES**

Line 9: the -en suffix on phwiba is the 1st person form of the probabilative aspect, of which 3rd person form (lesson 31) is -maEn'.

1.	lst person probabilative	3rd person probabilative
	'I will probably tie them up after three days.' sOgaE liUd phwi'en	'He will probably tie them up after three days.' sOgaE liUd phwi'maEn'
	xyaaen' (go) caidien (needed) caen (eat) tien (spread out)	

2.	lst person probabilative	lst person certaintive
	'After three days I'll probably tie them up.' sOgaE liUd phwi'en	'After three days I'll certainly tie them up.' sOgaE liUd phwi'syo
	ku'en (shift) nuen (finish) plen (give) laen (do)	

'Borrowing Money'

- 1. o', mxAlli!
- 2. haju'r, txaajy0. lxau' dxl' nxOU kU' kho', khani' phekhai, kh0'l axkha'bae mxi?
- ngam kxe' gxri' pardii' biri' khalaa.
- 4. bisidi'. to' ia?
- 5. ngala'm kolo' na'i biri' saar tadi'. pukhru'r bomal'a. paisaa' ti'phUl axxre'. chatai biri' kxine pri' paisaa' cxaude khi'b y0m u, bii biri khalaa.
- yu'm biyAA bodu.
- 7. cxaqan bile pino. ngam khAAio' tai.
- 8. na'di tara ti'syaamale' labxln' o'.
- 9. 0, 0, labxlsyo'. daai ngadna' 'Certainly I will do it. I will o', ngam xyaam.
- 10. 0, 0, txaajy0 xyaad'.

'Oh, Second born daughter!'

'Yes, Uncle/Older brother. Come inside and sit down. What do you want, you who never come here? (Lit:

where have you come to?)'

'As for me, some work having arisen, I've come. '

'Speak. What is it?'

'My child has become very ill. I would have taken it to Pokhara (but) I have not one single pice. So I've come wondering whether it might be possible or not to borrow a little money from you.'

6. kho'i, txaajy0, nganem paisaa' 'Well Uncle, I do not have a lot of lxe' axrxe'. mxwi' ngxajyu'd money. If Rs. 50/- would be enough, take that.'

> 'Then just give me that much. As for me. I'm broke.'

'There, but please return it in a little time won't you.'

sa'kham. xosyaa ngam bele gUn bring it myself. Thank you indeed. mxAAdii ja. lulu' mxAlli Tid I'm very grateful. Well, seconddaughter stay here, I am going.' 'Yes Uncle, then go.'

#### NEW VOCABULARY

'inside' nepri' 'with' nx0 cxaude 'just such a little' khi'ba 'to lend, to borrow (without yu'ba 'to be sufficient' interest)' 'need, lack' khAAjo' 'gratitude' gUn xOsyaa 'expression of joy and sa'dEba 'to escort' relief'

#### NOTES

Line 5: pukhru'r bomala': The -mala' suffix marks 'unreal' aspect, a contrary to fact situation. 'I would have taken him to Pokhara (but I didn't because I had no money)!' -ne pri is an alternate form of the comitative case -ne (lesson 44). Other forms are -ne baalu and mane. Line 8: ti'syaamale' 'after a while': -male' 'after' marks 'concurrent action' when a verb suffix: nAA' yu'male' nga ca' khlxyor mulaa 'While it was raining I was in that place.'

Line 9: sa'kham is a compound verb. The first part to derived from sa'dEba 'to escort'. In the compounding with khaba' 'to come' part of the stem is elided.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

- 1. khani' phekhai, kh0'!
   axkha'bae mxi?
   lxau' dxl' nx0U kU' kho'.
   khani' phekhai, kh0'!
   axkha'bae mxi?
   haju'r, txaajy0. lxau' dxl'
   nx0U kU' kho'. khani'
   phekhai, kh0'! axkha'bae
   mxi?
- paisaa' cxaude khi'b y0m u bii biri' khalaa.
  - kxine pri' paisaa' cxaude
    khi'b y0m u bii biri'
    khalaa.
  - paisaa' ti'phUl axxre'.

    chatai biri' kxine pri'

    paisaa' cxaude khi'b yOm

    u bii biri' khalaa.
  - ngala'm kolo' na'i biri' saar tadi'. pukhru'r bomal'a. paisaa' ti'phUl axxre' chatai biri' kxine pri' paisaa' cxaude khi'b y0m u, bii biri khalaa.

- 'What do you want, you who never come here?'
- 'Come inside and sit down. What do you want, you who never come here?'
- 'Yes, Uncle? Come inside and sit down. What do you want, you who never come here?'
- 'I've come, wondering whether it might be possible or not to borrow just a little bit of money.'
- 'I've come, wondering whether it might be possible or not to borrow from you just a little bit of money.'
- 'I have not one single pice. So I've come, wondering whether it might be possible or not to borrow from you just a little bit of money.'
- 'My child has become very ill. I would have taken it to Pokhara (but) I have not one single pice. So I've come, wondering whether it might be possible or not to borrow from you a little money.'

1.	Past Aspect	Unreal Aspect
	'I took him to Pokhara.' Pukhru'r bolaa.	'I would have taken him to Pokhara. Pukhru'r bomalaa.
	Tilaa (stay) yOlaa (available) phwi'laa (tie up) ku'laa (move)	

'Let's Go to the Sleeping House'

- 2. khani'r. axxyaa'. nxar yu'i. 'Where? (I'm) not going. (I'm) tired.'
- 3. callu nAA'sar xe. naa'jai 'You know! To Chyanglung village.
  se'b ro tiyAA'mi, xyaale o'? They say they are going to dance
  today. Come on, let's go.'
- 4. tu'sidi. khai labnge, nxaru 'I don't know what to do? I am yu'ba? tired.'
- 5. chi'ndri se'b ngxyob gaa. '(The idea) is to watch the dance for daai ro'rilesi. axta' waa? a little while and then we should sleep. Isn't that O.K.?'
- 6. chale tama'laa. tara pxana 'I guess that would be all right.

  nxAAgar kxaedu biyAA dxImma'Ed But if I'm late tomorrow morning the xaudim. khai labaa'? people of the house will be angry.

  What to do?'
- 7. nxAAkkarna' rii' biri' khal 'Well, we'll just have to get up txuman. chale.

  early in the morning and come. Like
- 8. 0, yuman rii' khaga' ngxAAm. 'Yes, I want to rise and come early tara nxaru mlE'Do xyaadu' but if I oversleep I will be late.' biyAA kxae xyaam.
- 9. ca' dxlrba'e mxine baalu "o' 'In that case we'll have to ask the bxujyu', ngilai yuman riwaad" people of that house "O Grandmother bil txuman. please wake us up early".
- 10. chabi'yAA chyo' sidi' xyaale'. 'In that case, come let's go.'

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

rodl 'sleeping house, nxar 'weariness'
teenagers' dormitory' chi'ndri 'a short while'
nxar yu'ba 'to be tired' (Lit: se'ba 'dance'
weariness coming down)' xaudiba 'to scold'
kxaeba 'to be late'

## NOTES

Line 3: The use of xe functions similarly to 'you know' in English discourse - seeking affirmation or recognition from the hearer. Line 5: rorilesi 'we should sleep': the -ri suffix, in a hortatory verb, conveys an anxiety to avoid offence (e.g. xyaarid o', nga lili

kham 'Please go on, I'll follow.'). The -si suffix likewise conveys a polite request, or advice (e.g. chaan bisi 'you should say thus').

Line 8: khaga' ngxAAm represents a construction expressing the desire to do something. The stem of the verb is repeated with voicing taking place on the consonant of the repeated stem, plus ngxAAba e.g. thU'dU ngxAAm 'I want to drink'.

Line 9: The -man suffix on txuba is an emphatic certaintive aspect which is only used in an apologetic type discourse, thus 'In that case we'll HAVE TO'.

1.	Wanting to	Thinking to
	'Wanting to come.' khaga' kgxAAm.	'Thinking I'd come.' khado ngxAAm.
-	•	KII GUO II GAAAIII.
	caja' (eat) thU'dU (drink)	_
	xyaaxyaa' <i>(go)</i>	
	pO'bO (talk)	

2.	Apologetic	Indicative
	'In that case we'll have to say' bil txuman	'We'll have to say' bil txum
	mxael (seek) phwi'l (tie up) khal (come) ril (get up)	5

'Come! Sing a Song for Me'

- lu' kxwe' prl'ndi.
- 2. ngadna' axxra.
- swaalle' prl'm bimdi.
- 4. khaba't bilaa?
- 5. theedo'n prl'sero'mi.
- 6. birido'n pha'kkari.
- 7. pri'nam, axrorid.
- 8. axxra. krxosena'.
- 9. prl'n. to'i axbille.
- 10. chabi'yAA prl'le waa?
- 11. 0, prl'n.

'Come, sing a song!'

'I don't know how to sing.'

'They say you sing beautifully.'

'Why says so?'

'I've heard it since you've been

singing.'

'Oh they're just saying it.'

'Please sing. Don't lie down.'

'I can't. Truly!'

'Come sing. Stop making excuses

(Lit: saying nothing).'

'In that case I'll sing. O.K.?'

'Yes. Sing!'

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

kxwe' 'song'
prl'ba 'to sing'

xraba 'to know how to'
krxosena 'truly, honestly'

'Arranging a Marriage'

- o' phojy0.
- 2. xwe' mxAlli. khani' phekhai? lxau' kU'n.
- nga'e Thaagulai xribxInsi'.
- 4. kho'i mxAlli! til' joro'bae mxidi pxrEsyo xribar xyaadu' biyAA malaai' waale'ro, ixaale' phe'ri qxAAna'iyaa muluqa'n bimu. khai labdi'?
- 5. khAA'n sammaa' beseri bid. to', khai lase axpibmanaa' bidu biyAA to' labdi?
- gxAAnaa' ni'scai lxen' bimdi.
- 7. biman lxenaa' khemaEdaami.
- saaro'n gxAAna' lxe' bidu biyAA ngid pllaa axkhxAA' to' labaa'?
- 9. til joro' bae samaEri Dxaagre' jagadi byaa labaa' bele gaaro tai jaa ochEma'E.
- 10. daaigaa khaile byaa labaa', baabae.

'Oh Aunt (Youngest sister of father).' 'Yes second born daughter. Why have you come? (Lit: Where have you arrived) Come, sit.'

3. 0, 0. ca' krishnaa'mae mxAll' 'Yes, yes. Please beg on my behalf the second sister of Krishna for my first son (for marriage).'

> 'Well second born daughter. These days if you go to beg a bridge he say "Let's give her to a (soldier of) Malaya" and again "A lot of jewellery (is needed)," they say. What to do?' 'Please speak as persuasively as possible. Goodness! If they say "Under no circumstances will we give". What to do!'

'For sure they will ask for a lot of iewellery.'

'In that case they themselves will indeed ask a lot.'

'And if they ask for an extremely great amoung of jewellery we won't be able to give it. What to do?'

'Really it is very difficult these days for non-soldiers to get married. What a pity!'

'Therefore how can one arrange a marriage.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

'Aunt (Father's Thaagu pho jy0 Youngest Sister)' xriba 'to beg' malaai 'Malaya' 'time, occasion' samaE 'very' bele/beseri 'expression of baabae

despair'

'bride' pxrEsyo 'gold' qxAAna' ni'scai 'certainly, for sure' Dxaagre' 'civilain (non-soldier)' ochE/ochEma'E 'expression of sympathy or sorrow!'

'first born son'

# **NOTES**

- Line 3: Note the benefactive use of -bxlba' (cf. Lesson 41).
- Line 4: khai labaa'? 'How to do it?' is here used in a rhetorical sense implying that it can't be done.
- Line 5: khAA'n samma' 'as much as possible' is literally 'ability up to'. khai lase 'However it is done' is generally best translated 'whatever happens' or 'under any circumstances'.

'Weaving a Basket'

- to' ku'b jaa? cxo theba'e pxi ro'ba!
- lab' ku'ba'e pxi lab bisyaaba'.
- tidimam labo' khulaa axbxl' bimdi, xwxaa' chaa waa?
- tu'sidi. khulaa axbxl' bimu tara xyo'i biri bxwim, ku'idi.
- 5. 0, khulaa axbxl' bimu, tara syaa'du biyAA ku'i ku'idi pxEwAAm.
- U, uyAA'na pxEwaai' ro bildi, tAA theai'waa?
- pxEwaade'. ngadai mr0laa. chatai'gaa saeidi'.
- 8. 0, til' joro' to'ndori kaDi 'These days the season of many kaDaauba'e sama'E khai'. khai restrictions has come. What to do?' labaa'?
- chabi'yAA bigaasarba'e bxal' txujondi.
- 10. bxaba'mi tama'laa, tara
   xr0sae' paisaa' axxre' sero'
   to'd bxaba'? chatai' biri'
   to'ndorin sa'erna gaaro tai'.

'What are you moving? Making such a big basket!'

'I'm making a basket for moving leaves.'

'This year they won't allow leaves to be gathered, don't they say? Isn't that so?'

'I don't know. They say that won't allow (them) to be gathered but some having stolen (them) and bring them down.'

'Yes, they say they won't allow them to be gathered and if you are caught some will take them away from you.'

'Yes! Have you heard it said that some were snatched away a few days ago?'

'They did indeed confiscate them. I saw it. Therefore it has indeed become difficult (Lit: it has killed).

'These days the season of many

'Therefore we must bring the development (i.e. chemical) fertilizer.'
'It would have been good to bring it
but with no money with what would
one bring it? In those ways in
everything it has become very
difficult.'

#### NEW VOCABULARY

'leaves' 'to weave' labo' ro'ba khubaa 'to gather tidlma 'this year' together' ku'i/kwi 'some (people)' kaDi kaDaau 'restrictions, laws' 'to thieve' xyo'ba 'difficult' qaaro bigaasarba'e ma'l 'chemical fertilizer'

## NOTES

Line 7: -gaa 'indeed' an emphatic, often functions as an equative verb: cu' y0jgwin gaa. 'This is indeed Yanjakot.'

saeidi': The verb 'to kill' is here used in a metaphorical sense meaning that the restriction on getting the leaves has made it very difficult for them.

Line 10: The use of the unreal aspect -mala is here used in an emphatic sense as manifested by the -mi suffix on the verb bxaba' 'to bring'.

1.	1. Unreal Aspect	
	With Emphasis	Without Emphasis
	'It would indeed have been good to bring it.' bxaba'mi tama'la.	'It would have been good to bring it.' bxaba' tama'la.
	ro'bami (weave) prl'bami (sing) ro'bami (to sleep) khi'bami (to lend without interest)	

'Protecting Fields from Cattle'

- cu'maE ta'le px0b jaa?
- 'Why are these people arguing?'
- khyodo lxaalAA bii biri' ro.
- 'He said that he'd discovered that his cattle had been driven out. '
- 3. khyodo baariri kh0'na ro waa'? 'Does he (the other one) say that he
  - discovered the cattle got into the dry field?'
- 4. axkh0'. tara kh0'm u ngxAAI lxaal ro.
- 'No, but he says he drove it away because he wondered whether it would get in or not?'
- chale lxaabarai ta'le chale px0edi?
- 'Why would they be arguing like that just for a thing like driving out (the cattle)?'
- 6. coro' bae jug samaE kaDaa' mu. xr0saE baarir kh0'yaa mattre lxaal y0m, tara arue' baarir lxaabae xa'k axxre'.
- 'In the time that has come now things are tough. Only if it gets into your own field can you chase it away, but you have no right to chase it out of other fields.'
- 7. 0, chaami chaana. tara to' labar pxOrie' bibaa?
- 'Yes, that's the way it is indeed. But what do they say they will do by arguing?'
- 8. ca'm ngxyo' to' se'. khemaEe' 'As for that, what can we (incl.) puraanu' xris mumaE'n.
  - know. It's probably an old quarrel of their own.'
- 9. O, chAAn mulaase'.
- 'Yes, it's probably that.'
- 10. nga'e saEr cha ngxAAm.
- 'It seems that way in my mind.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

px0ba 'to argue' lxaaba 'to drive out' jug samaE/samaE/txi 'time, occasion' puranu' 'old'

'cattle' khyodo baari 'dry field' kaDaa' 'difficulty' xa'k 'authority' ngxAAba 'to wonder about'

#### NOTES

Line 2: The -IAA suffix on Ixaaba is another form of the discovery aspect. The more usual form is -na. Both forms are used in this lesson in lines 2 and 3.

kh0'm u ngxAAI: Here ngxAAba is used to express 'wondering'. It can also mean 'think' or 'want to' as an auxiliary:

kh0'm u ngxAAI 'wondering whether it might enter or not'.

kh0'mdo ngxAAI 'thinking it would enter...'

kh0'g0 ngxAAI 'wanting to enter'.

