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## Pronominal affixes to the Cocopa verb

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1. Object affixes:

- ñ- 1st person object
- m- 2nd person object
- p- 3rd person object

a. Conditions:

Object affixes occur alone only with verbs like 'hiccough' which will be called impersonal transitive until a better term is found.

Subject prefix usually occurs at the same time (cf. 3).

Object affixes are attached directly to the verb root.

b. Caution:

Transitive verbs sometimes look like intransitive verbs to English trained minds.

c. Examples:

- |         |                |       |                              |
|---------|----------------|-------|------------------------------|
| ñtkshik | 'I hiccough'   | ñayuḷ | 'a splinter stuck in to me'  |
| mtkshik | 'you hiccough' | mayuḷ | 'a splinter stuck in to you' |
| ptkshik | 'he hiccoughs' | payuḷ | 'a splinter stuck in to him' |

2. Subject affixes:

- #- 1st person, and inanimate, subject
- m- 2nd person subject
- u- 3rd person subject

Note: The stressed vowel is the last vowel in the verb root unless otherwise marked.

a → u      a → u and uu → aw initially preceding  
 and  
 uu → aw      a single C before the stressed V.  
 (ashay 'I am fat', ushay 'he is fat')  
 (uupun 'I hoe', awpun 'he hoes')

-u-      -u- is inserted preceding an initial C, or preceding the last C of any C cluster before the stressed V.  
 (reek 'I am rich', ureek 'he is rich')  
 (ptay 'I am big', putay 'he is big')

V → VV      V → VV when it occurs preceding the last C of any C cluster before the stressed V.  
 (shakuḷḷ 'I lengthen', shaakuḷḷ 'he lengthens')  
 (chuman 'I open', chuuman 'he opens')

Exception:

- a. shawin 'I stop' can optionally become either shaawin or shuwin 'he stops'.
- b. xchaq 'I am ugly' becomes xuchaq 'he is ugly', or xachaq 'he is bad'.

a. Conditions:

With personal transitive verbs an object affix may occur at the same time; with personal intransitive verbs only the subject affix occurs.

b. Caution:

Intransitive verbs sometimes look like transitive verbs to English trained minds.

Both 2nd person Object and subject prefixes are the same, i.e. m-. (cf. 1.)

c. Examples:

- ptay 'I am big'
- mptay 'you are big'
- putay 'he is big'

3. Object and Subject affixes in combination:

		Subject					
		1st P. Obj. sub.		2nd P. Obj. sub.		3rd P. Obj. sub.	
Object	1st P.	mch	#	ñ	m	ñ	u
	2nd P.	ñ	#	mch	m	m	u
	3rd P.	p	#	p	m	mch	u
	4th P.					p	u

  

#	1st P. Sub.	ñ	1st P. involved
u	3rd P. <b>Sub.</b> (cf. 2.)	m	2nd P. involved
p	3rd P. Obj.		except 2nd P. Obj.
mch	Reflexive Obj.		with 1st P. Sub.

Allomorphs:

- a. p # → pa 3rd person Object - 1st person Subject combination p # → pa initially preceding a single C before the stressed V. (wee 'I see', pawee 'I see him')
- b. ñ # → ñaa 1st, 2nd, and 3rd person Object - 3rd person Subject combinations ñ #, m #, and p # → ñaa, maa, and paa initially preceding a single C before the stressed V.

(wee	'I see'	ñaawee	'he sees me'
		maawee	'he sees you'
		paawee	'he sees him')

a. Conditions:

Object and Subject affix combinations are attached only to personal transitive verb roots (following any derivational prefixes

Example: ɬɬyuum where yuu is the root

ɬɬñyuum 'I think of you'

ɬɬpyuum 'I think of him'

Object affixes precede Subject affixes.

b. Examples:

skwi verb root 'ask'

1st person Subject:

mchskwi 'I asked myself'

ñskwi 'I asked you'

pskwi 'I asked him'

2nd person Subject:

ñmskwi 'you asked me'

mchmskwi 'you asked yourself'

pmskwi 'you asked him'

3rd person Subject:

ñsukwi 'he asked me'

msukwi 'he asked you'

mchsukwi 'he asked himself'

psukwi 'he asked him'

4. Exceptions unexplained as yet for 3rd person Subject:

waap, mwaap, aawap 'I, you, he throw down'

eep, mʔeep, aap 'I, you, he with someone'

ɬɬpaʔim, ɬɬpmeem, ɬɬpim 'I, you, he send to him.'