

Tsalagi Gawonihisdi Agsesdohdi
Homework – Record Text

Record the text below and email the recording to the instructor.

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| A: Do advneha? | What is she doing? |
| B: Adawoa. | She is swimming. |
| A: Hawa, hadawotsa, nihi kawonu! | Okay, swim, you duck! |
| B: Hawa. Gadawoa. | Okay. I'm swimming. |
| A: Nigohilvitsu hadawosgoi? | Do you always swim? |
| B: Vv, nigohilv gadawosgoi. | Yes, I always swim. |

The text runs through three stem forms, the Present Stem for an activity happening at the time of speech, the Immediate Stem for an activity that happens just before or just after the time of speech, and the Imperfective Stem for an activity that is continuous or progressive or on-going over time.

1. Present Stem

The first question, Do advneha? 'What is she doing?', includes the Third Person Singular Present a-Stem g- ~ a- Pronoun Pattern Advneha. "He/She is doing it." The Third Person Singular Present questions requires a Third Person Singular Present answer. The Present Stem is used only for situations that take place at the time of speech. After A commands B to perform the activity, B responds Gadawoa. 'I am swimming,' with the g- Pronoun and the Present Stem indicating co-occurrence of speech and activity.

2. Immediate Stem

Speaker A then tells Speaker B to perform the activity. Telling a person to act requires the Immediate Command verb form, in this case the Second Person Singular Immediate Command a-Stem g- ~ a- Pronoun Pattern Hadawotsa! 'Swim!'. The Immediate Stem can be used for immediate future, as in the Immediate Command form, and it can be used for the immediate past, in the Immediate Past form, as in Gadawotsa. 'I have just swum,' with non-emphatic intonation.

3. Imperfective Stem (On-Going Stem)

Speaker A asks Speaker B if the activity is a Habitual activity, an activity that takes place iterated over time with no particular start or end indicated. Speaker A uses the Imperfective Stem with the Habitual Final and the Second Person Singular Pronoun: Hadawosgoi. 'You swim.' The question Hadawosgoitsu? 'Do you swim?' encourages an Imperfective Habitual answer in the First Person Singular, Gadawosgoi. 'I swim.' The Imperfective Stem is the most versatile and useful of the three stems presented here. The Imperfective Stem combines with Final markers to create a broad range of sentence that indicate an on-going situation.

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| Gadawosgvi. | I was swimming. | with -vi Final for Speaker Experience |
| Hadawosgeitsu? | Were you swimming? | with -ei Final for No Speaker Experience |
| Gadawosgesdi. | I will be swimming. | with -ésdi Final for Certain Future |
| gadawosgvi... | When I was/am swimming... | with -vi Final for Participle/Dependent |

Present, Immediate, and Imperfective Habitual generally take Tsi-/G- Set Pronouns. Record the text above and email an .mp3 or a .wav or an .aiff file to the instructor. We recommend Audacity free-ware sound processing software for your recording and language learning.