In line 10 the verb ngxAAba is used as an independent verb and here is translated 'to seem to one'.

Line 8: se''know' is the bare root - an unusual use. More normal would be se'ba, the gerund.

1.	'Wondering whether it would enter or not.' kh0'm u ngxAAI.	'Thinking it would enter.' 'kh0'mdo ngxAAI.
	rxim u (beg)	
	xyaam' u (go)	
	pxEm u (snatch)	
	bxam' u (bring)	
	khi'm u (lend)	de Harrista de la companya de la co

2.	'Wondering whether it would enter the dry field or not.' baarir kh0'm u ngxAAI.	'Wanting to enter' baarir kh0'g0 ngxAAI
	phwi'm u (tie up) mxaem u (seek for)	
	ngxyom u (look) pxram' u (walk)	and the second of

'Arranging for a Boy to Cut Grass'

- 1. kxie cxa gxri' ngalai plnchi'! 'Give me one of your sons!'
- 2. ta'le, to' labaa' ro? 'Why? For doing what?'
- 3. ngadi' ma'gi gxri' kibxalaa' 'I bought and brought one buffalo but tara nga'e dxlri' chi kha'Ebae in my house there is no grass cutting axxre'. chatama ngalai person. Therefore I need a child. kolo' gxri' caidii. chatama Therefore (you) must give me your son. ngalai kxie cxa pll txuii.
- 4. kho'i' khai labaa'? ngalaina' 'Well, how to do it! To me also, if cu' kolma'E axxredu' biyAA these children are not here who would nga'e khaa'gae muba'e do my small farm jobs? Well! How khedi' paadi' jaga khaba'd to do it?' lxaidiba, kho'i! khai labaa'?
- 5. axngxl'. kxilam lxen' mudi'. 'No, you have many sons Even if you daai cu' gxri' ngalai plnaa'bileyAA cu' aargomaEdna (your work).'
  - give this one to me the others will do
- 6. tamsidi'. kxilai saaro'n khAAj pardiyAA' gxri' plsyo' sidi'.
- 'O.K. If your need is so great I will certainly give one.'
- 7. bani kadi' kabol lam? bid.
- 'The salary, how much will we make the contract? Please say.'
- 8. ngad cxagaa axbi. kxie dayaadi kadi' plle pln.
- 'I will not speak thus. According to your mercy, however much you give, give (that much).'
- 9. chabi'yAA barsarbae mxui' ngxibraa tai o'? saE kxom u axkxo?
- 'In that case. Is Rs. 200/- for the year O.K.? Do you accept that price or not?'
- 10. tad0'ndi kxid cxau bisero. lu'di, ngam xyaai'.
- 'That's O.K. Since you've spoken in that way. Well I must go. (Lit: I have gone.)'
- 11. 0, 0 chenle xyaad.
- 'Yes, yes go well.'

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

khedi' paadi' 'cultivated property' bani 'yearly salary'

dayaa 'mercy' kabol 'contract'

-braa 'numeral classifier on barsa 'year'

groups of 100' kxom 'to accept, be

satisfied'

#### NOTES

Line 4: ngalaina': Note the emphatic -na' suffix. Here giving the meaning 'to me also'.

Line 5: plnaa'bileyAA: The -naa'bileyAA is an 'even if...' construction.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. chatama ngalai kxie cxa pll 'Therefore you must give me your son.' txui.

chatama ngalai kolo' gxri' 'Therefore I need a child.' caidii.

nga'e dxlri' chi kha'Ebae mxi 'In my home I don't have a grass axxre'. chatama ngalai kolo' cutting person. Therefore I need gxri' caidii. chatama ngalai a child. Therefore you must give me your son.' kxie cxa pll txui.

tara nga'e dxlri' chi kha'Ebae mxi axrxe'. chatama ngalai kolo' gxri' caidii. chatama ngalai kxie cxa pll txuii.

ngadi' ma'gi gxri' kl-bxalaa' 'I bought and brought one buffalo but in my house there is no grass cutting person. Therefore I need a child. Therefore (you) must give me your son.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. ngalai plnaa'bileyAA cu' argo' 'Even if you give (him) these maEdna laman. other ones will do it.'

> bonaa' bileyAA take (him) nxanaa bileyAA keep (him) kInaa bileyAA get (him)

# TRANSFORM DRILLS

1.	'Even if'	'If'
H	'Even if you give (him) this one will do it (the work).' plnaabileyAA cu'd lam.	'If you give (him) this one will do it.' plyAA cu'd lam.
	cU'naabileyAA ( <i>sell</i> )	
	xrinaabileyAA (beg)	
	xwinaa'bileyAA <i>(call)</i>	
	khAA'naabileyAA (can do it)	

# 2. Alternate forms of 'If' Construction 'If you must have (it) I'll certainly give.' pardiyAA' plsyo' pardidu'biyAA plsyo' caidiyAA' (it is needed) lxaudiyAA' (I must) lxaidiyAA' (it costs that much)

'Churning Butter'

- kolaa' lxui' waa?
- 2. 0, lxulaa'. tara chyugu' khalaa axngl'. to' tai'? to' tai'?
- kyu'laa kwaalaai' biri' jx01'
- jx0lau'.
- 5. xe, chabi'yAAm kyu' laad cwaado'n. chatai'ga chyugu' axkha'di.
- 6. 0. chAAn tai' u to'?
- 7. tll' joro' garmi tangngyU'. chatai' biri' kyu' laalaa' axtxu.
- 8. axlaa'lle kyu' sin jx0yAA' Thi'g tammule syAAmu. khani ba'i ngada'm beseri laai' ixOri'ba.
- 9. dxe'ro, lxuma'le' kyu'sin ixOl biri' lxul' txui.
- 10. 0, 0. dxero' piru chalen lxul' txujon.

'You're churning butter are you?' 'Yes. I'm churning but the butter

won't come. What's happened? What's happened?'

'Did you heat the water before you put it in? (Lit: Having heated water have you put it in?)'

4. O, lxen'. cha'lle laai' biri' 'Yes, a lot. Having done it that way I've put it in.'

> 'Oh! In that case the hot water has consumed (the butter). For that reason the butter has not come.' 'Yes, that's what has happened or what?'

'These days it has become hot; that's why you don't have to heat water.'

'If I had put cold water in it probably would have been O.K. Dear me! And here I have been putting very hot water in!'

'From now on, when you are churning you should put in cold water for churning.'

'Yes, yes. From now on I must indeed do it that way.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

kolaa' 'butter milk' lxuba' 'to churn' kwaalaaba' 'to heat fluids' kyu' 'water' 'to heat' 'to consume' laaba cwaaba' 'cold' dxe'ro piru/dxe'ro 'from now on' khani ba'i 'dear me!'

## NOTES

Line 2: khalaa axnq!' 'It won't come' literally 'It won't obey to come'. One might think of it as 'it resists coming'. It is often used of a stain or dirt which resists cleaning, xyaal axngl', or Til axngl' of a child who won't stay somewhere.

Line 8: tammule syAAmu: 'would probably have been O.K.': khaniba'i 'Dear me!' (lit: 'of where?') is used simply as an exclamation of frustration.

'Village Work in April-May (Baisakh)'

- tll'joro' cu' nAA'sari to' kxe' lam?
- 2. tll'joro' sl' kubaa', ma'l kubaa'r, aasare' makha'E txaaba', chaba'n lam. kxi cu' nAA'sar khOI' axkha'l waa u to'?
- 3. 0, khOl' axkha'n qaa ngyu'idi daai. baabae, garmi tamaE' xwaa'?
- 4. txivAAdam beseri khrOdo'n. to' labdi'. txl cha'i bii kxe' axla'du biyAA khaba'd labaa'? xrOsadna lal txuion.
- 5. chAAna kuji'. agu mxijaga jxOdi', kxe' lab bxanda' xribae sa'e lxe' xriba, mxim ku'chuilen axkhAA'.
- 6. ku'nchi, sida'l maardi'le.
- 7. xyaam', ngam beseri kxaengngyU.
- 8. ta'le, xrEqo xyaab' waa?
- 9. ca' khlximii nAA'sar samma' xvaal' txubae kxe' mu.
- 10. e kxaeyaam. xyaasidi' o'?
- 11. 0, xyaal' txui.

'These days what work is done in the village.'

'These days (they) carry wood, compost, hoe the July corn-they do those sort of things. Have you never been to this village before?'

'That's right. I've never been here, that's why I'm asking. Goodness! Isn't it hot!' 'It is burning hot today. What to do? If you didn't work because the sun was burning who would work? You MUST do your own work.' 'Yes that's so. I employed other people (but) they just begged things

rather than working. As for people, one cannot afford (Lit: touch) them. ' 'Come. Sit! Lets enjoy the shade.' 'I'm going. I'm very late.'

'Why? Are you going a long way?' 'I have to go for work in that village called khlimji.' 'Yes, you are late. Then go.' 'Yes, I must go.'

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

cha ba 'to burn (of sun, or maardi'ba 'to experience, enjoy' hot object)' 'to burn' khr0ba 'exclamation of agreement' sida'l 'shade' kuii' 'expression of despair' 'other' (alt. aargo', agu baabae aru)

## NOTES

Line 4: -do'n and -j0n are two emphatic suffixes used on verbs and seem to serve similar functions.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

- waa u to'?
  - tll' joro' sl' kubaa', ma'l kubaa', asare' makha'E cu' nAAqsar axkha'l waa u to'?
- 2. xrOsadna lal txujon. txi cha'i biri' kxe' axla'du biyAA khaba'd labaa'? xrOsadna lal txujon.
  - txiyAAdam beseri khr0do'n. to' labdi'. txl cha'i biri' kxe' axla'du biyAA khaba'd labaa'? xr0sadna lal txujon. do your own work.'
- mxim ku'chuile axkhAA'.
  - kxe' lab bxanda' xribae sa'e lxe' xriba. mxim ku'chuilen axkhAA.
  - chAAn kuji'. agu mxijaga ixOdi' kxe' lab bxanda' xribae sa'e lxe' xriba. mxim ku'chuilen axkhAA.

- 1. kxi cu' nAA'sar kh0l' axkha'l 'Have you never been to this village or what?'
  - 'These days they move wood, move compose, hoe the July corn. That's txaaba', chaaba'n lam. kxi what they do. Have you never been to this village or what?'
    - 'Indeed you must do your own work.' 'With the sun burning who would work? Indeed you must do your own work.'
    - 'Indeed the sun is burning hot.' 'What to do? With the sun burning who would work? Indeed you must
    - 'It is not possible to get people to work. '
    - 'Rather than working they just beg lots of things. It is not possible to get people to work.'
    - 'Yes. That's right. I employed other people but they just begged things rather than work. It is not possible to get people to work.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. cu' nAA'sari' to' kxe' lam? 'What work do you do in this village?'

tAA lam maE lam

- matters do they discuss. medicine is done.
- 2. tll'joro' sl' kubaa'

chi kha¹Eba sl' tho'ba mo' ku'ba to'i axla'

'These days they move wood.'

cut grass. chop wood. splice rattan. don't do anything.

cEdo' kyar cu' jare

3. ta'le? xrEgo xyaab' waa? 'Why? Are you going a long way?'

short over there in this area

'On Bathing'

- 1. khani' xyaamu' kxi?
- nga jyu khru'bar xyaama'u. se beseri kebaa', phe'ri kwElyaa kxri tabaa'. daai khru'nmu bii txOkhalau.
- 3. tel uyAA' to' laldi' tiyAA' se khru'bar khabaa'?
- 4. tel uyAA' to'r kh0'ba nga'e kxe'mi. makha'E txaaba' plxu' thEbaa'. to'ndori xr0san lal txuba, chatai phursat axy0'badi'.
- kxen' larisero'm t0phyaa'r taxyaam' xe'.
- chatabaa', kuji'. phursat ngxyona ngxyon jyu khru'la axy0'n biri balla tll' khru' khaba'di.
- ngam phursat y0lai axy0'lai jyu kxri taseri'm khru'bar chyu'Di xyaabrE' lamau.
- 8. O, dxero' ngai chAAn lal txude.
- chaa axla'bdem phursada' kh0l' axy0'.

'Where are you going?'

'I'm going to wash my body. My flesh is itching a lot, my clothes are filthy. Therefore saying "I'm going to wash." I've come. (Lit: emerging out (of village/house) came).'
'What were you doing yesterday and the day before that you come for washing the flesh today?'
'My work has been beyond reckoning

'My work has been beyond reckoning yesterday and the day before, hoeing corn, planting seeds. Having to do everything myself in that way I had no leisure.'

'Since you work and work, it becomes continuous, indeed.'

'Yes that's how it is indeed. Having not been able to wash, though I sought for a leisure moment, I eventually had to come for washing today.'

'Whether I have leisure or not when I'm dirty I always sneak out for a wash.'

'Yes from now on I must do likewise.'

'If you don't do it that way you'll never FIND leisure.'

## NEW VOCABULARY

jyu 'body'
kebaa' 'to itch'
kxri 'dirt'
tOphyaa'r 'unceasing,
continuous'
chyu'Di xyaaba' 'to run off,
elope, escape'

se 'flesh'
kwE 'clothes'
tx0ba 'to emerge, come out of'
phursat 'leisure, spare time'
to'r kh0'ba 'multiplied, beyond
reckoning'

## NOTES

Line 5: lari sero'm The -ri suffix here represents the continuative aspect - used also in lessons 28 and 44.

Line 6: -na ...-n denotes 'protracted action' (discussed in lesson 51). jyu khru'la axy0'n biri' 'not being able to wash my body' can alternately be expressed as jyu khru'la axy0 sero' 'since I was not able to wash my body'.

Line 7: y0lai axy0'lai, or more frequently y0le axy0'le, manifests a 'whether' construction i.e. 'whether it's available or not..'.

xyaabrE' lamau The -brE lam represents a habituative aspect on the verb, best translated by 'always..'.

'Planting Rice and Millet (JesTh, May-June)'

- 1. plxu' thEl' waa? 'Have you planted (Lit: placed) your seeds?'
- 2. to'e plxu'? naare'l u 'Which seeds? Of millet or of rice?'
  mlxalaa?
- 3. naare'laa baa'. mlxalam 'Of millet. What! Planting rice tilnaa' to' thEbaa'? seeds now?'
- 4. thEjo'n baabae. nAA' yu'bae 'I am indeed planting. Goodness me! mxaalar pardibaa chalen ka'bla With the rain coming time upon us, I ku'blule lathEde. did the planting anyway, without proper preparation.'
- 5. daaigaa kuju'i. nAA'l yu'i 'Yes indeed. When the rain does come biri' yu'laa axxraba, caei it doesn't know how to come properly, biri' caelaa axxraba. when it eases, it doesn't know how to ease off properly.'
- 6. kxilam thEl' waadi? 'Have you put yours in yet?'
- 7. ngala'm uyAA'nan thEse. 'I put mine in some time ago. Now if dxero'm mxaarsi mlxae byaaDaa I have a chance to prepare the marsi casdil yOdu' biyAA cu' mxAlna rice seed bed I must put it in this ngxisyu baais jare thEl txude. month round about 20th-22nd.'
- 8. ngala'm balla naare'l thEl 'As for mine, I have just finally khAA'di, mlxa plxula'm to'i finished planting the millet. As for saa'r su'rai axtxengngyU'. the rice seed, I've not done any to' mxaarsi jaa? kxilaa? preparations. What sort of marsi is yours?'
- 9. kaaThe' mxaarsi baa. kxilaa 'Mine is kaathe marsi. And yours?' di'?
- 10. ngala'm darmaale juwaari *'Mine is* darmaale juwaari.' tad0'n.
- 11. 0, 0. 'Oh, yes.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

plxu' 'seed' naare' 'millet'

nAA' 'rain' mxaalar 'time'

ka'bla ku'beule 'roughly, poorly, byaaDaa 'seed bed'

without proper caebaa' 'to ease off- of rain'

preparation' thEbaa' 'to plant' (Lit: 'to put

casdiba' 'to prepare seed down')

saa'r su'rai 'preparations'

bed'

## **NOTES**

Line 8: thEl khAA'di 'finished planting' The khAA'di is a modal verb indicating that the action is complete. Compare with such constructions as

thEl yOdi 'possible to plant'

thEl txudi 'must plant'

thEl xradi 'know how to plant'

The modal khAA'ba can also be used to indicate ability to do something i.e.  $thEl\ khAA'di\ 'I'm\ able\ to\ plant'.$  Only the context can distinguish the meaning in focus.

