

Classical Newari: verbal system

abbreviations and color coding:

- syntax: eligible as a main verb vs. *subordinate verb*; [eligible as an attribute]
- morphology: ^{fi}finite vs. ^{nom}nominalized vs. ^{conv}converb
- tempus: **past** vs. **non-past**
- aspect: **perfective** vs. **stative** (only marked in past tempus forms)
- disjunct form^{dis} vs. conjunct form^{con} (1. p. declarative, 2. p. interrogative)
- honorifics: low^{lgh} vs. middle^{mgh} vs. high grade^{hgh}

simple verbs

| classes: grades | I | II | III | IV | denomination | formants |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|------|--|---|
| 0 | - | - | - | -l- | | |
| | -n̄- | -n̄- | -y- | -l- | ^{nom} past perfective [part.] ^{con} > ^{conv} <i>antecedent</i> > ^{conv} <i>coincident</i> > ^{conv} <i>causal</i> > > ^{conv} <i>antecedent</i> | -ā + -wo + -s + -n + -(ā) li |
| | -n̄- | -k- | - | -l- | ^{nom} past stative [part.] ^{dis} > ^{nom} <i>agent noun</i> > ^{conv} <i>causal</i> > > ^{conv} <i>antecedent</i> | -a, III: -wo + -mhā + -n + -(ā) li |
| | - | - | - | - | ^{conv} <i>terminal</i> | mabala |
| | | -y- | -y- | -l- | ^{fi} non-past ^{dis} ^{nom} verb noun & non-past [part.] ^{con} > ^{conv} <i>antecedent</i> | -i/u, -(i/u)(n/w)o, IV: -iwo -e + -(s)tunā, + -(s)tunū |
| | - | - | - | | ^{nom} <i>relative</i> [part.] ^{conv} <i>antecedent</i> ^{conv} <i>antecedent</i> ^{conv} <i>coincident</i> ^{conv} <i>coincident</i> > ^{conv} <i>terminal</i> <i>coverb</i> <i>imperative</i> ^{hgh} | -kō, -ko, -ku (s)tunā, -(s)tunū -sen(ā) li -le, I: + -n, + -wo -tole(-n), -tola(-n) ma + ... -sē, -se -huna, -hune, -nāna, -sane |
| | -n̄- | - | - | | <i>imperative</i> ^{mgh} | -wo, I: -o, -a |
| | | - | - | | <i>imperative</i> ^{lgh} | -Ø |
| | -n̄- | | | | <i>coverb</i> | -ā |
| | [red.] | [red.] | [red.] | | ^{conv} <i>repetitive</i> | -n(+ other formants) |
| ✓ = 1 | -n- | -t- | -l- | -l- | | |
| | -n- | -t- | -l- | -l- | ^{fi} past perfective ^{dis} | -ā, -a, -o |
| | -n- | | | | ^{nom} verb noun & non-past [part.] ^{con} | -e |
| | | | | | ^{fi} non-past ^{dis} | -iwo |
| 2 | -na- | -ta- | -la- | -la- | | |
| | -na- | -ta- | -la- | -la- | ^{conv} <i>neg. conditional</i> <i>agent noun</i> (1. p. predicative only) | -sanō, -sanā -go, -gu |
| | -na- | -ta- | -la- | | ^{conv} <i>conditional</i> ^{conv} <i>conditional (weak)</i> ^{conv} <i>coincident</i> | -sā -nā-wo -nā-sē (I, III) -nā-n (II, III) |
| | | -ta- | -la- | | ^{conv} <i>coincident</i> | -nā-s |
| | | | -la- | | ^{nom} <i>relative</i> [part.] | -kō, -ko, -ku |

derivatives

| class: grades | V causative | V denominative | denomination | formants |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 0 | -k- | -lap- | <p>nom verb noun & non-past [part.]</p> <p>nom past perfective [part.]^{dis con}</p> <p>> ^{conv}antecedent</p> <p>nom past stative [part.]^{dis}</p> <p>> ^{conv}causal</p> <p>> nom agent noun</p> <p>fi non-past^{dis} & imperative^{mgh}</p> <p>coverb</p> <p>^{conv}circumstantial (simple meaning)</p> | -e -ā + -wo -u + -n + mhā -i, -ina, -iwo -ã -ã |
| | -k- | | | |
| 1 | -ka- | -lapa- | nom relative [part.] conv coincident | -kō, -ko, -ku -le |
| 2 | -kal- | -lapal- | fi past perfective ^{dis} | -ã |
| 3 | -kala- | -lapala- | conv neg. conditional conv conditional conv conditional (weak) conv coincident | -sanō -sā -nā-wo -nā-sē |

modal auxiliaries: mostly construed with verb noun or coverb

- **jil-**, to be able, succeed‘,
- **ten-**, to be about to‘,
- **tel-**, to be allowed, proper‘: negated with **ma** to form negative imperatives,
- **teyake** (caus. tel-), to be about to‘,
- **dhun-/dhunake**, to finish; already‘,
- **phat-/phal-**, to be able‘,
- **bil-**, to give, allow‘: with ^{conv}antecedent -āwo to denote action performed for someone else,
- **māle**, to be necessary‘: negated with **mu**.

aspectual auxiliaries: mostly construed with coverb

- **gāt-**, to suffice‘ with negated zero grade stem: ... **ma gāka**, won’t do‘.
- **con-**, to stay‘: cf. **dasē conā = asti**, regularly with ^{conv}antecedent -āwo.
- **jul-**, to become‘: (1) with coverb or ^{conv}antecedent -āwo: **perfective**,
(2) with **stative** part. (+tō): periphrastic **stative**.
- **tal-**, to put‘ with coverb, ^{conv}antecedent -āwo or **stative** part.: (1) resultative,
(2), to end up doing‘.
- **bijyāt-**, to go [hon]‘ with coverb or with **stative** part. (+tō): honorific.
- **yen-**, to lead‘: (1) indicate motion away from the subject,
(2) with the ^{conv}repetitive: iterative.
- **won-**, to go‘: (1) recent completion,
(2) with 2nd grade stem: , to go in order to‘.
- **wol-**, to come‘: (1) circumstantial,
(2) with 2nd grade stem: , to come to do‘.
- **hal-**, to bring‘ with coverb or ^{conv}antecedent -āwo: (1) like **yen-**,
(2) iterative.