

# Manam

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## 1 Language Information

- Source: Lichtenberk (1983)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mana1295>
- ISO-identifier: mva
- Speakers:
- Location: Papua New Guinea
- Geneology: Austronesian > Malayo-Polynesian > Central-Eastern Malayo-Polynesian > Eastern Malayo-Polynesian > Oceanic > Western Oceanic linkage > North New Guinea linkage > Schouten linkage > Kairiru-Manam > Manamic linkage > Bam-Manam > Manam-Sepa > Manam

## 2 Nominal Morphology

The noun is not marked for number. The number is indicated on another element (a prefix/suffix on the verb, noun modifier) with which the noun is connected. There are four numbers in Manam – singular, dual, paucal, and plural. There is an inclusive/exclusive distinction in the non-singular numbers.

## 3 Verbal Morphology

The verb agrees with its subject and object(s) in number. The dual suffix is *-ru*, and the paucal suffix is *-to*.

## 4 Conjunction

The conjunctions in Manam are *be* 'and', and *ata* 'but'.

- (1) moáne-be áine di-púra  
 man-and woman 3PL.REALIS-arrive  
 'The man and the women arrived.' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 365]
- (2) dám-be tóu u-buír-i  
 water-and sugar 1SG.REALIS-mix-3PL.OBJ  
 'I mixed water and sugar.' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 365]
- (3) áine be tamótata ŋe-∅  
 woman and man this-3SG.ADNOM  
 'This woman and man.' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 365]
- (4) tamóata ára-∅ manabumbía-be áine ára-∅  
 man name-3SG.ADNOM Manabumbia-and woman name-3SG.ADNOM  
 iribóaba  
 Iriboaba  
 'The man's name is Manabumbia, and the woman's name is Iriboaba.' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 523]
- (5) tamóata bóro di-tao=taon-í-be áine réga  
 man pig 3PL.REALIS-hunt-REDUPL-3SG.OBJ-and woman firewood  
 di-ʔoto=ʔóto-∅  
 3PL.REALIS-break-REDUPL-3PL.OBJ  
 'While the men were hunting the pig, the women were gathering (breaking) firewood. / The men were hunting the pig, and the women were gathering firewood.' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 523]
- (6) nóra sinába-lo u-yal=lále-be tamóata téʔe-∅  
 yesterday bush-in 1SG.REALIS-REDUPL-walk-and man one-3SG.ADNOM  
 máte-∅ ú-te-∅  
 dead-3SG.ADNOM 1SG.REALIS-see-3SG.OBJ  
 'As I was walking in the bush yesterday, I saw a dead man./ I was walking in the bush yesterday, and I saw a dead man.' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 524]
- (7) níu zindo-∅ ŋe-∅ i-tóʔa-be  
 coconut ripe-3SG.ADNOM this-3SG.ADNOM 3SG.REALIS-land-and  
 i-doʔ-í-be i-ʔóʔom-i  
 3SG.REALIS-take-3SG.OBJ-and 3SG.REALIS-husk-3SG.OBJ  
 'That (this) ripe coconut washed ashore, and she took and husked it.' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 524]
- (8) ráisi go-boad-í-be i-nóʔa-be íʔa  
 rice 2SG.IRREALIS-cook-3SG.OBJ-and 3SG.REALIS-be.ripe-and fish  
 go-náʔa-i  
 2SG.IRREALIS-put-3SG.OBJ  
 'Cook the rice (first), and when it is ready, put in the fish.' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 524]



- (16) móne ʔoʔó=ʔo u-yaní=an-i áta ɲái  
 money much 1SG.REALIS-REDUPL-give.to-3SG.OBJ but 3SG.PRONOUN  
 sóri-∅ tágo di-uya=úya  
 mien-3SG.ADNOM NEG 3PL.REALIS-be.good-REDUPL  
 'I give him a lot of money, but he is not satisfied (lit.: his mien is not good).'  
 [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 527]
- (17) u-ʔóna áta íʔa tágo téʔe-∅  
 1SG.REALIS-fish.with.line but fish NEG one-3SG.ADNOM  
 u-répeʔ-i  
 1SG.REALIS-pull-3SG.OBJ  
 'I went fishing (with line) but did not catch any fish.' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 527]
- (18) bóro i-anaʔú-aʔ-i áta i-áoli  
 pig 3SG.REALIS-steal-TRANS-3SG.OBJ but 3SG.REALIS-deny  
 'He denied stealing the pig (lit.: the stole the pig, but he denied it).' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 527]

## 5 Disjunction

Disjunction is marked by *ʔi* 'or'.

- (19) tóla-ʔi píta ɲa-duma-íʔo  
 Tola-or Pita 3SG.IRREALIS-help-2SG.OBJ  
 'Tola or Pita will help you?' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 366]
- (20) raʔána ʔu-réreʔ súru-ʔi deparóbu?  
 what 2SG.REALIS-want soup-or rice  
 'What do you want? Soup or rice?' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 366]
- (21) ʔaitúʔa ʔaleti-tína-ʔi ruanjá-da-ʔi?  
 now white.man-INTENS-or friend-INCL.ADNOM-or  
 'Is he now a real white man or a friend of ours?' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 366]
- (22) go-soáʔi-ʔi ta-lale-búdu?  
 2SG.IRREALIS-stay-or INCL.IRREALIS-go-together  
 'Will you stay, or will you come with us?' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 528]
- (23) búa di-manúbu-ʔi tágo <di-manúbu> ɲáu  
 betel 3PL.REALIS-be.finished-or NEG <3PL.REALIS-be.finished> 1SG.PRONOUN  
 ɲ-ʔáwa ʔána  
 1SG.IRREALIS-know PROSP  
 'I want to know whether the betelnuts are all gone or not.' [Lichtenberk, 1983, p. 528]

## 6 Postpositions

Manam has the following postpositions:

1. *boʔana* similative
2. *zaiza* comitative
3. *ʔana* causal
4. *ane* instrumental
5. *oti* instrumental
6. *ono* instrumental

## References

Lichtenberk, Frantisek (1983). *A Grammar of Manam*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.