## TRANSFORM DRILLS

1.	Opportunity to	Finished
	'If it's possible to plant (them) I'll do it.' thEl yOdu'biyAA lam	'If I've finished planting them I'll do it.' thEl khAA'dubiyAA lam
	khru'l (wash) lxul' (churn butter) ro'l (weave) prl'l (sing)	

2.	Finished	Allowed to	
	'I have finally finished putting mine in.' ngala'm balla thEl khAA'di	'I have finally been allowed to put mine in.' ngala'm balla thEl bxldi	
	lal (doing) ro'l (sleeping) txOl (come out) khru'l (washing)		

3.	Knows how to		Must do		
	•	nows how to come ll come down.' A yu'm	'If (it) must come down, it will come down.' yu'l txuyAA yu'm		
	se'l pri'l ro'l lxaal khru'l	se'm (dance) prl'm (sing) ro'm (weave) lxaam (drive out) khrum (wash)			

'Arranging a Work Party'

- nOgur Thaaldile'si thuma'E dxero'm makhA'E txaaba'e txi txudi'.
- kho'i! Thaaldile bibaa khaba'i axkha
- ngxyo' ngxlde', s0'den kadi' tamu cxaqan Thaaldilesi o'.
- O, Thaaldib gaa'. ngxyola'm makha'E saaro'n bidi xyaai'. khai laba'?
- chatai gaa nOgur yUnAA
   Thaaldile' bingngyUdi.
- 6. chabi'yAA khoy0' Thaaldiledi?
- nU'Im jare Thaaldile' o'.
- 8. khaba'e baarir Thaaldile'?
- 9. kxie baarir Thaaldile o', kanchi?
- 10. 0, 0. chabi'yAA ngi'e paDa baarir xyaaba'e.

'Let us begin a work party friends. The corn hoeing time has come.'

'Well! Nobody comes if you say "let's begin".'

'Well let us two or three however many there be begin, O.K.?'

'Yes indeed. Let's begin. Our corn has been badly neglected. What to do?'

'It's for that reason I said "Let us begin the work party early.".'

'In that case when shall we begin?'
'From about the day after tomorrow
let us begin.'

'In whose field should we begin?'
'Let us begin in your field, lastborn daughter.'

'O.K. In that case let us go to our (excl.) garden in paDa.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

nOgur 'work party'
nU'lma 'day after tomorrow!'

bidi xyaaba' Lit: 'to die'

#### NOTES

Line 3: ngxlde', s0'den is another example of how approximation is expressed. See also Lessons 10 and 40.

Line 7: Note the use of jare in a temporal phrase. In Lesson 28 it was used in a locative phrase, as in Lesson 37 also.

'Hoeing Corn for the School Garden (May-June JesTh)'

- 1. makha'E txaam maa'?
- 2. axngxl¹, skul xyaam¹.
- 3. tara yori' kodaali' mu?
- cu'm skula'rbae makha'E txaaba'.
- 5. maasTarma'El u?
- 6. axngxl' ngi skul paaTi'la.
- 7. skul paaTilaa?
- 8. O, sadan sadan lamu.
- 9. 0, xo, khoy0' sero lai?
- 10. ti'dl sero'.

'Hoeing corn?'

'No, I'm going to school.'

'But there's a hoe in your hand.'

'As for this, it's to hoe the corn at school.'

'The teacher's?'

'No, our school class's.'

'The school class's?'

'Yes, every class does it.'

'Oho, since when?'

'For a year.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

skul 'school'

sadan 'a group of people'

'Walling the Paddys'

- kxilam bAAnu jxOngngyU' waa, mrO'ri?
- 2. 0, jxOngngyU'.
- 3. saarqimaE'u?
- 4. O, saargima'En baa.
- 5. naa'b bandi u, jelar jaa?
- 6. naa'b bandi lalau.
- 7. krulaa' to'e dar jaa?
- 8. mxor ngi'bo ro.
- 9. kadi' jAAna mu.
- 10. Txude' ngi'de mu.

'The Sarkis (cobbler caste)?'
'Yes, it was the Sarkis indeed.'
'By measurement, or by day wages?'
'We arranged it by measurement.'
'What was the rate for one cubit
(45 cm)?'

'(They) have put a stone wall for you

in the paddy, have they?'

'Yes, (they) have.'

'They said seven mohar (Rs 3/50).'
'How many people were there?'

'About six or seven.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

bAAnu 'stone wall'
naa'b 'measurement'
jela 'daily wages'

kru 'one cubit'
dar 'rate of wages'
naa'b bandi 'piece rate contract'

'Arranging a Work Party'

- pxrede' ku'de mxaebxln' o'.
- 2. 0, tara khoy0ba'e lxaaqiri?
- 3. kya aaitabaar, sObaar jare
- 4. tam sidi'. baru kadi' jAAnaa mxaeb jaa?
- 5. mxi cyu'de mxaesi o'.
- 6. 0, mr0' t0 khani'r jaa?
- 7. ma bxUne'ri baa. te' yunan kho'. nO sa'e kadi' mu tiljoro'?
- 8. mxui s0' rl'maElaa ml.
- 9. muyUma'Elaa di'?
- 10. mxardamaElam mxui' ngxaa', mxui' plxi' ro.
- ll. abui! 0, 0 tam.

1. ngalai makha'E txaabae n0ma'E 'Would you seek for eight or nine people to work for me in hoeing corn please?'

'Yes, but for when?'

'For round about the coming Sunday and Monday. '

'O.K. And how many people would you rather I seek for?'

'Search for about 10.'

'And where is the remaining paddy work to be done?'

'It's down at Bhuneri. Come early. How much is it for labourers these days?'

'Rs 3/- for females.'

'And for men?'

'For males Rs 5/- or Rs 4/- they вау.'

'Oh my! O.K.'

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

tee' 'a little' rl'ma'E 'females'

mxarda 'male'

abui! 'exclamation of surprise'

'early' yunan 'men' muyUma'E

t0 'work remaining to be done'

'Arranging Work Parties'

- 1. tidlma nga'e nOgura thEl txui. 'This year, I'll have to put in a work party.'
- 2. ta'le? no axsyui' waa? 'Why? Haven't you pulled out the weeds?'
- 3. nom nOgur kll biri' syui'm. 'As for the weeds, I'll hire a work party and pull them out.'
- 4. kxie kxon0 to' lamdiq? 'And what will your work exchange party do?'
- 5. kxi' kha'Ebadi'. 'They will cut thatch.'
- 6. tidlmaa dxl' syuiba'e palu' 'This year is the time for roofing waa? the house?'
- 7. 0, tidlmaa syuil txub yaa. 'Yes, this year we'll have to put on a new roof.'
- 8. khab saa'lar syuilaa? 'In what year did you last put on a new roof?'
- naidi'maa syuilaa. 'Year before last.'
- 10. xe, chabi'yAAm tidlmaa palu' 'Oh, in that case this year the time manaa. has indeed come.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

no	'weeds'	syui'ba	'to uproot'
kxon0	'(small) work party, based	syu i baa'	'to roof a house, cover a
	on exchange of labour'		courtyard with flagging
palu'	'turn'		stone'
n0gura	'(large) work party,	naidi'ma	'year before last'
	working in Srawan for		
	himal		

## **NOTES**

The verb for 'uprooting' in Line 3 syui'm and for 'roofing' in line 6 syuibaa' are identical except for the pitch/accent distinction represented by the apostrophe (').

'Buying a Sheep for DasAI'

- dasaE khadi'. khasi' mxaelle chyo'.
- 2. chyo'sidi' khani'r xyaale'?
- ax, kyuPrO' jare xyaale.
- 4. kxie kxyu' ngilai pll txui, kyusA'E ciba'.
- 5. mubaa'mi mu. tara kxemaed sa'e jx01' khAA'm xogi' axkhAA' xo?
- 6. kho'i khab jaa? tEndi.
- 7. o'-ca' ga. naidi'mAA khasi' lai. beseri ciq0' mu.
- 8. kadi'di, cu' khasi'e sa'e? lu' bid.
- 9. ngxibrase ku'jyu plm biyAA bodu cxaga jx0laa' axkhAA' biba cxaqana.
- 10. Thi'kkabae sa'e lad. ngidi ngxibra se ngi'jyuse ngxa' plm. tam u, axtaa'?
- ll. tam sidi' bod. kxemaE bajan waalaa axkhAA'. bod.

'Dasera has come. Let's go and search for a castrated sheep/goat.'

'Let's go. Where shall we go?'

'Oh, let's go over to the sheepfold.'

'O chief shepherd, you must give (one of) your sheep to us.'

'There is indeed one. But can you (pl.) pay the price or not?'

'Well, which sheep? Show it to us.' 'That very one. It was castrated last year. It's very old.' 'How much is the price for this sheep. Come now! speak!' 'If you say "I'll give Rs 290/-" then take it. If you say "I can't put bidu biyAA axborid. lu' ngad down that much" then don't take it. That's my word.' 'Give an average (fair) price.

We will give Rs 275/-. Is that O.K. or not.'

'O.K. then. I can't refuse (Lit: throw out) your word. Take it.'

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

'Nepalese festival of dasaE

Dasain'

kyuPrO' 'sheepfold'

'senior person' ciba

bajan 'word' khasi' 'castrated sheep or goat'

kyusA'E 'shepherd'

'old- of animals' ciq0'

'to show' tEba

o'-ca 'that very (pointing)'

'Threshing the Millet'

- 1. to lalaa nAA'ni?
- 2. naare' tAAgra' xolau'.
- 3. naare' nxei waa?
- 4. 0, nxei.
- 5. pxalid nxel u?
- 6. axngxl, khlxyaad nxelaa'.
- 7. kadi' tana?
- 8. Txumride tana'mae. kxilaa nxei' waa?
- 9. ngala'm pxalidna nxei.
- 10. x0.

'What are you doing, First-born daughter?'

'I'm beating the millet grains and beans.'

'Have you trodden out the millet?'

'Yes, we have trodden (them).'

'Did you tread it by foot?'

'No, the oxen trod it.'

'How much did it come to?'

'It came to about six muri (540

litres). Have you trodden yours out?'

'As for mine, we trod it by foot.'

'Oh. '

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

tAAnggra' 'beans'

nxeba 'to tread out grains with the feet, to knead with the feet'

khlxyaa' 'ox'

'Threshing the Millet'

- 1. cu' naare' plxu' u, to'jaa?
- axngxl' baabu, pachoDe' thulau.
- s0'l biri' igurle'n xol' waa? 3.
- 4. O, cha layAAq igur tab manaa'mae.
- 5. ngalai chAAn lala swaab tamau. 'As for me, it is good to do thus.'
- 6. kuji', cyagaa' cyugu'm cha laba'n sxamau.
- 7. khAA'! xwaa' dxero'mi?
- O, dxero'm khAA'l baabu.
- ngala'm thAAn thU'n lai. 9.
- 10. xe, thangadi'l khAA'l?
- 11. 0, khAA'I.

'Is this seed millet or what?'

'No, little one. I have harvested

a late variety.'

'After drying it you beat it once

for all?'

'Yes, if you do that it will be once

for all.'

'Well, for a little bit it's good

to do it thus.'

'It's finished. Now, isn't it?'

'Yes, now it's finished, little one.'

'As for me, I've got all the harvest

in.'

'Oh, is the storing away all finished?'

'Yes, it's finished.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

pachoDe' 'late (of a variety)' cyagaa' cyugu' 'finally, conclusively' cyugu' cyugu' 'just a little' igur le' s0ba 'to dry, usually in khaagae the sun' thAAn thU'n 'harvest and thangadiba 'to store away' storage' 'little one' baabu

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The seed millet when harvested, is stored carefully, not put on the ground, to avoid its going black and deteriorating.

'Erecting a Ferris Wheel'

1. o' baaiyu

2. xwe' baabu to' bilaa?

what have you said)?'

3. kxie simaalaa' dxU' ngilai

pln o'.

4. ta'le, to' lamu?

5. ku'di txo lab bisyaabaa'.

7. to' tamu, baajyu?

8. cu' baali uirari'm ku'di thaadu' biyAA xalla' tam. chatasero' tusyu' yu'm.

thaaba' axtaa'.

9. cu' dasaE s0ga'E mattre'

11. 0, 0, chAAn lam.

'Oh, Grandfather'

'Yes, little one. What is it (Lit:

'Please give us your simaalaag tree.'

'Why, what are you doing?'

'Saying "(We) will make an upright

for a swing" ... '

6. ax, ku'di axthaa'd, baabuma'E. 'Oh, don't build a swing, young

people.'

'What will happen, Grandfather?'

'If you put it up at harvest time there will be strife. That being the case hail will come. It is not

right to put it up.'

'Is it not right to play over these

mxaei biri' phuwaam, axta'waa? three days of Dasain? And then

dismantle it. '

10. 0, kxemaEd chalam biyAA thaad. 'O.K., if you will do that, build it.'

'Yes, O.K., we will do that.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

dxU' 'tree'

'swing, ferris wheel' ku'di

txo 'main upright'

thaabaa' 'to construct, as of

nest or, in this case,

play equipment'

simaalaa' 'silk-cotton-tree'

badi uira 'when fields are deep

yellow, about 12 days

before reaping'

xalla' 'strife, confusion'

tusyu' 'hail'

'to collapse, dismantle' phuwaaba

'Meal Preparation for Rice Harvesters'

1. kodaar to'e sa'e cxulaa? 'What things are you getting ready in

the fireplace?'

se xriba xElaau. 'I'm boiling meat and bones.'
 se xribane to' kOngngyU'? 'What did you mix with the meat and

bones?'

4. boDi kOngngyU'. 'I mixed beans with it.'

'You have boiled a lot.'

6. kxe' labma'Ee Txaa laba yaa. 'It is to make rice accompaniment

for the workers.'

7. to' langngyU'? 'What are they doing?'

8. mlxa kha'EbmaE mu. 'They are the rice reapers.'

9. tiyAA' mlxa kha'Engngyu waa? 'Are you reaping rice today?'

10. 0, cxaude kha'Elo. 'Yes, we have cut a little.'

# NEW VOCABULARY

5. lxe xenadi.

kodaar 'fireplace' boDi 'beans'

cxuba 'prepare' xebaa 'to cook by a long process

kOba 'to mix' of boiling'

'Bringing Wood from the Bush'

- 1. oxo, khani' bobae sl' jaa, ca' ganggyur jx0' bxwiba'?
- 2. ca' pukhru'r bobae sl' ro.
- khani'r to'i biri' bxwie'? 3.
- 4. ta mrxls thEmaEe' banaUle' tho' bxwiba' ro.
- 5. khaba'd bxwib jaa'?
- 6. cu' pukhru'thE Theikdaarad bxwib' qaa.
- 7. uyAA'na mxrls thE The 'kdaaradna' bxwilaa', tara ca'laa bol khAA'l, daai cu'd hxwii.
- 8. 0, cu' mxUDa ngxyOd' kibaa' y0m u, axy0'?
- 9. lxe' axy0' tara plxide' ngxade' mattre' y0m.
- 10. gxrilaa' kadi' bimu, ca'e
- ll. dxUbbrE' muyAA' gxrilla' ekaais ru'byAA ro.
- 12. 0, 0, tai.

'Oh, where are they taking that wood, that (wood) being brought down and put in the gorge?'

'That is wood being taken to Pokhara he said. '

'Where might they have cut and brought it from?'

'From the jungle belonging to those people up there at Mrisa he said.'

'And who is bringing it down?'

'A contractor from Pokhara is bringing it down.'

'A while back a man of Mrisa had a contract for bringing some down, but he has finished taking it. Now this one is bringing (wood) down.'

'Yes. Is it possible for us (incl) to buy this log or not?'

'A lot wouldn't be available, only 4 or 5 would be available.'

'How much do they say one is, its price?'

'If it is thick, it will cost Rs 21/-, they say.'

'Yes. O.K.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

ganggyu 'gorge' The 'kdaara 'contractor' dxUbbrE' 'thick'

thEmaE 'residents of a village' mxUDa 'log'

'Discussion in Witch Accusation'

cu'r ta'le jaa mxi khuba?

2. kajuri' lab ro'.

3. to'e lxaagiri?

4. uyAA' mxi na'l ro. daai pu tiba'e txE lal ro. daai khemaEe' tagaarar txE silidilAA' ro.

5. ca'r txE silidiba' to' tai' ro'di?

6. phe'ri sangkhat khemaElai bii do' ngxAAsyaadi.

7. 0, tiljoro' bae samaE' chaabmu. ca'maEdi' txE cu'r laai bausa pumsyo bilaa axy0' bii kajuri' labaa'xwaa'?

