

# Kpelle

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## 1 Language Information

- Source: Welmers (1973)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/libe1247>
- ISO-identifier: xpe
- Speakers:
- Location: Guinea, Liberia
- Geneology: Mande > Western Mande > Manding-Kpelle > Southwest Mande > Kpelle > Liberia Kpelle

## 2 Nominal Morphology

The plural form of the word is marked by a prefix. Some words don't have a plural form.

## 3 Verbal Morphology

The verb agrees in person and number with the subject.

## 4 Conjunction

Noun are conjoined by 'tá. This particle is used in the context of accompaniment as well.

- (1) suròŋ 'tá                      nenî 'tí pà.  
man they-including woman they came  
'A man and a woman came.' [Welmers, 1973, p. 306]
- (2) kwà                      yá                      kú pà.  
we-including you-sg we came  
'You and I came.' [Welmers, 1973, p. 306]

- (3) kwà            nyà      kú pà.  
we-including him/her we came  
'He/she and I came.' [Welmers, 1973, p. 306]

## 5 Disjunction

Disjunction is expressed by a two-word phrase *kpà mán'*no, also ...'.

## 6 Prepositions

Kpelle does not have prepositions of place and time. Noun phrases are used instead.

## References

Welmers, Wiliam (1973). *African Language Structures*. Berkley: University of California Press.