

Loniu

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1 Language Information

- Source: Hamel (1985)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/loni1238>
- ISO-identifier: los
- Speakers:
- Location: Papua New Guinea
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2 Nominal Morphology

The set of pronouns in Loniu has four numbers - singular, dual, paucal, plural. However, the nouns are not inflected for number.

3 Verbal Morphology

First and third person singular are indicated by the same prefix *i-*, the second person singular is indicated by *ε-/a-*. The nonsingular forms of the verb have no number marking in the present and in the past. In the potential aspect, they can be marked by *ε-/a-*.

4 Conjunction

248 The coordinating conjunctions are *ε* 'and, or, but', (*hepe*) *εpwe* 'but', and *ma* 'and, (together) with'. NPs and VPs can be conjoined by *ε* or *ma*.

- (1) $\epsilon t\epsilon w\epsilon$ tas ϵ lɔʔɔ wi
 2SG.put salt and leaf k.o.plant
 'Put in some salt and wi leaves' [Hamel, 1985, p. 161]
- (2) kaman ϵ pihin suʔu yoʔose huyan suʔu ehe huyan
 male and female 3DU walk well 3DU sit-down well
 'The man and woman get along well, live together well' [Hamel, 1985, p. 161]
- (3) wɔw ϵ iy
 2SG and 3SG
 'You and he' [Hamel, 1985, p. 161]
- (4) ɔw kala $\epsilon t\epsilon$ hetow pelexan hetow
 2DU POTENTIAL-NON-SG-go ANIMATE GOAL 3PC up-in-house 3PC
 nɛtun ϵ pulun
 child-3SG and spouse-3SG
 'You two go to them in the house, to his children and his wife' [Hamel, 1985, p. 162]
- (5) iy ile $t\epsilon w\epsilon$ panɛn ma um ile pɔʔɔ ɕaɲa ke ...
 3SG 3SG-go put mother-3SG and house 3SG-go within center tree
 'He put his mother and the house into the center of the tree.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 162]
- (6) seh huti puh ma ni ϵ seh la pwahaleɲ
 3PL take trap and fish and 3PL go beach
 'They took the trap and the fish and they went to the beach.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 162]
- (7) menuwai iy iwoh uwɛnɛ kɔ masih, pwahaleɲ, pɛtɛ kɔ ϵ pɛtɛ
 eagle 3SG 3SG-fly until land all, beach, near village and near
 puɕɔ
 off-shore-island
 'The eagle flew to all the lands, to the coast, near the villages and near the off-shore islands.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 162]
- (8) wɔw ma ɲapulum ma ɲɛtum ϵ tow masih ϵ tow huyan
 2SG and spouse-2SG and child-2SG 2PC all 2PC well
 'You and your husband and children, are you all well?' [Hamel, 1985, p. 163]
- (9) ɲaton ipɔtɔwɛ iy... na teliki a iy ma epi a
 grandmother-2SG 3SG-take 3SG ... with rope-of-dog-teeth POSS 3SG and sago
 iy ...
 POSS 3SG
 'Her grandmother takes her..., with her ropes of dog's teeth and her sago...'
 [Hamel, 1985, p. 163]

- (10) ε hipiti kōmu peti kō ε peti taya pweleyah hipiti itiyen
and like word from land and for catching parrotfish like DEM
'So the story about Loniū and catching parrotfish is thus' [Hamel, 1985, p. 163]
- (11) seh tay peti putuwa seh ma peti hepe hepe a seh
3PL beat-it for belly 3PL and for bit bit POSS 3PL
'They make it for their food and for many traditional uses.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 163]
- (12) kō itōw ε ma kile keheyah...
land 3SG-STAT and INTENTIONAL POTENTIAL-SG-go afternoon
'It was getting to be afternoon...'. [Hamel, 1985, p. 207]
- (13) wōw tō yaw ε tō yaw...
2SG HAB go-off and HAB go-off
'You keep getting off...'. [Hamel, 1985, p. 207]
- (14) pōkōwey ile čōŋ pow ε ile čōŋ ile čōŋ...
Pokowey 3SG-go hunt pig and 3SG-go hunt 3SG-go hunt
'Pokowey went to hunt pig, and he hunted for a while...'. [Hamel, 1985, p. 208]
- (15) temey iteŋ ε iteŋ ε iteŋ ε seh la pileŋ...
drum 3SG-cry and 3SG-cry and 3SG-cry and
'The drum beat and beat and beat and they went to the garden.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 208]
- (16) wōw etekeni kile ε kile mwekew
2SG 2SG-throw POTENTIAL-SG-go and POTENTIAL-SG-go deep-sea
'I go as far as the boundary at Ndrova.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 209]
- (17) itiyen ni pwe ε amat
DEM fish NEG but human
'That is not a fish, but a human being' [Hamel, 1985, p. 214]
- (18) εyn ta ete wōw ε ta ete seh law a
smell-3SG LOC ANIMATE GOAL 2SG and LOC ANIMATE GOAL 3PL relative POSS
wōw
2SG
'Her smell is on you and on your relatives.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 214]
- (19) pεʔekakan wak ε ŋōn ŋeŋey
shin-3SG bowed and nose-3SG pocked
'He has bowed legs and a pock-marked nose.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 249]
- (20) yo yeliŋi hah ε yo ma kuto ete hah ala ε
1SG like 2PL and 1SG INT POTENTIAL-SG-STAT ANIMATE GOAL 2PL first and
ya yo kili yaw pwe
FUT 1SG PERF go NEG