8. O, chatasyadi'.

9. chabi'yAA tAAe' cha'l pha'l khai taidi?

10. tu'si, ngam yunan chyu'Di yu'di. khai khai tai, ngalai thaa axrxe'.

'Why are all these people gathered together here?'

'To have a discussion they say.'

'What for?'

'A while ago a man was sick it is said. Then they did the pu tiba\* ceremony. Then they (the sick people) brought the appeasement offering to these people's gate they said (here).' 'And what does it matter, do they say that they brought the offering there?' 'These people are thinking that (the sick people) suspect them.' 'Yes, that's the way it is these days. They came bringing the appeasement silidi' khaba'. chatai khemaE offering here. So, they're having a discussion saying people should not call them witches, are they?' That's how it is.'

'And what has eventuated as a result of the discussion?' 'I don't know, I came down early.

What's happened? I don't know.'

#### NEW VOCABULARY

'meeting, discussion' txe 'rite, offering' ka juri'

'gate post' tagaara silidiba 'to discard offering at a 'suspicion' sangkhat certain place at end of

bausa 'male witch' rite'

cha'l pha'l 'discussion' 'female witch' pumsvo

tiba 'to smash' (see note 'earthern container' рu

below)

## NOTE

\* A rite to dispel the curse of the witch by which food stuffs including grains, chicken meat, rice are gathered together and put into an earthenware container (pu) and left outside. A short distance away the pujyu hides and when he sees an animal coming to eat the offering he sneaks up and breaks (tiba) the container and kills the animal, since it is considered that the witch has come to eat the grains in the form of the animal.

'The Post-Funeral Ceremony'

- mue'?
- 2. cu' mxAlna ngxisyu gate subaaraa
- 3. kya kwi nAA'sarbae di?
- 4. ca'rai ngxisyurna bil theelaa. 'That also is on the 20th I heard it
- 5. oxo chabi'yAAm ngxyom' khanirde' ngxyobdi. cu'rde ngxyob u kyar ngxyoba.
- 6. kyari' cu'ri doxoran ngxyob gaasi.
- 7. 0, phe'ri ticyaarnaai xrl txEdu biyAA?
- 8. ticyaarna' txEdu biyAA to'rE lamudi. khanirbaa' syaa'mu ca'rban ngxyobaadi.
- 9. ngam pujyuma'EllA ngxyonemu. pujyuma'Ela beseri txirmu.
- 10. ngaina pujyu ma'EllA ngxyonem.

1. ca' lammaEe' khibae pae khoy0 'When will the old lama's post funeral ceremony probably be?'

> 'They say it will be on Friday the 20th of this (Nepali) month.'

'And what about the one at that kwi village?'

said.'

'Oh. In that case where shall we do the looking. Shall we watch here or at that one?'

'Let us watch both there and here.'

'Yes, but if the nail putting ceremony is at the same time?'

'If they are at the same time then wherever we are let us watch there.'

'I'm going to watch a post funeral ceremony of a pujyu (shaman). The priest's (ceremonies) are very pleasant.'

'I also am going to watch the shaman's (ceremony).'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

pujyu'

'Buddhist priest' 'old man' lamma khibaa' 'Friday' pae 'post funeral ceremony' subaaraa' doxor 'both' ticyaarnaa' 'simultaneously, at the same time' xrl txEba 'name of important 'never mind' ceremony during postto'rE funeral ceremony' 'to be pleasant' txirba 'indigenous shaman'

'The Post-Funeral Ceremony'

- 1. pae li'i waa?
- 2. axlingngyU'. balla togo' bxakha'r se'graa li'i.
- lai?
- 4. to'i axlangngyU.
- 5. dxe'ro lae'n xwaa'?
- 6. 0, dxe'ro cyulu' ko'bar khongngyU.
- 7. ca' cyulu' ta'le ko'b jaa?
- 8. chale kxyu'lai ko'du biyAA siba'e mxid y0m ro.
- 9. khabdi' chabi'm?
- 10. pujyuma'Edi.

'Has the post-funeral ceremony finished?'

'No. Now at last the chanting has just finished.'

3. chabi'yAA kxokyu thukyu' khai 'If that's the case, what have they done to the sacrificial sheep and its friend?'

'They haven't done anything.'

'They probably will now, won't they?'

'Yes, they have begun to feed them delicacies.'

'Why do they feed them delicacies?' 'It is said that if you feed it to the sheep the dead man gets it.'

'Who says thus?' 'The shamans.'

ko¹ba

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

li'ba 'to finish - of a ceremony' kxo se'graa 'chanting of pujyus at death or post funeral ceremony'

'sacrificial offering' cyulu' 'delicacies'

> 'to feed solids to someone'

kxyu', kyu 'sheep'

'The Post-Funeral Ceremony'

- pae cxui' waa?
- 2. cxui'.
- 3. to' lxor cxui'?
- 4. pho lxor cxui'.
- 5. khanthE khlxyebri jaa?
- 6. tOmne' thEmaE bimdi.
- 7. pajyu'maE' di?
- 8. pajyuma'Em cu'rban yaa.
- paa' phUm la'maa ngAAr yu'l bildi?
- 10. yu'laa, tara sE'waai ro.
- 11. ma'gi saeba'e khlxyor pae
   axla' ro waa?
- 12. chAAn bii ngxemaE'n.

'Have they prepared the post-funeral oeremony?'

'Yes.'

'In what year of the cycle did they prepare it?'

'In the year of the deer.'

'Of what village is the khlxyebri (one caste of Gurung shamans)?' 'They say he is from Tomne.' 'And the pajyu (another caste of Gurung shamans)?'

'The pajyu is local man (Lit: of here indeed).'

'Did they say whether the wine and eggs (gift) come down to the lama's (Buddhist priest) place?'

'They had come down, but he returned it, they say.'

'Don't they say they will do the postfuneral ceremony at the buffalo killing place.'

'That's what they said, probably.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

khlxyo 'place'

saeba 'to kill'

sEba 'to return something'

#### NOTES

Line 5: khanthE is a combination of khani'r 'where' plus thE 'native of'. The compound form means 'native of what village?'

'Taking the Sick Child to Pokhara'

1. khani' xyaamu'?

2. pukhru'ri.

3. to' klba'r xyaamu'?

4. to'i axkl'. cu' kolo' na'ba daai maE laba'r bom.

5. aspata'lar u, phaalDu' khlxyori?

6. tu'si, khanir bob tam? khani' boyAA Thi'k talase'?

7. aspata'lar bol txumaE'n, ta'le biyAA ca'ri chenle susaar y0m, to' bethaa mule thaa y0m.

8. lu', nga xyaam o'?

9. 0, thu axxre' waa?

10. axxre', nga axngxi.

'Where are you going?'

'To Pokhara.'

'What are you going to get/buy?' '(I am) not buying any thing. This child is sick so I'm taking him for

medical attention.'

'To the hospital, or to some other

(Lit: spare) place?'

'I don't know, where is it right to take him? Where if I take him, will it probably be O.K.? Where should I take him for it to be 0.K.?'

'You should probably take him to the hospital, because there you get good care, (and) whatever disease it is they know about it.'

'Well, I'll be going, O.K.?'

'Yes. Don't you have a companion?'

'No, I'm not frightened.'

# **NEW VOCABULARY**

aspata'l 'hospital' 'care' susaar 'to fear' ngxlba

phaalDu' 'spare, other'

Thi'k 'O. K. ' 'illness' bethaa

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

Digri labaa' 'to examine with stethoscope (and thermometer)'

#### NOTES

Line 7: to'....-le This morpheme is best translated 'whatever'.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. to'i axkl'.

to'i axkl'. cu' kolo' na'ba.

daai maE laba'r bom.

'I'm not buying anything.'

'I'm not buying anything. This child is sick.'

to'i axkl'. cu' kolo' na'ba 'I'm not buying anything. This child is sick and I'm taking him for medicine. '

2. tu'si, khanl'r bob tam?

tu'si. khani'r bob tam? khani'r boyAA Thi'k talase'?

3. aspata'lar bol txumaEn.

aspata'lar bol txumaEn, ta'le bivAA ca'ri chenle susaar yOm.

aspata'lar bol txumaEn, ta'le biyAA ca'ri chenle susaar vOm. to' bethaa mule thaa yOm.

'I don't know. Where is it O.K. to take him?'

'I don't know. Where is it O.K. to take him? Where, if I take him will it probably be O.K.?'

'You should probably take (him) to the hospital.'

'You should probably take (him) to the hospital because there good care is available.'

'You should probably take (him) to the hospital because there good care is available. Whatever sickness you have (they) know about it. '

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. to'i axkl'.

axla' axUl' axngxyo axthU'

'Im not buying anything.'

doing showing looking at drinking

2. khani'r bob tam?

talase' tae

'Where would it be O.K. to take him?'

probably be O.K. possibly

3. to' betha mule than y0m.

'Whatever sickness you have they know about it.'

medicine is available. maE

care. susaar

Digri lab examination with a stethoscope.

'About a Dead Child'

ca' kolo' sixyaai' waa?
 Has that child died?'
 Sixyaai' ochE.
 Yes it died. tch! tch!'
 to' na'rilaa?
 What was the illness?'

4. to' na'ba, to' na'badi, 'What illness! What illness! Some-kh0y0' to'n na'ba, kh0y0' to'n times it hurt with some sickness.

na'ba. chalen xrugudirildo' Sometimes it hurt with another sick-sixyaai'.

ness. In that way it became weak and died.'

5. waab bxy0baa' to'i lalaa, 'Did they throw things out or not axla'laa? (offerings to appease evil spirits or witch)?'

6. to'ndori lad0'n chale. tara 'They did everything like that but axsxa', to'i maa'ne axcxu. it still wasn't healed. No purpose was achieved by them.'

7. pukhru'r boiu, axbo?

'Did they take it to Pokhara, or not?'

8. pukhru'ram bobaami bolaa, 'Yes they did indeed take it to tara ca' mimmae aspataa'lar Pokhara but not to the memsaheb's axbo ro. prakaash ngAAr hospital, they say. Just to the place of Prakaash (a chemist in Pokhara) they say.'

9. cya'. mi'mmaE aspataa'lar boi 'Goodness! If they had taken it to biri' DaakTorne txoibiri' the hostpital and met the doctor and chenle ngyu'idu biyAA' to' lal asked what should they do and give, txum to' lal txum chenle the Dr. would have given good sa'lla plma'laa. consultation.'

10. plma'ldi, kho'i, ca'r axxyaa'. 'Yes it would have been given. But to'labaa. (they) didn't go there. What to do!

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

'exclamation of ochE xrugudiba 'to become chronically sympathy' ill' 'to die' maa'ne 'purpose, meaning' siba' kh0y0...kh0y0 'sometimes' waaba' 'to throw out' 'all, everything' bxy0baa' 'to throw out' to'ndori mi'mmaE 'memsahebs' DaakTor 'doctor' txoba 'to meet' sa'lla 'consultation'

#### NOTES

Line 1: Note the use of xyaaba' here in the verbal compound sixyaaba' giving emphasis in an intransitive verb. In a similar way waabaa' (Lit: 'to throw out') is used with transitive verbs.

Line 4: kh0y0' to'n ..., kh0y0' to'n ... 'Sometimes this ...', 'Somekh0y0' normally means 'when', but repeated thus, or times that ...'. as kh0y0' kh0y0', it means 'sometimes'.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

- 1. to' na'ba? to' na'badi?
  - to'n na'ba. kh0y0' to'n na'ba.
  - to'n na'ba. kh0y0' to'n na'ba. chalen xrugudirildo' sixyaai'.
- 2. to'ndori lad0'n chale. to'ndori lad0'n chale tara axsxa'.
  - to'ndori lad0'n chale tara axsxa'. to'i maa'ne axcxu.
- pukhru'ram bobaami bolaa. pukhru'ram bobaami bolaa. tara ca' mimmae aspataa'lar axbo ro.
  - pukhru'ram bobaami bolaa. tara ca' mimmae aspataa'lar axbo ro. prakaash ngAAr mattre' boi ro.
- 4. chenle sa'lla pima'laa. chenle ngyui'du biyAA to' lal txum? to' lal txum? chenle sa'lla pima'laa.

- 'What was the sickness? What was the sickness?'
- to' na'ba to' na'badi? kh0y0' 'What was the sickness? What was the sickness? Some times it was some sickness, sometimes it was another sickness.'
- to' na'ba to' na'badi? kh0y0' 'What was the sickness? What was the sickness? Sometimes it was some sickness. Sometimes it was another sickness. In that way he become chronically ill and died.'
  - 'They did everything like that. They did everything like that but (he) wasn't healed.'
  - 'They did everything like that but (he) wasn't healed. No purpose was achieved by them.'
  - 'They did indeed take him to Pokhara.' 'They did indeed take him to Pokhara, but they say they didn't take him to the memsaheb's hospital.'
  - 'They did indeed take him to Pokhara, but they say they didn't take him to the memsaheb's hospital. say they took him the place of Prekaash.'
  - '(They) would have given good advise.' 'If (they) had asked carefully what should be done? What should we do? (they) would have given good advice.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

 pukhru'ram bobaami bolaa. 'They did indeed take (them) to Pokhara.'

> prxaba'mi prxalaa' walk to labaa'mi lala do it in ngyu'ibami ngyui'la ask in sxaba'mi sxalaa' get healed in

aspataa'lar boi biri' DaakTor 'Having taken him to the hospital they would have met with the doctor.' ne txomala.

pukhru' xyaai biri' maE y0ma'la 'Having gone to Pokhara they would

y0ma'la

maE cai biri' sxama'la

have got medicine.' goraama'ene xyaai biri' susaar 'Having gone to the foreigners they would have had good care.' 'Having eaten medicine they would have been healed.'

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# LESSON 81

'Giving Medicine in Tusya'

1. o' kanchi!

2. xaiu'r.

3. khani' xyaamu'?

4. maE laba'ri. tu'si, ml ngo

axsxe'.

5. Tusyaa' waa?

6. O. Tusyaa'ri.

7. jar khaba'u, to'na'ba?

8. axngxl', maasi' taba'ro.

9. e, 0, 0.

'Hey, Youngest-sister!'

'Yes.'

'Where are you going?'

'To give medicine. (Lit: to do medicine) Dear me, I don't know

(their) name. '

'Do (they) live in TUSYAA?'

'Yes. In TUSYA.'

'Does fever come, or what hurts?'

'No. Diarrhoea, they say.'

'Oh, yes, I see.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

 maE
 'medicine'
 tu'si
 'I don't know'

 ml
 'name'
 ngo
 'knowledge'

 -seba'
 'to know'
 jar
 'fever'

na'ba 'sickness, hurting' maasi' 'diarrhoea (with mucus)'

# NOTES

Line 4: tu'si is used frequently to introduce a topic which might be slightly embarrasing. In this case the foreigner is embarrassed that he has forgotten the name of his patient. In other usage tu'si, ngo axsxe', thaa axsxe', thaa axxre' are used almost interchangeably to mean, 'I don't know.'

Line 8: 'to happen, to become' is another sense of the verb tabaa' 'diarrhoea has happened'.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

tu'si, ml ngo axsxe'.

maE laba'ri. tu'si, ml ngo
axsxe'.

2. maasi' tab ro.
 axngxl'. maasi' tab ro'.

'Well...er... I don't know (their) names.'

'I'm going to give medicine. Well...
er... I don't know (their) names.'
'They said it is diarrhoea.'
'No. They said it is diarrhoea.'

## SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

axngxl' maasi' tab ro. 'No. They say they have mucus in the stools.'

jar khab' a fever has come.

yo na'b the hand hurts.

'The Cut Leg'

khani' xyaai' yu'laa kanchi?

2. kammEe dxlri'.

3. maE laba'r xyaal' waa'?

4. 0, maE laba'r xyaalaa'.

5. axsxangngyU' waa?

6. chenle axsxangngyU'.

7. khani'r dana tho'na?

8. pxali DAADari.

9. saarle'n tho'na do'?

10. 0, beseri saarle' tho'na.

'Where are you coming back down from, youngest daughter?'

'The blacksmith's house.'

'You went to do medicine, did you?'

'Yes, I went to give medicine.'

'She's not healed?'

'Not completely healed.'

'In what place is it cut?'

'In the shin.'

'It's badly cut then, is it?'

'Yes, very severely cut.'

## NEW VOCABULARY

sxaba' 'to heal' pxali 'lea'

do' 'emphatic' dana 'direction, place'

DAADa 'shin, stem, hill!'

saaro 'serious, extreme'

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. khani' xyaai' kanchi? khani' xyaai' yu'la kanchi?

2. saarle' tho'na.

beseri saarle' tho'na.

'Where did you go last-born daughter?' 'Where are you coming back down from?'

'I see it is badly cut.'

'Yes I see it is very badly cut.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

chenle axsxangngyU'.

axpxrangngyU.

axmxaengngyU.

axxyongngyU.

axthE'ngngyU.

axmro'ngngyU.

'It is not healed completely'

'(He) doesn't walk well.'

'haven't sought thoroughly.'

'hasn't boiled well.'

'hasn't put it in properly.'

'hasn't lit well.'

tAA ngyuiba'r surjelai xuiba'r TonDaa' thuba'r cuduru' caba'r palAA' caba'r timmru' caba'r thu mxaebar tamU kxyui' luba'r

2. maE laba'r xyaal' waa'? 'You went to do medicine did you?'

to ask about a matter. to call Surje. to pick TonDaaq. to eat cuduru berries? palaan timru

to seek a friend. to learn the Gurung language.

## LFSSON 83

'Medicine For Fever'

- ngalai maE pindi.
- 2. to' maE? kra na'ba u?
- 3. axngxl', jar khaba.
- 4. mu. kadi' caidim?
- ngalai thaa axxre', kadi' kadi' caidim?
- 6. khoy0' sero' na'i?
- 7. tiyAA' sOqa'E tai'.
- cha bi'yAA mxui' gxril' caidim.
- 9. pln sidi'.
- 10. 0, 0, nAA' kin.
- 11. tam.

'Please give me medicine.'

'What sort of medicine? For headaches or (what)?'

'No, for fever.'

'We have them. How many are needed?'

'I don't know. How many are needed?'

'Since when has it been hurting?'

'To-day three days have elapsed.'

'In that case a rupee's worth is

needed.'

'Please give them then.'

'Here, take them.'

'O.K.'

## **NEW VOCABULARY**

kra 'head, hair'

sero' 'from, since'

## ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

-la 'num. classifier on months'

## **NOTES**

Line 5: kadi' caidim is used in this utterance as a rhetorical question meaning 'I don't know how many are needed'.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

- kadi' caidim?
   ngalai thaa axxre'. kadi'
   caidim?
- mxui' gxril' caidim.
   cha bi'yAA mxui' gxril'
   caidim.

'How much needed?'
'I don't know much is needed?'

'A rupee's worth is needed.'
'In that case, one rupee's worth is needed.'

# SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

 1. tiyAA' s0ga'E tai.
 'Today it is 3 days.'

 TxugaE
 6 days.

 kuga'E
 9 days.

 sadri'
 1 week.

 sad ngxl'
 2 weeks.

 mxalna ti'la
 1 months.

 mxalna s0'la
 3 months.

2. cha bi'yAA mxui' gxril'(a) 'In that case 1 rupee's worth is caidim.
needed.'

 mxor s0'bol(a)
 3 mohor's

 mxor ku'bol(a)
 9 mohor's

 mxui' ngi'l(a)
 7 rupee's

'The Diarrhoea Patient'

- saar tai.
- 2. maE axla'l waa?
- 3. khabdi' bobxlbdi' pukhru'?
- 4. pukhru' xyaalaa' axtxu.
- 5. cu'ram khani' y0mdi'?
- 6. goraama'Enen yOmdi.
- 7. x0, chabi'yAA ca'rna xyaal' txui.
- 8. ca'rna xyaad'.
- 9. paisaa' kadi' caidib mue?
- 10. lxe' axca'idi.

1. baabae. ngam cherdi'i biri' 'Goodness me! Having had diarrhoea, it has now become serious.'

> 'Have you not taken (Lit: done) medicine?'

> 'Who would take me to Pokhara?'

'You don't have to go to Pokhara.'

'And where would it be available

here?'

'With the Westerners it is available.'

'Really, in that I should go there.'

'Go there.'

'And how much money might be needed?'

'Not a lot is needed.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

baabae 'exclamation' -bxlba' 'benefactive auxiliary'

cherdiba' 'to have loose bowel motions'

### **NOTES**

Line 3: bobxIbdi: Compounded with anither verb stem gives a benefactive sense. Hence the gloss 'who would take me to Pokhara?'

Line 6: goraamaEnen The -nen suffix is an accompaniment particle which is best translated 'with'.

Line 9: mue The -e suffix on mu indicates a questioning, uncertainty aspect hence the translation 'how much money might be needed?'

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

 baabae ngam saar tai'. saar tai'.

ca'rna xyaal' txui. x0? chabi'yAA ca'rna xyaal' txui.

3. kadi' caidib mue? paisaa' kadi' caidib mue'?

'Oh dear! I'm seriously ill.' baabae! ngam cherdi'i biri' 'Oh dear! Since having diarrhoea I

have become seriously ill.'

'I should go there.'

'Really? In that case I should go there.'

'How much might be needed?'

'How much money might be needed?'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. ngam cherdi'i biri' saar tai'. 'Having had diarrhoea I have become seriously ill.'

jar khai' biri'
kra na'i biri'
pxali tho'waai biri'
maasi' tai' biri'

a fever
a headache
cut my foot
mucus in stools

goraama'E nen y0mdi'.

bxaare'maE nen
bidhyaarthi'maE nen
ubxapradxaan nen
cu' khaagu ba'e mxi nen
kammE' nen
txulmaE

'With the Westerners.'

carriers.
students
deputy mayor
the people round here
blacksmiths
tailors

3. paisaa' kadi' caidib mue'?
 khani'r xyaab' mue'?
 to' cab mue'?

to' cab mue'? khablai mxaeb mue'? kadi' xrEgo mu'e'? 'How much money might be needed?'

'Where might (they) be going?'
'What might they be eating?'
'Who might they be seeking?'
'How far might it be?'

4. khabdi' bobxlbdi'?

labxlbdi'? ngyu'i bxlbdi'? xyo bxlbdi'? khe' bxlbdi'? 'Who would take me?'

do it for me?

ask for me?

cook (it) for me?

read (it) for me?

'Intestinal Worm Medicine'

- 1. pxebee' maE mu u. axxre'?
- mu. khaba'e lxaagiri caidii?
- 3. tu'si, kadi' caidim. ngalai to'i thaa axxre'.
- 4. chabi'yAA baaroDa caidim.
- 5. baaroDa muyAA' sxam maa'?
- axsxadu' biyAA aargo' cal txum.
- 7. baaroDa lxaagir paisaa' kadi' caidim?
- 8. lxe' axlxaudi, mxori' mattre' qaa.
- 9. chabi'yAA mxui' gxril pln o'.
- 10. 0, paile' mxori'l cadu, axsxadu' biyAA phe'ri calen tam.

'Do you have worm medicine or not.'

'We have. Who is it needed for?'

'I don't know. How much is needed. I don't know.'

'In that case you need 12.'

'If you have 12 that will heal.

Will it?'

'If you are not healed you will have to eat more (medicine).'

'For 12, how much money is needed?'

'You don't need a lot. It is just 1 mohor.'

'In that case please give me one rupee's worth.'

'O.K. First eat a mohor's worth. Then if you are not healed then it is O.K. to eat it again.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

pxebe 'intestinal worm'

phe'ri 'other, more, again'

### NOTES

Line : Note the -e' participial suffix on pxebe.

Line 10: -en suffix caba indicates manner of performing action.

Line 3: Note the use of tu'si in this line as a topic introducer to bring up a topic which could be slightly embarrassing.

## BUILD-UP DRILLS

- tu'si, kadi' caidim? tu'si, kadi' caidim. ngalai to'i thaa axxre'.
- 2. aarqo' cal txum. tu'si axsxadu' biyAA aargo' cal txum.
- axsxadu' biyAA phe'ri calen
  - O paile' mxori'l cadu', axsxadu' biyAA phe'ri calen tam.

- 'I don't know. How much is needed?'
- 'I don't know! How much is needed. I don't know anything.'
- 'You will have to eat more (medicine).'
- 'Well if you are not healed you will have to eat more.'
- 'If you are not healed it is O.K. to eat it again.'
- 'Yes. First eat a mohor's worth (then) if you are not healed it is O.K. to eat it again.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

 axsxadu' biyAA aargo' calen tam.

> axt0'du axtxe'du' axkl'du...

'If you are not healed it will be O.K. to eat other (medicine).'

If you don't like it...
If you don't don't cook it...
If you don't buy it...

2. phe'ri calen tam.

tAAn' sa'e TonDaa' Txaa mxaar chyugu' 'It is O.K. to eat more.'

all things.

TonDaaq veg.

yellow ghee.

'Medicine For a Sore Foot'

- suryema'e aabma'Ed kaE cai' waa' cy0?
- 2. axca'ngngyU baajyu. ta'le?
- nga'e pxalir maE pho'b bisyaabaa'.
- 4. axcangngyU, xyobar kh0ngngyU.
- 5. chabi'yAA togo'n xyaal' txui do'?
- 6. xyaa'sidi', ple'n. to' tai', pxali?
- 7. khin gxaa' tabaa'.
- 8. kh0y0' sero'?
- 9. tiyAA'm sadri de' tai.
- 10.  $\times 0$ .

'Has surje's family eaten rice, lastborn son?'

'No, Grandfather. Why?'

'I was thinking to get medicine to put on my foot.'

'They haven't eaten. They have started cooking.'

'In that case I had better go (to them) now?'

'Go, they will probably give it.
What happened to your foot?'
'A sore came of itself.'

'Since when?'

'Today it's about a week.'

'Indeed.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

ma'e 'possessive'
pho'ba 'to apply, to pay
expenses'

'by itself'

baajyu 'grandfather'
kh0'ba 'to enter, to be about to'
gxaa' 'sore (n.)'
sadri 'one week'

#### NOTES

khin

Line 1: suryema'e aaba: -ma'e is possessive marker for kin terms. Line 6: pleqn The -e'n suffix indicates a probability aspect. Line 4: khOngngyU The verb 'to enter', when used as an auxiliary to another verb means 'about to .....'. Alternately .... -bi sengngyU is also used in the same way.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

1. kaE cai' waa', cy0?

suryema'e aabma'E kaE cai'
waa', cy0?

xyobar kh0ngngyU.
 axca'ngngyU. xyobar
 kh0'ngngyU.

'Have (they) eaten rice, last-born son?'

'Have Surje's father's people eaten rice, last-born son?'

'(They) are about to cook.'

'(They) haven't eaten. (They) are about to cook.'

3. xyaa'sidi' ple'n. 'Go then. (They'll) probably give (it).'
xyaa'sidi'. ple'n. to' tai', 'Go then. (They'll) probably give pxali? (it) what happened (to your) foot?'

### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

jaxAAn family
baajyu grandfather

2. xyobar kh0'ngngyU. '(They) are about to cook.'

 caba'r
 eat.

 xuiba'r
 call.

 laba'r
 do it.

 bxaba'r
 bring it.

3. xyaa'sidi' ple'n 'Go then they will probably give it.'

prxien write
pho'en apply (it-medicine)
lae'n do it
thee'n hear

# TRANSFORM DRILL

1. xyobar kh0ngngyU 'They are about to cook.'
2. xyol khAA'I 'They have finished cooking.'
3. xyol y01' 'They are able to cook.'
4. xyol txum 'They must cook.'

5. xyo bxlm' 'They cook for the benefit of others.'

'Medicine for Blood and Mucus in Stools'

- 1. ngalai maE pindi. mu u, 'Please give me medicine.' Do you axxre'? have it or not?'
- 2. to' na'bae maE caidii? 'What sort of hurting is the medicine needed for?'
- 3. ra'gat maasi' tab sxaba'e maE. 'Medicine to heal blood in the stools.'
- 4. mu. tara tugyU'mba bxanda' 'We have. Though compared with last mxAAgu' mu. year it is expensive.'
- 5. na'b sxadu'biyAA mxAAgo' 'If it gives healing to the pain it mulen tam. doesn't matter if it is expensive.'
- 6. na' cu' cxagala mxor ngxabo' 'Here. This much costs 5 mohors.'
- 7. O, sxadu'biyAA mxui' cyu' 'Yes, if it gives healing even if you bilen plm. 'Yes, if it gives healing even if you asked Rs 10/- (I) would give (it).'
- 8. cu'd axsxadu' biyAA phe'ri 'If this does not heal you will have aargo' cal txum. to eat other (medicine).'
- 9. tam axsxadu' biyAA phe'ri 'O.K. If I am not healed I will kham aa? come again O.K.?'
- 10. maE puraa' axca'du biyAA 'If you don't eat all the medicine, sxaba' gaaro tam. healing will be difficult.'
- ll. sU pril txum u, axtxu?

  'Should I refrain from eating some things or not (Lit: Is the mouth forbidden or not?)'
- 12. se ja'ga pril txum. aru 'You shouldn't eat meat. Other wise axtxumaEn. it is not necessary to diet.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

'compared with' tugyU'mba 'last year' bxanda' ra'gat maasi' 'blood and mucus in mxAAgu' 'expensive' puraa' 'completely' stools' sU priba 'to restrict certain 'mouth' foods from the diet' aru, aargo' 'other'

#### ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

naidi'ma 'year before last' nxepaal 'Kathmandu'

#### NOTES

Line 4: tugyU'mba bxanda' 'compared with last year'. bxanda' is the most common comparative construction in Gurung.

Line 11: sU pril txum u axxtu Gurungs believe that certain foodstuffs should be forbidden during certain illnesses and therefore frequently ask whether they should not eat certain foods if they are sick and come for medical help.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

 mxAAgu mu. tugyU'mba bxanda' mxAAgu' mu.

> mu. tara tugyU'mba bxanda' mxAAgu' mu.

mxAAgu' mulen tam.
 na'b sxadu'biyAA mxAgu' mulen
 tam.

sxaba' gaaro tam.
 maE puraa' axca'du biyAA
 sxaba' gaaro tam.

se ja'ga pril txum.
 se ja'ga pril txum. aru
 axtxumaEn.

'They are expensive.'

'Compared with last year they are expensive.'

'We have some but compared with last year they are expensive.'

'It's O.K. if it is expensive.'
'If it heals then it is O.K. even
if it is expensive.'

'It is difficult to heal.'

'If you do not eat all the medicine it is difficult to heal.'

'You shouldn't eat meats.'

'You shouldn't eat meats but I don't think you have to restrict other foods.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. ra'gat maasi' tab sxabaqe maE. 'Medicine for healing mucus in stools.'

kra na'b pxebe tab jar khab cherdib headache
worms
fever
diarrhoea

 axsxadu' biyAA phe'ri kham waa? 'If I'm not healed I should come again, should I?'

> cam pho'm yu'm

eat more
apply more
come (from higher
 altitude)

tugyU'mba bxanda' mxAAgu' mu. 'Campared with last year it is expensive.'

naidi'ma pukhru' nxepaal year before last Pokhara Kathmandu

'Cough Medicine'

- 1. to' lalaa kanchi?
- suryelai khe'b lubxl'rilau.
   kU'n.
- 3. axkU' xyaama'u. nga'e kolma'E beseri pxyUde. khai laba'?
- 4. kadi' barsabae jaa?
- gxri' ngxadl'bae, gxri' plxidl'bae mu.
- nA', cu' maE bodu, daai dinarba'e sOble tl'l txum.
- 7. to' txir tl'l txum?
- nxAAgar tible, txiyAAr tible, jxaale' nesa'r tible. chale ti'l txum. pxyUbae maE ngxithu tam. tithu thU'ba, tithu cabaa'. thU'bala kyu'gyu tam. caba'la TableD yaa.
- 9. chabi'yAA kyu'gyu pln o'?
- 10. tam, paisaa' pin.

'What are you doing last-born daughter?'

'I'm giving reading instruction to Surje. Sit.'

'I'll not sit. I will be going. My children are coughing a lot. What to do?'

'How old are they?'

'One is five years. One is four years.'

'Here take this medicine. Then give it to them three times a day.'
'At what time should I give it to

'At what time should I give it to them?'

'Give once in the morning, once in the day, and then once in evening. In that way you should give it to them. There are two kinds of cough medicine. One kind is for eating. The drinking kind is a thin liquid. The eating kind is a tablet.'
'In that case give me the liquid, O.K.?'