'I like you and I want to stay with you now, and I will not go away.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 249]

- (21) itityen ni pwe ε itiyen tɛʔiw
 DEM fish NEG but DEM sibling-1SG
 'This is not a fish, but is my sister.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 249]
- (22) kɔ itɔ peŋ ε yo utɔ pun ε lamp itɔ yat ...
 land 3SG-CONT night and 1SG 1SG-CONT sew and lamp 3SG-CONT burn
 'It was nighttime and I was sewing and the lamp was lit ...' [Hamel, 1985, p. 249]
- (23) suʔu tɛwɛ kɔmu a iy, ta ɲetu suʔu ... ma suʔu mɔn
 3DU put word POSS 3SG, POSS child 3DU ... and 3DU return
 'They give their child's answer ... and they return.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 250]
- (24) ɲetu suʔu kaman iy ipwɛ ɛhɛ yo yɛlinɲi ma lɔŋɔw iy yoʔose
 child 3DU male 3SG 3SG-say yes 1SG like and thing 3SG walk
 'Their son said "Yes, I like it", and the agreement is reached.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 250]
- (25) aŋ a yo iy kile paʔɔh, hepe epwe ya yo kili yaw pwe
 day POSS 1SG 3SG POTENTIAL-SG-go near, but _ FUT 1SG PERF go NEG
 yo kutɔ ɛtɛ hah ala
 1SG POTENTIAL-SG-STAT ANIMATE GOAL 2PL first
 'My time is almost over, but I won't go away, I will stay with you now.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 251]
- (26) ɲaʔa namɛtiyen ɲaʔan ɕiʔih ɛpwe law iy ti law lawɛyap iy ti
 name big name-3SG net but net 3SG EMPH net k.o.net 3SG EMPH
 lawɛyap
 k.o.net
 'The cover term is "chi'ih", but the "law" net is one kind, the "lawɛyap" net is another kind.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 252]
- (27) ... iy ɲahan ɔ iy lɛŋɛʔi hipɛta ile ɕipitan hepe ɛpwe iy ɛnɛyan
 3SG sour or 3SG like like 3SG-go bitter but _ 3SG food POSS
 a hetow hetow tɔ yeni
 3PC 3PC HAB eat
 '... it was sour or like it was bitter, but it was their food and they would eat it.'
 [Hamel, 1985, p. 252]

5 Disjunction

The disjunction is marked by ɔ 'or' and ε.

- (28) mačehε? mačulimow ε mahamow
how-many three or four
'How many were they? They were three or four.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 162]
- (29) ... hipiri mačoloh o mahah
like three or four
'... about three or four.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 162]
- (30) suʔu to hilite suʔu amat maʔamow o hetow mačulimow o mahamow
3DU HAB choose 3DU man two or 3PC three or four
'They choose two men or three or four.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 163]
- (31) pota tupunah o peti teweya telij o ana pihin...
doing boy or for piercing ear or food woman
'Circumcision or for piercing ears or as food for women ...' [Hamel, 1985, p. 163]
- (32) ε wow eε lih elewen ε eε lih puwɔn
and 2SG 2SG-PERF-go ?? long or 2SG-PERF-go ?? short
'And did you go far or near?' [Hamel, 1985, p. 207]
- (33) puh itiyen kile takeni kile pat ε
trap DEM POTENTIAL-SG-go throw POTENTIAL-SG-go stone or
kile teʔewɔn
POTENTIAL-SG-go sand
'If the trap hits against stones or against sand ...' [Hamel, 1985, p. 208]
- (34) iy ipnek ile keyaw o ile tun
3SG 3SG-climb 3SG-go platform or 3SG-go canoe
'She climbs up onto a platform or onto a canoe.' [Hamel, 1985, p. 208]
- (35) o napulum huyan ε muwan
oh spouse-3SG good or bad
'Oh, is your husband handsome or ugly?' [Hamel, 1985, p. 214]
- (36) suʔu hi amat ε suʔu hi činen?
3DU FEM human or 3DU FEM demon
'Are they human women or are they demons?' [Hamel, 1985, p. 249]
- (37) hetow čenε o hetow suwani tun
3PC paddle or 3PC pole canoe
'They paddle or pole the canoe?' [Hamel, 1985, p. 251]
- (38) seh leʔe iweney ... o seh leʔe kili weney pwe
3PL see 3SG-enough ... or 3PL see PERF enough NEG
'(If) they see it is enough... or (if) they see it isn't enough' [Hamel, 1985, p. 251]

6 Prepositions

Loni has three true prepositions.

1. *peti* 'for, about, from, at, to, belonging to, of'
2. *pɔli* 'as far as, up to'
3. *ya* 'toward, through'

References

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