'O.K., give me the money.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

kU'ba 'to sit' pxyUba 'to cough'

txi 'time'
-ble 'times'

nesa' 'evening'

chale 'in that way'

thU'ba 'to drink'

TableD 'tablet'

kolo' 'child' (kolmaqE 'children')

tl'ba 'to feed fluids (to a child,

usually)'

nxAAga 'morning'

txiyAA 'midday'

jxaale' 'and then (conj)'

'thu 'kinds'

kyu'gyu 'thin liquid'

-dl 'numeral classifier for

years'

# ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

ciTThi' 'letter'

#### NOTES

Line 2: khe'b lu-bxl'-ri-lau. In the phrase 'I am giving reading instruction to Surje' we have an unusually complex verbal construction.

lubxl'riread gerund teach benefactive contin. past tense

Line 3: khai laba'? (Lit: 'How to do it?) is used in a rhetorical sense here to indicate despair. to' laba'? is also used in a similar way.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

- axkU'. xyaamau'. axkU'. xyaamau'. nga'e kolmaE' beseri pxyUde. aukU'. xyaamau'. nga'e kolmaE' beseri pxyUde khai kaba!?
- 2. qxri' plxidl'bae mu. gxri' ngxadl'bae, gxri' plxidl'bae mu.
- 3. nA'. cu' maE bodu. nA'. cu' maE bodu, daai dinarba'e sOble tl'1 txum.
- nxAAgar tible, txiyAAr tible, jxaale' nesa'r tible. chale tl'l txum.
  - nxAAgar tible, txiyAAr tible, jxaale' nesa'r tible. chale tl'l txum. pxyUbae maE ngxithu tam. tithu thU'ba. tithu cabaa'.
  - ixaale' nesa'r tible. chale tl'l txum. pxyUbae maE ngxithu tam. tithu thU'ba, tithu cabaa'. thU'ba kyu'qyu tam. cabaa' TableD yaa.

'I won't sit. I am going. My children are coughing a lot.' 'I won't sit. I am going. My children are counging a lot. What to do?' 'One is four years of age.' 'One is five years of age, one is four years of age.' 'Here! Take this medicine.' 'Here! Take this medicine then feed it to (them) three times a day.' 'Once in the morning, once at midday, then once in the evening. In that way you feed it to (them).' 'One in the morning, once at midday, then once in the evening. In that way you feed it to (them). There are two kinds of cough medicine. One kind is a drinking (kind). One kind is an eating (kind).' nxAAgar tible, txiyAAr tible, 'Once in the morning, once at midday, then once in the evening. In that way you feed it to (them). There are two kinds of cough medicine. One kind is a drinking (kind). One

kind is an eating (kind). The

The eat-

drinking (kind) is sweet.

ing (kind) are tablets.'

'I won't sit I am going.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

suryelai khe'b lubXI'rilau.

'I was giving reading instruction to Surje.'

maE pho'bxtqrilau
ciTThi' prxibxl'rilau
cxaa' xyobxl'rilau
na'ga cyu'bxl'rilau

applying medicine for Surje. writing a letter for Surje. making tea for Surje. penning the chickens.

 gxri' ngxadl' bae gxri' plxidl'bae mu.

> ti'dlba'e.....s0'dlbaqe prxedl'bae....ku'dlbaqe Txudl'bae....ngi'dlbae

'One is five years of age, one is four years of age.'

year......3 years
 years.....9 years
 years......7 years

dinarba'e s0'ble tl'l txum.

'You should feed it (to him) three times a day.'

tible ngxible plxible once two times four times

'The Fall from the Paddy Wall'

- sa'nja axta' waa, baajyu?
- 2. 0, cy0, telaa' kallA'Ule' kxurixyaai.
- 3. khanirba'e kallA'?
- 5. ne' my0'l u?
- 6. O. cu' yo beseri na'i.
- 7. xribam to'i axta'maEn waa'?
- thaa axsxe'.
- 9. olel tam, axtaa'?
- 10. ka'tti axta', jxui' xari'le ro'ba axta'.

'You are not well Grandfather?'

'Yes, last-born-son, yesterday I fell from a paddy wall.'

'Where was that paddy wall?'

4. cu' baarirba'e kallA'Ule' yaa. 'It was the paddy wall of this field.'

'Oh. Do you have an injury or what?'

'Yes. This arm hurts a lot.'

'The bone isn't hurt though is it?'

8. tu'si, khai tai'? khai tai'? 'I don't know. What's happened? What's happened? I don't know.'

'Are you able to move (it) around or

not?' 'Not at all. It is not possible to

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

sa¹nja 'well being' kxuriba 'to fall down, stumble'

xriba 'bone'

ro'ba 'to sleep' ka 11A' 'paddy wall'

lie on this side.'

mxy0'ba 'to bruise, hurt'

oleba 'to move around, to stir

(of food)'

#### NOTES

Line 9: tam, axtaa'? Contraction in fast speech of tam u axtaa'? Line 10: xari'le roqba axtaq: the -le suffix on the xari' is a suffix of manner.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

- 1. telaa' kallA'Ule' kxurixyaai'. 'Yesterday (I) fell from the paddy wall.'
  - cy0. telaa' kallA'Ule' kxurixyaai'.
- 2. tu'si. thaa axxre'. tu'si khai tai'? khai thaa axxre'.
- 3. ka'tti axta'. ka'tti axta'. jxui' xari'le ro'ba axta'.
- 'Yes last-born son. Yesterday (I) fell from the paddy wall.'
- 'I don't know. I don't know.'
- 'I don't know. How did it happen? How did it happen? I don't know.'
- 'Not at all.'
- 'Not at all. It is not possible to sleep on this side.'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. cu' baarirba'e kallA'Ule 'From the wall of this field.'

ca' that field.
marba'e lower field.
tarba'e upper field.
jxaaba'e field in that
direction.

jxuba'e this direction.

2. xribam to'i axta'maE'n wxaa'? 'Probably nothing has happened to your bone, has it?'

 kram
 head

 pxalim
 foot

 yom
 hand

 pxali DAADam
 shin

3. olel tam axtaa'? 'Is it O.K. to move around or not?'

prxal walk

Duldil stroll around

Thaaldil begin (a project)
txaal' hoe

4. jxui xari'le ro'ba axta'. 'It is not possible to sleep on this side.'

jxaai' that side. lii the back.

'The Badly Cut Leg'

- suryema'e AAma!
- 2. xaju'r.
- 3. chyo', ngi'e dxl'r xyaa¹bxIndi.
- 4. ta'le? to' laba'ri?
- 5. nga'e cami' telaa' banar xyaalaa', dina kxurixyaai' biri' pxali tho'waai. maE labxIn'si.
- 6. khoy0' kxurixyaai'?
- 7. telaa'.
- 8. 0, 0. chyo' xyaale'. ngad ngxyom aa?
- lxaudile' ngad pho'm.
- 10. kho'i, gxaa' Ul'ndi. oxo chyaa. kyu'laa xa'la xu'li laad o'.
- ll. 0, laasyo.

'O mother of Surje!'

'(Yes) sir. '

'Let's go. Please go to our house for me.'

'Why? For doing what?'

'Yesterday my daughter went to the jungle however having fallen she cut her leg. Please apply some medicine for her.'

'When did she fall?'

'Yesterday.'

'O.K. let's go. I'll look. O.K.?'

9. tam. labxin'. paisaa' kadi' 'Yes please do it for me. However much money will be needed, I will pay.'

'Well! Where is it? Show me the kadi' saarle' tho'na. axmxul sore. Oh. How badly it has been cut. Warm some water.'

'O.K. I will certainly do it.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

chyol 'let's go' ngxyoba 'to look' Ul'ba 'to show' xa'la xu'li 'luke warm' dina 'however'

kho'i 'exclamation expressing need

to see something'

axmxul 'exclamation of surprise' chyaa 'exclamation of disgust'

# NOTES

Line 5: waai in tho'waai is used in a verbal compound with transitive verbs to give emphasis.

### BUILD-UP DRILLS

 xyaa'bxIndi. ngi'e dxl'r xyaa'bxlndi. chyo' ngi'e dxl'r xyaabxIndi.

'Please go for me.'

'Please go to our house for me. Let's go. Please go to our house for me.' 2. nga'e caml' telaa' banar xvaalaa.

> nga'e cami' telaa' banar pxali tho'waai.

nga'e caml' telaa' banar xyaalaa dina kxurixyaai' biri' pxali tho'waai. maE labxInsi'.

3. ngad ngxyom aa? O chyo' xyaale' ngad ngxyom aa?

4. ngad pho'm. paisaa' kadi' lxaudile ngad pho'm.

kho'i. gxaa' Ul'ndi. kho'i. gxaa' Ul'ndi. oxo, kadi' saarle' tho'na. saarle' tho'na. axmxul! cyaa! kyu'laa xa'la xu'li 'Yesterday my daughter went to the jungle.'

'Yesterday my daughter went to the xyaalaa dina kxuri xyaa biri' jungle. However having fallen down she cut her leg. '

> 'Yesterday my daughter went to the jungle however having fallen down she cut her leg. Please give (Lit: do) medicine for her.'

'I will look, O.K.?'

'O.K., come on, let's go. I will look, O.K.?'

'I will pay it.'

'Whatever money it costs I will pay it. '

'Where is it? Show me the sore.' 'Where is it? Show me the sore. Oh! How seriously it is cut! kho'i gxaa' Ul'ndi. oxo kadi' 'Where is it? Show me the sore. Oh!

How seriously it is cut! Goodness! Ugh! Warm some water please.'

### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

laad o.

 chyo', ngi'e dxl'r xyaa'bxIndi.

> nAA'sar banar plDir

'Let's go. Please go to our house for me.'

village jungle verandah

2. pxali tho'waai kaE cawaai cxaaq jx0waa'i maE lawaai

'(I) CUT my foot' (emphasis)

'(I) ATE (gulped down) the rice.'

'(I) POURED the tea.' (emp)

'(I) DID medicine.'

'The Sore Eye'

- 1. to' tai' kxie ml'?
- 2. na'badi.
- 3. khoy0 sero' na'b ja chale?
- 4. tiyAA' lxe' dinan tai'.
- 5. maE axla'l waa? ki to'?
- ngxAAn jxan' saar tai', to' labaa'?
- mu u axxre'?
- 8. ngane mxui' gxri' mattre' mu. 'I have one rupee only.'
- biyAA chalen plm.
- 10. 0, 0. labxin' dxarma'n kham.

'What happened (to) your eye?'

'(It's) hurting.'

'Since when has it been hurting thus?'

'Today, many days have elapsed.'

'Have you not applied medicine or what?'

6. axlaadi. khin sxamdo ngxAAnaa 'No. I kept thinking it would heal itself but instead it became more serious?'

7. ngad' maE labxIsyo'. paisaa' 'I will certainly apply medicine for you. Do you have money or not?'

9. cxaqa muyAA; yu'maEn. axyudu' 'If you have only that much, that will probably be enough. If it is not enough I shall give the medicine without charge.'

> 'O.K. Please do that for me. Merit will come (to you).'

### **NEW VOCABULARY**

m f ' 'eye' ngxAAba 'to think, to feel' ixan' 'but instead all the more' dxarma' 'merit'

#### NOTES

Line 1: Note the unusual word order here. One would normally expect kxie' ml'laai to' tai'? However the alternate ordering indicates that the speaker realised, as an after thought, that he should add kxie ml' in case the hearer did not understand what he was talking about. Line 6: sxamdo ngxAAi would be used to express the idea 'I thought it would heal'. In this line we have protracted action expressed by the discontinuous suffix -naa.....-n... sxamdo ngxAAnaa ngxAAn 'I kept thinking it would heal'.

### BUILD-UP DRILLS

- 1. kh0y0' sero' na'b ja? kh0y0' sero' na'b ja chale?
- 2. axlaa'di. axlaa'di. khin sxamdo ngxAAnaa ngxAA'n jxan' saar tai'.
- 'Since when has the hurting been?' 'Since when has it been hurting thus?' 'I haven't done it.'
- 'I haven't done it. I kept thinking it would heal itself but instead it become more serious.'

axlaa'di. khin sxamdo ngxAAnaa ngxAAn, jxan' saar tai'. to' labaa'?

cxaga muyAA' yu'maEn.

it would heal itself but instead it become more serious. What to do?' 'If there is just that much that will probably be enough.'

'I haven't done it. I kept thinking

biyAA chale plm.

cxaga muyAA; yu'maEn. axyudu' 'If there is just that much, that will probably be enough. If it is not enough. I will give it anyway (without taking payment.)'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. to' tai', kxie ml'?

'What happened (to) your eye?

kra pxali DAADa уο pxali

headshin hand foot

2. khin sxamdo ngxAAi.

pho'mdo

'I thought it would heal by itself.'

mr0'mdo' theemdo'

ngyu'imdo'

he would apply the medicine himself.

see it himself. hear ask

saar tai'.

3. sxamdo ngxAAnaa ngxAAn, jxan' 'I kept thinking it would heal, but instead it has become more serious.'

maE pho'naa pho'n,

canaa can lanaa lan thU'naa thU'n I kept applying medicine

eating doing drinking

4. ngad maE labxIsyo'

'I will certainly do medicine for you. '

pho'bxlsyo' plbxisyo paisaa' plbxlsyo' ngxyobxlsyo'

apply give give money look at it

'The Diarrhoea Patient'

- 1. to' tai' kxi, DyAAnggraa tanadi?
- 2. ngam maasi'd syaa'i. chatai DyAAnggraa tai'.
- 3. ra'gat maasi' u?
- maE mu u, axxre'.
- 5. tu'si, ngad ngxyom aa. mulAA'mae.
- 6. muyAA' mxorilde' pIndi.
- 7. mxori' maEdi' axsxa'. sxaba'e 'A mohor's worth of medicine won't
- 8. mxori' maEd axsxa' waa?
- 9. axsxa'. ka'tti axsxa'.
- 10. diyAA kadi'd sxamu' cxagallA plndi.
- ll. mxor ngxabo'l caidim.
- 12. 0, 0, pln.

'What's happened to you. You've got so thin. '

'I've had mucus (in stools). That's why I've become thin.'

'Blood and mucus or (what)?'

4. axngxl'. taargyaa maasi' yaa. 'No. White mucus. Do you have medicine or not?'

> 'I don't know. I shall look, shall I? Yes there is some indeed.' 'If you have some, please give me

about a mohor's worth.'

lxaagiri mxor ngxabo'l caidim. heal (you). For healing you will need five mohors' worth.'

'A mohor's worth won't heal?'

'No. It couldn't possibly heal you.'

'In that case however much will heal me, please give me that much.'

'Five mohors' worth are needed.'

'0.K. give it.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

DyAAnggraa 'thin' ngxyoba 'to look' syaa'ba 'to reach, to afflict' 'in that case' diyAA

#### ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

sarma 'cold (ailment)'

## NOTES

Line 2: syaa'ba Note the metaphorical sense of this work. It is also used when speaking of the curse of a witch or evil spirit: pumsyod syaa'i 'a witch has reached (cursed) me.'

Line 5: mulAA'mae The -lAA'mae suffix here functions as a discovery aspect in the same way as -namae or more simply -na. The -mae adds emphasis.

#### BUILD-UP DRILLS

ngam maasi'd syaa'i. ngam maasi'd syaa'i. chatai DyAAngraa tai'.

axngxl' taargyaa maasi' yaa. axngxl', taargyaa maasi'yaa. maE mu axxre'?

mxori' maEdi' axsxa'.

lxaagiri mxor ngxabo'l caidim.

4. cxagallA pIndi. diyAA kadi'd sxamu cxagallA pIndi.

'I have had mucus in stools.'

'I've had mucus in the stools that's why I've become thin.'

'No. It is mucus in the stools.'

'No. It is mucus in the stools. Do you have medicine or not?'

'A mohor's worth of medicine won't heal you.'

mxori' maEdi' axsxa'. sxaba'e 'A mohor's worth of medicine won't heal you. For healing you will need five mohors' worth.'

'Give me just that much.'

'In that case however much will heal me give me just that much. '

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

1. ngam maasi'd syaa'i. cha tai 'I've had (been reached by) mucus in DyAAngraa tai. the stools. That's why I've become thin. '

> sa'rmaEd jarad pxebed ra'qat maasi'd

a cold a fever worms тисив

and blood in stools.

2. muyAA' mxorilde' plndi'.

'If you have some please give me about a mohor's worth.'

mxuirilde' mxors0'bolde' tin suga'lde

rupee's 3 mohors' 3 sukas'

'The Sore Throat'

- 1. DaakTor saab'
- 2. xaju'r, to' bilaa?
- 3. ngalaai mlo'qu na'b sxaba'e maE pIndi.
- 4. khoy0' sero' na'b jaa?
- 5. tiyAA' sOga'E tai.
- 6. kho'i, AA' lad... kxilaai sui' jx0laa' axtxu, cu' maE cad.
- ?. cu' maE khaile cab jaa?
- 8. cu' maE ngewaabaa' axta'. khlxy01 txum.
- 9. cu' kadi' dinae' lxaagir jaa?
- 10. plxigaE lxaagiri. dinar sO'phU cal txum. nxAAqari, txiyAAri', nesaa'ri ti'phU ti'phUle cal txum aa.
- 11. O, tam, bindi mu.

'Doctor!'

'Yes, what is it? (Lit: what did you sau?)'

'Please give me medicine to heal my sore throat.'

'How long (Lit: Since when) has it been sore?'

'Today it's three days.'

'Well, say "Ah"... (I) don't have to give you an injection. Eat this medicine.'

'How is this medicine eaten?'

'This medicine is not for chewing. sUrnaa' thEl biri' tu' mattre' You should just put it in your mouth and swallow the saliva.'

> 'How many days is this for?' 'For four days. You should take three a day. One each at morning, noon, and night - O.K.?'

'Yes, O.K. Good morning.'

#### **NEW VOCABULARY**

ml0'gu 'throat' r₁qeba 'to chew' sui' 'injection' khlxv0ba 'to swallow'

#### EUILD-UP DRILLS

cad.

- ngalaai maE pIndi. ngalaai ml0'gu na'b sxaba'e maE plndi.
- 2. cu' maE cad. kxilai sui' jx0laa' axtxu. cu' maE cad. kho'i, AA' lad....kxilaai
- 3. cu' maE ngewaabaa' axtaa'. cu' maE ngewaabaa' axtaa'. khlxy01 txum.

'Please give me medicine.'

'Please give me medicine which heals sore throats.'

'Eat this medicine.'

'You don't have to have an injection put in. Eat this medicine.'

'Well. Say "aah".. You don't have sui' jx0laa' axtxu. cu' maE to have an injection put in. Eat this medicine.'

'You shouldn't chew this medicine.' 'You shouldn't chew this medicine. sUrnaa' thEl biri' tu mattre' Having put it in your mouth you

swallow only the saliva.'

4. ti'phU tl'phU cal txum aa. nxAAgari, txiyAAri', nesaa'ri ti'phU ti'phU cal txum aa. dinar s0'phU cal txum. nxAAgari, txiyAAri', nesaa'ri ti'phU ti'phU cal txum aa.

'You eat one at a time O.K.?'

'In the morning, afternoon and
evening you eat one at a time, O.K.?'

'Each day you must eat three.'

'In the morning, afternoon and evening
you eat one at a time. O.K.?'

#### SUBSTITUTION DRILLS

 ngalaai ml0'gu na'b sxaba'e maE plndi. 'Please give me medicine which heals sore throats.'

jar khab
kra na'b
pxal tho'waab
ml' na'b
pxebe tab
pxyUb
gxaa' tab

fever
head aches
cut foot
sore eyes
worms
coughing
sores

2. cu' maE khaile cab jaa?

cam?
cal txum?
calase'?

'How is this medicine to be taken?'
'How should I eat this medicine?'

'How must I eat this medicine?'
'How should I probably eat this

medicine?'

cal y0m? 'How is it possible (Lit: available)
for me to eat this medicine?'

# APPENDIX 1 GRAMMATICAL TABLES

# 1. CASE PARTICLES ON NOUNS

CASE	PARTICLES	MEANING	IN LESSON NO.
Benefactive	-e lxaagiri	'for'	3
Comitative	-ne, -ne pri -ne baalu, mane	'with'	41
Comparative	-bxanda	'than'	36
Dative	-lai, la	'to, for'	2
Ergative	-d(i), -t(i)		3
Genitive	-e, -l(a)	'of'	
Locative	lili, liudi	'after, behind'	
	nxori	'inside'	
	a s 0	'before, in front of'	39
	phiri	'upon'	
	-r(i)	'in, to, at'	2
	samma¹	'up to, until	24
	-U, -Udi, -Uldi	'towards'	18
Source	-le', -Ule', -ile'	'from (spatial)'	29
	sero'	'since, from (temporal)'	31
Thematic	-di', -m, -la	'topic focus'	2

# 2. ASPECT-MOOD (TENSE) SUFFIXES (ON VERBS)

FORM	MEANING	LESSON NO
-b(a)	infinitive	91
- m	non-past (final)	2
-mu, -mU	non-past (nonfinal)	3
-i, -I	past (final)	1
-di, -ji	past (nonfinal)	
-ngngyU, -imu	completive, perfect	20
-na, -1AA	discovery	1, 59
-la, -lu	pluperfect	16
-е	questioning	31
-lase, -lai	dubitative	37
-mala	unreal	53
-male'	concurrent	53
-maEn, -en	probabilitative	31, 59
-bae	gerundive	4
-syo	emphatic future (1st pers)	8
-brE	habituative	62
	adjectival	12
-jon	certaintive	49
-man	certaintive	54
-ri	continuative	28
	HORTATORY (EXHORTING)	
-1e	lst pers (sg.pl) 'Let us (do	) it.' 26
-d, -n, Osi, -sidi'	2nd pers 'Do it!'	6
-rge, -rige	3rd pers 'Let them d	o it.' 32

# 3. PRONOUNS

PERSON	SING		PLURAL	
lst (exclusive of hearer)	nga	'I'	-	'we, not you.' 'we, and you.'
<pre>lst (inclusive of hearer) 2nd</pre>	kxi	'you'	k×emaE	
3rd (close)	cu'	'this one'	cu'maE	'these ones'
3rd (far)	ca'	'that one'	ca'maE	'those ones'

# 4. CLAUSE SUBORDINATING SUFFIXES (ON VERBS)

FORM	MEANING	LESSON NO.
-se, -na bile	'even if'	59
-yAA	'if'	18
-i biriq, si	'after'	2, 20
-sero'	'since'	31
-bae todon	'immediately'	
-mam	'protracted action'	
-nan	'protracted action'	62, 91
-maleq	'while'	4
-1(aa)	'infinitive'	

# 5. CONJUNCTIONS

FORM	MEANING	LESSON NO.
-ne, nero', nego'	'and'	20
nennen	'bothand'	
athaba'	'that is, or'	
s e '	'and'	8
tara	'but'	
axngxl'	'notbut'	
tale biyAA	'because'	31
ki'ki'	'eitheror'	
u	'or'	5
daai, jxaale'	'then'	36
jxaale' phe'ri	'and then'	
cha tasi	'that being the case'	37
cha tamaa'	'that being the case'	

# NUMERAL CLASSIFIERS

Units of Time

'days' -gaE
'months' -la
'years' -dl
'generally' -syaa
'times' -ble

# Units of Weight

'manas'

-mna

'pathis'

-pyono, ngylbyo, s0by0...-byo

'20 pathis' -mri

# Objects

'small, round'	-phU
'less small round'	-bo
'long round'	-gy0
'bundles of wood'	- d i
'smaller bundles of wood'	-cya
'quantities of fluid'	-brA
'rice meals'	-cho
'pieces of work'	-chaE
'houses'	- g i
'groups of 100's'	-braa

# TEMPORAL WORDS

'Day before Yesterday'	'Yesterday'	'Today'	'Tomorrow'	'Day after Yesterday'
Ulmi	telaa'	tiyAA	pxanxAAga	nu'lma
neidl'ma	tyugyumba	tidlma	kurimba	naudima
'Year before last'	'last year'	'This year'	'next year'	'year after next'

# VERB MODALS

cal	txubae	'must eat'	Lesson	26	
cal	y O b a	'opportunity to eat'		24	
cal	khAAba	'finished eating, able to eat'		63	
cal	rxaba	'knows how to eat'			
cal	bxlba	'allowed to eat'		41	
caba'r	kh0ba	'about to eat'		47	
cabi	seba	'about to eat'		47	
ca	bxlba	'eat on someone else's behalf'		41	
cab	taba	'O.K. to eat'			
ca ja	ngxAAba	'want to eat'		54	
caba	ngEba	'agrees to eat [doesn't resist eating]'		60	
camdo	ngxAAba	'thinking (it) would eat'		50	

# APPENDIX 2 GURUNG KINSHIP TERMS

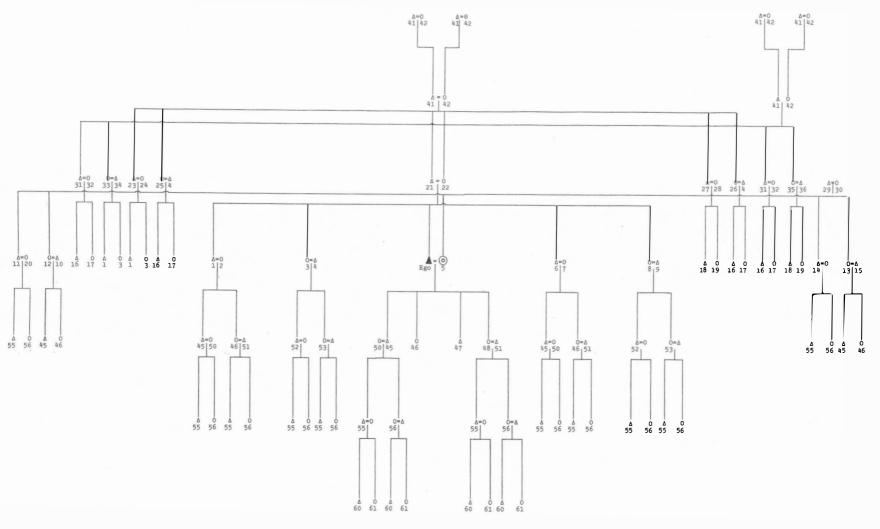
The Gurung kinship system is basically an Iroquois system in that sibling terms are extended to parallel cousins; but separate terms are used for cross cousins from both patrilineal and matrilineal descent.

Descent and inheritance are patrilineal. Residence is patrilocal with daughters going to live at the residence of their husbands after marriage. Cross cousin marriages are preferred and, in Ghachok area at least, there is no expressed preference as to whether the mate is chosen through the maternal or the paternal link. Although Doherty (1974) reports sister-exchange marriage as favoured in West Gurung, sister exchange between lineages (khalag) is prohibited in Ghachok area.

The Gurung population is endogamous as also are the two moieties within the Gurung society. These two major moieties are called the 'four clans' (caa'r jaat) and the 'sixteen clans' (so'raa jaat). In actual fact neither name is correctly representative of the exact number of clans in each group.

#### GENERAL COMMENTS ON KIN TERMS

- 1. Members of the vertically extended clan are called one's txamaE while members of one's own generation within one's clan are called ti'maE. Members of other clans within the moiety are called ngEmaE and the people of these clans provide potential marriage mates for members of the clan. rI'maE are the female siblings of a male ego or the female siblings of a female ego's husband. muyUma'E are the male siblings of a female ego.
- 2. In most kin terms there is a distinction made if the person referred to is older or younger than ego. It has been suggested that the prefix a- is diagnostic of the terms for those older than ego. While this is





true in many cases, it is not consistently so, as in ali 'younger brother' and angaa' 'younger sister'.

3. People junior to ego are addressed according to their order of birth, using terms borrowed from Nepali except for the first born and last born children of each sex:

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'1st born son'
                 Thaaqu
                                '1st born daughter'
                                                       naa'ni
'2nd born son'
                                '2nd born daughter'
                 mxalla
                                                       mxalli
'3rd born son'
                                '3rd born daughter'
                 sallaa'
                                                       salli'
                                '4th born daughter'
'4th born son'
                 ka Ilaa'
                                                       ka Ili'
'last born son'
                                'last born daughter'
                cv0
                                                      cxaml cy0, kaaji
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The terms (of reference and address) for FaBr (23, 27 on chart) and MoYrSiHu (36) are, according to the man's order of birth in his own family:

	$\mathtt{FaBr}$	MoYrSiHu
'1st born son'	aa thebaa'	kaagl'
'2nd born son'	axmxal'la	axmxal'la
'3rd born son'	aabsallaa'	aabsallaa'
'4th born son'	aabkallaa'	aabkallaa'
'last born son'	aabjy0	aabjy0

Terms of address for other affinal relations senior to ego are generally based on consanguine links, typically maa'maa, baajyu, or aumo for men. (The terms for women show more variety, because affinally related women, such as mother-in-law, frequently belong to the same clan as a male ego.) So the terms of address for these relations are marked only by three dots in the key to the kin chart.

4. If a male ego's youngest female sibling is older than himself he calles her anjy0, that is aana + cy0. (The Gurung phonemic system requires stops to be voiced when they occur medially in a word. Hence cy0 becomes -jy0 when word medial.)

If a female ego's youngest male sibling is older than herself she calls him txajy0. In fact all one's elder male siblings except the eldest, can be addressed as txajy0 or axwaa'.

If the first born male sibling is younger than a female ego she calls him Thaagu. If the first born female sibling is younger than a male ego he calls her naa'ni. Father's female siblings who are not the eldest or youngest are called phaadE'.

KEY TO KINSHIP CHART

Number	Generation	Term of Address	Term of Reference
1.	G+0	axgxl '	aadaa
2.		c 0	c0
3.		axgxaE'	aanaa
4.		aumo	aumo
5.		ma'e aamaa	ma'e aamaa, mr
6.		cy0	ali
7.			buwaari
8.		kaaji	angaa ¹
9.		Thaagu, etc.	mxo
10.			saa'Du daai
11.			aasy0
12.			jeTh shali'
13.			shali'
14.		***	sy0'bu
15.		Thaagu, etc.	saa'Du bxaai'
16.		ng010'syo	ng010'syo
17.		ng010'	ng010'
18.		Thaagu, etc.	bxaai'
19.		naa'ni, etc.	rl'
20.		naa'ni, etc.	(no term in use)
21.	G+1	aabaa	aabaa
22.		aamaa	aamaa
23.		aathebaa'	aathebaa'
24.		aathe, anthebaa'	anthebaa'
25.		phaaga¹E	phaaga ' E
26.		phojy0	phojy0
27.		aabjy0	aabjy0
28.		amjyO	amjy0
29.			kE
30.			syumi
31.		maa'maa	maa'maa
32.		angngi '	angngi '
33.		aathe, anthebaa'	aathe, anthebaa'
34.		aathebaa'	aathebaa'
35.		axjxyu'/axccy0	axjxyu'/axccy0
36.		kaagl', etc.	kaagl', etc.
41.	G+2	baajyu	baajyu
42.		bxujyu'	bxujyu'

45.	G-1	Thaagu, et	tc.	cxa
46.		naa'ni, e	tc.	cxaml
47.		cy0		cxa
48.		kaaji		cxaml cyO
50.		naa'ni, e	tc.	cxa c0
51.		Thaagu, e	tc.	cxami mxo
52.		Thaagu, e	tc.	bxaanja', bxaani'ja
53.		naa'ni, e	tc.	bxaanji.'
55.	G-2	Thaagu, e	tc.	kwE
56.		naa'ni, e	tc.	kwEml'
60.	G-3	Thaagu, e	tc.	naati, panaati
61.		naa'ni, e	tc.	naatini, panaatini

# APPENDIX 3 THE TWELVE-YEAR CYCLE

# 1xo TABLE

The lxo cycle as derived from the Tibetan system is a cycle of twelve years given animal names and by which Gurungs identify the year in which they were born. The lxo year changes at push 15 (round December 30th) and thus corresponds quite closely with the Roman calendar year.

Tibetan	Gurung	English	Year
pho	pho	'deer'	1959
cyi	nimU	'rat'	1960
10	mxe'	'cow'	1961
to	суЕ	'tiger'	1962
хi	n0wA	'cat'	1963
mubru	kwre'	'vulture'	1964
sabri	puri	'snake'	1965
ta	gxoDaa'	'horse'	1966
lxu	k x y u ¹	'sheep'	1967
praa	yogaara	'monkey'	1968
cxye	nemA	'bird'	1969
khi	nagi	'dog'	1970

# APPENDIX 4 GLOSSARY

The alphabetisation order of this glossary follows that of the Roman alphabet. Nasalised vowels (U) precede oral vowels (u). Accented vowels (U') precede non-accented vowels (U). Retroflexed consonants (D) precede dental consonants (d). Aspirated consonants (kh) occur within a normal Roman ordering, i.e. between ke... and ki... Likewise breathy vowels (cxa...) are alphabetised occur in normal Roman ordering, between cw... and cy....

#### Α

abwi/axmxul 'exclamation of surprise' ana 'elder sister' as0' 'before, in front' aspaTa'l 'hospital' axgxE' 'eldest sister' axqxl' 'eldest brother' ax'la ux'li 'luke warm' axngxl' 'no' axxre' 'non-existent' AAsi' 'sickle' aaba 'father' aada 'elder brother' aali 'younger brother' aalu' 'potato' aama 'mother' aarqo/aru 'other'

#### В

badi uirara' 'harvest time' bajan 'word' balla 'finally, eventually' bana 'jungle, forest' bani 'yearly salary' banidiba 'to make' barsa 'year' bausa 'male witch' bAAnu 'stone wall' baabae 'expression of despair' baabu 'term of address for younger ones' baaDi 'flood' baajyu 'grandfather' baalun 'together' baanu 'stone wall' baar 'fence, protection' baara 'day of the week'

baaraa 'twelve' baari 'dry field' baas 'to overnight' bele/beseri 'veru' bethaa 'illness' biba 'to say' bidi xyaaba 'to die, to waste away in nealect' bidyaarthi 'student' bindi mu 'greetings' "ble 'times' boba 'to take' bodol 'bottle' boDi 'beans' -braa 'numeral classifier on hundreds' bu bu xyaaba 'to be fluffed up' bxaba 'to bring from a lower altitude' bxaqaari' 'cane mat' bxanda' 'compared with' bxAADo' 'vessel' bxaale' 'rooster' bxaare'ma'E 'carriers' bxaaTi' 'inn' -bxlba 'benefactive aux.' bx0' 'strength' bxujyu' 'grandmother' bxwi'ba 'to bring from a higher altitude' bxy0baa' 'to throw out' byOba 'to resemble'

С

ca' 'that'
caba 'to eat'
caeba 'to ease off'
caja 'salt'
caidiba 'needed'
calidiba 'operate'
caml' 'daughter'
casdiba 'to prepare seed bed'

caUthE' 'one quarter' cEdo' 'close' cha'ba 'to burn - of sun or hot plate' chabi'yAA 'therefore' chaE 'shepherd, herdsman' chale 'in that way' cha'l pha'l 'discussion' chaaba'na 'like that' cherdiba 'to have loose motions' chi 'arass' chi'ndri 'just a short while' chiTTi' 'letter' -cho 'numeral classifier for rice meals' chuTTi' 'holiday' chyAAba 'nice, good' chyaa 'exclamation of disgust' chyo' 'let's go' chyuqu' 'clarified butter' cisiri' 'small' ciba 'a senior, elder person' cig0' 'old - of animals' coro'n 'nowadays' cU'ba 'to sell' cu' 'this' cuduru' 'red berries' curaaDaa' 'cigarette' cwaaba 'to consume' cxa 'son' cxaga 'that much' cxaa' 'tea' cxo 'this much' cxuba' 'to prepare' cyagaa' cyugu' 'a little' cy0/cijy0 'last-born son' cyu' 'ten' cyu'ba 'to enclose animals' cyuDidiba 'to separate, run away' cyuqu' cyuqu' 'a little' cyugu'de 'a little' cyugu'thiri 'small' cyulu' 'delicacies'

gxAAna' 'gold' DAADa 'hill, stalk, stem' gxri' 'one' DaakTor 'doctor' gxumdiba 'to stroll around' Duldibaa' 'to stroll around' qxyAA' 'road' Dxaagre' 'civilian, non-soldier' Dyaanggraa 'thin' dana 'direction' hajur 'yes, Sir!' dar 'rate of wages' haawaa' 'air' darkhaastaa 'official complaint' hoTe'l 'hotel' dasaE 'Nepalese festival in October' Ŧ daai 'conjunction' igurle' 'finally, conclusively' daala 'lentils' daayaa 'mercy' J de 'approximately' jaga/jau 'plural marker' desa 'country' jar/joro 'fever' -di 'numeral classifier for years' jare 'round-abouts' din 'day' iaa 'to be' dina 'and then' jAAnaa 'numeral classifier for diyAA 'in that case' people' do' 'emphatic particle' jaali 'wire mesh, net' doxor 'both' jela 'daily wages' dugAAna 'shop' juga 'era, time' dxarma 'credit, religion' jxaja' 'offspring' jxan 'instead, all the more' dxe'ro/dxe'ro piru 'from now on' dxl' 'house' jxAAn 'family' dx0ba' 'to pound' ixaad 'in that direction' dxU' 'tree' ixaale' 'and then' dxUri' 'marten' ixaasa' 'vehicle' dxUbbrE' 'thick' jx0ba' 'to pour in, to put in' jxuba 'of this direction' jyAAU jyAAU 'concentrated confusion ebaa 'to return' of people and noise' iyu 'body' gang.gyu 'gorge' garmi 'hot - of weather' ka'bla ku'bule 'roughly, poorly' qa 'to be' kabol 'contract' kaDaa' 'difficulty' gaa/gaaro 'difficult' kaDi kaDaau 'restrictions, laws' goraamaE 'white-skinned people'

kadi' 'how'

kaE 'cooked rice'

gUn 'gratitude'

gxaa' 'sore (n.), wound'

kallA' 'paddy wall' khU' 'hole' kammE 'blacksmith' khubaa 'to gather together' kanchi 'last-born daughter' khwe' 'give it' khab 'who' khwi'ba 'to return the same day on khaba' 'who' a journey' khaba 'to come' khyodo 'cattle' khadaa'sU 'a mountain' klba 'to buy, to get' kha'Eba 'to cut at ground level' kisimbae 'kind of' khaiba'e khaale' 'what kinds of' k0' 'price' khaibaa' 'how' kOba 'to mix' khaile 'how' ko'ba 'to feed solids to someone' khalaa' 'threshing floor' kodaali 'hoe' khanida'i 'nowhere' kodaar 'fireplace' khanir 'where' kodoba 'to cackle' khanira'i 'nowhere' kojuri' 'meeting, discussion' khasi' 'castrated goat or sheep' kolaa' 'butter milk' khAA'ba 'to be able to, to kolo 'child' finish' (KolmaE' 'children') khAAjo' 'necessity' kra 'head, hair' khaa'gae 'a little' kru 'a cubit' khaaqu/khaau 'round about (spatial kU'ba 'to sit' and temporal)' ku' 'nine' khaau/khaagu 'round about' ku'ba 'to move, shift, transfer' kheba 'to read' kuba 'to carry' khedi' paadi' 'terraced ku'di 'ferris wheel, swing' agriculture' ku'i/kwi 'some' kuji' 'lock' khi'ba 'to lend' khibaa' 'old man' kuni 'rice husking pounder operated khin 'by itself' by foot' khlxyaa 'ox'kurgu' 'open weave chicken enclosing khlxy0ba 'to swallow' basket' kwaalaaba 'to heat fluids' khlxyo 'place' kh0ba 'to enter' kwE 'clothes' kh01 'never' kxaeba 'to be late' kho' 'come' kxaaba 'to catch, seize' khoba 'niche in wall' kxe' 'work' khoba 'to like' kxemaE 'uou (pl)' kho'i 'I don't know' kxi 'you' khoy0 'when' kxo 'sacrificial offering' khoy0 khoy0 'sometimes' kxoba' 'to understand' khr0ba 'to burn' kxojaa 'kukhri knife' khru'ba 'to wash' kxon0 'small work party'

kxri 'dirt' maa'ne 'purpose, meaning' maardiba 'to experience, enjoy' kxrosena 'honestly' kxuriba 'to fall down' maa'sa 'black lentil' kxwe' 'song' maasi' 'diarrhoea with mucus' kxyui' 'language' ml' 'eye' kyAA'ba 'to cut' ml 'name' kya 'that, over there (spatial ml'ba 'to be ripe' and temporal)' mila' 'mill' kyu' 'water' mi'maE 'memsahebs' kyu/kxyu' 'sheep' mlxa 'unhusked rice' kyu'gyu 'sweet' ml0'qu 'throat' kyupr0' 'sheepfold' -mna 'numeral suffix for manas' kyusA'E 'shepherd' (a measure of volume approximately equal to a pint) L mo' 'rattan' -la 'numeral classifier on months' mrl 'wife' laba' 'to do' mr0 'rice paddy' labo' 'leaves' mrOba' 'to see' lamma 'Buddhist priest' mroba 'to light a lamp, stove etc.' laaba 'to heat' mu 'to be, to have' ll'ba 'to be tasty' muyUma'E 'males' li' 'face' mxaeba 'to search for' li 'behind' mxaiaa 'banana' li'ba 'to finish, of a ceremony; mxarda 'male' to set, of the sun' mxAAdiba 'to appeal' lu' 'exclamation to draw attention mxAAgu' 'expensive' to something' mxaalar 'time, occasion' luba 'to learn' mxaara 'gold, yellow' mxe' 'cοω' lxaaba 'to drive out' lxaagiri 'for whom, who what' mxor '50 paisa - 1 mohor' mxUDa 'log' mxUDe 'kind of banana' ma 'at lower altitude' mxui' 'rupees' -maE 'plural suffix, with people' my0'ba 'to have an injury or sore' maE 'medicine' -mae 'possessive suffix' na' 'here, take it' ma'gi/maai 'buffalo' makhAE' 'corn, maize' na'ba 'to hurt, pain, be sick' ma'l 'compost' na'qa 'fowl' malaai 'Malaya' nAA' 'rain' mare' 'only' nAA'sa 'village' mattre' 'only' naa'b 'measurement'

naa'ni 'first born daughter' naare' 'millet' nego' 'and' naidi'ma 'year before last' -ne pri/-ne baalu/-ne 'with' nesa' 'evening' nga 'I' ngAA 'the place of' nge' 'Oh! I see what you mean' nge' 'to be' ngeba 'to chew' ngl 'we (exclusive)' ngi' 'seven' ngo 'forehead, knowledge' ngxa' 'five' ngxAAba 'to wonder about, to think, to want to, to seem to one' naxe 'milk' ngxl' 'two' ngxl'ba 'to fear' ngxyo' 'we (inclusive)' ngxyoba 'to look' ngyui'ba 'to ask' ni'scai 'certainly' n0gur 'work party' no 'weeds' no'ba 'to carry' nxaba 'to keep' nxar 'weariness' nxar yu'ba 'to be tired' nxAAkarna' 'early in the morning' nxeba 'to tread out grains with feet, to knead with feet' rixepaal 'Kathmandu' nx0 'paddy fields' nx0 'inside' nxOba 'to break, spoil' rxU 'worry'

O 'yes'
ochEma'e 'dear! (expression of sympathy)'
oleba 'to stir'

Р paehoDe 'latter part of crop' pa'e 'iron' pae 'post-funeral ceremony' paile' 'formerly, first' paisaa' 'money' pakhaa' 'grazing fields above village' palAA' 'yellow berries' palu' 'turn' pardiba 'to cost, must' pattu' 'wild asparagus' paa' 'distilled spirits' paa'n 'five' pha'raag 'different' pha'karna' 'for no special reason' phargu 'wooden uprights for cattle shed' phaalDu' 'spare, other' phe'ri 'again, more' pheba 'to arrive' pho 'small deer' pho'ba 'to apply' phojy0 'aunt' phoxor 'dirt' phU 'eggs' -phU 'numeral classifier for eggs and small round objects' phugaa 'fallow fields' phursat 'leisure, spare time' phuwaaba 'to collapse, dismantle' phwiba 'to tie up' plba 'to give' plDi 'verandah'

pinggyaa 'green'

pi'ba 'to leave, forsake' plxi' 'four' pluba/ploba 'to boil in water' plxu' 'seed' pre'ba 'to shine' prl'ba 'to sing' priba 'forbidden' prxaba 'to walk' prxEsyo 'wife, bride' prxe' 'eight' prxiba' 'to write' prxiba 'of lower altitude' prx0 'cattle shelter' prxOchaE 'herdsman' prxu 'brahman' pujyu' 'indigenous shaman' pumsyo 'female witch' puranu' 'old' puraa' 'completely' pxali 'leg, including foot' pxana 'following (used with days, uears)' pxanxAAqa 'tomorrow' pxasxi 'children' pxEba 'to snatch away' pxebe 'intestinal worm' pxi 'open weave carrying basket' px0ba 'to argue' pxyo 'cane mat' pxyUba 'to cough' py0'no '1 pathi - measure of volume approximating 1 gallon'

#### R

ra'gat maasi' 'blood and mucus in
 stools'
ranThi' 'short'
rl'ma'E 'females'
riba 'to get up'
ro 'they said, it is said'
 (reported speech)
ro'ba 'to weave'

ro'ba 'to sleep'
rodl 'sleeping dormitory'
rUlba 'to plant, transplant'
ru'byAA 'rupee'
See also words under xr-.

#### S

sada 'one week' sadan 'group, party' sa'dEba 'to escort' sa'e 'price' sa'e 'thing' saeba 'to kill' saiilo 'easu' sale' 'matches' sa'lla 'consultation' sa'nja 'health, well-being' sammaa' 'up to' sangkhat 'suspicion' sAAju' 'key' saabma'E 'westerners' saa'la 'year' saaro 'extremely serious' sEba 'to return something' se 'flesh/meat' se'ba 'to know' se'ba 'to dance' seba 'to tell' se'graa 'chanting of pujus at death or post-funeral ceremony' sero' 'since, from' sl' 'wood' si 'cold' siba 'to die' sida'l 'shade' sigreT 'cigarette' silidiba 'to bring an appeasement offering' skula 'school' s0' 'three' s0ba 'to put out to dry in the sun' sU 'mouth'

subaaraa 'Friday' su'ga '25 pice' sui' 'injection' suru' 'beain' susaar 'care' sxaba 'to be healed, to heal' -svaa 'emphatic' svaa'ba 'to reach' sy0 'river, stream' syui'ba 'to uproot' syuiba 'to roof a house, flag a courtyard'

TableD 'tablet' TAAng.gra 'beans' TaaldU 'cattle shed' Thaldiba 'to begin a project' Thaagu 'first-born son' The 'kdaara 'license, permission' Thi'k '0.K.' TObaa' 'to cut through something' Txaa 'rice accompaniment, curry' Txu' 'six' Tyangki 'tank' ta 'upper altitude' taba 'to be, to become, to happen' to 'work remaining to be done' tagaara 'gate post' talaa 'earlier' ta'le 'why' tamu 'Gurung' tAAn 'all' taaiv0 'older brother (not eldest)' taa'ne maa'ne 'chores' tEba 'to show' te' 'a little' te'l 'oil' tela' 'yesterday' thaaba 'to construct' thaaidu' 'wait' thang.gadiba 'to store away'

thAAn thaU'n 'harvest storage' thEba' 'to put in, to put down, to plant' thebbrE' 'large, big' thEmaE 'residents of a village' theeba 'to hear' thi'kka 'average' thOba 'to open, to make a hole' tho'ba 'to chop, to cut pay, to buy tickets' thU'ba 'to drink' thu 'friend' -thu 'kinds' thu'ba 'to put up a screen, barrier' thubaa' 'to cut grains at heads' tl' 'house' tl'ba 'to feed fluids to a child' tll' joro' 'these days' tiba' 'to spread out' tibe' 'leech' ticyaarnaa' 'simultaneously' tidlma 'this year' timmru' 'berry' ti'r 'edge of river or stream' ti'syaa 'a little while' tiyAA' 'today' t0'ba 'to like' tOphyaa'r 'unceasing work' to' 'what' to'ba 'to hold out something, with a view to receiving something in it' to'e 'what kind of' togo' 'now' tonDaa' 'edible fern' to'ndorin 'everything' to'rE 'never mind' tugyU'mba 'last year' turi 'mustard' tu'si 'I don't know' tusyu' 'hail' txaaba' 'to hoe'

txE 'rite offering'
txeba' 'to cook by frying in fat
first, then adding fluids'
txi 'time'
txirba 'to be pleasant'
txiyAA 'mid day, sun'
txo 'main upright in house'
txOba 'to emerge, come out of'
txuba 'must'
txulmaE 'tailors'

U

Ul'ba 'to show'
ubxapradxaan 'deputy mayor'

W

waa' 'question particle'
waaba' 'to throw out'
See also words under xw-.

X

xa'k 'authority' xalla' 'strife, confusion' xari' 'direction' xaaudiba 'to scold' xe 'response to hailing call' xeba 'to cook by a long boiling process' x0 'to be' xobaa' 'to thresh by beating' xosyaa 'expression of relief' xraba 'to know how to' xraaba 'to play an instrument' xrEqo 'far' xrl txEba 'a rite in postceremonies' xriba 'bone' xriqyo 'long' xriba 'to beg' xris 'anger'

xrugudiba 'to be chronically ill'
xwe' 'Yes?' (response to hailing
 call)
xwiba 'to call for'
xyoba' 'to thieve'
xyoba 'to cook by boiling'

Y

yaa 'to be'
yaayu 'early'
y0ba 'to be available, to find'
y0maa' 'hen'
yo 'hand, handle'
yogaara 'monkey'
yu'ba 'to be sufficient, enough'
yunaa 'quickly'
See also words under xy-.

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