

Naathi Verbal Morphology



Naath...

... known to the ancients as the **Isle of Butterflies**, is an island in the Summer Sea off the northwestern coast of Sothoryos.





Sample Verbs

sleep: ɔlɔn fall: umanɔ grab: uni praise: jalɨn see: ɛrɨni *love*: unla *give*: ɔmala *go*: ɔnɔ *come*: ɔnɜn *say*: adan





Nominal and Adjectival Predicates:

The suffix -(i)m marks the subject of a sentence.

j3nr**im** ini *"The person is a girl."* pʉhan**ɨm** kan "[The] hair is short."





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l She/He (gender neutral) They

t**om** jal**im** j3n**im**





	Singular	Plural
1st Person	tom ono "I go"	al 3 t 3 m 3n3 "We go"
2nd Person	jal i m ɔnɔ "You go"	al3jal i m 2n2 "You go"
3rd Person	j3nim ɔnɔ "S/he goes"	al3j3n i m 2n2 "They go"

The subject is marked with the suffix **-(i)m** followed by the verb. There is no distinction in verb form based on subject agreement.





	Singular	Plural
1st Person	təm səj ənə " <i>I am going</i> "	al3t3m səj ənə " <i>We go</i> "
2nd Person	jal i m səj ənə " <i>You are going</i> "	al3jal i m səj ənə " <i>You go</i> "
3rd Person	j3n i m soj ono " <i>S/he is going</i> "	al3j3nim s3j 3n3 "They're going"

The affix **so(j)-** stems from the proto word *sontari* which means "now." Its modern form is *sonri*.



Past

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	təm kaj ənə " <i>I went</i> "	alɜtɔm kaj ɔnɔ " <i>We went</i> "
2nd Person	jal i m kaj ono " <i>You went</i> "	al3jal i m kaj ono " <i>You went</i> "
3rd Person	j3nim kaj ono " <i>S/he went</i> "	al3j3nim kaj ono " <i>They went</i> "

The affix **ka(j)-** stems from the word proto word *kantari*, which means "yesterday." its modern form is *kana*.



Future

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	təm ji jənə " <i>I will go</i> "	alɜtɔm jɨj ɔnɔ " <i>We will go</i> "
2nd Person	jal i m ji jono " <i>You will go</i> "	al3jalɨm jɨjɔnɔ " <i>You will go</i> "
3rd Person	j3nim ji jono " <i>S/he will go</i> "	al3j3nim jijono "They will go"

The affix **ji(j)-** comes from the word *jirin* which means "death." This form comes from the fact that the people see death as an inevitable fate for everyone that happens to the very end of their future.





	Singular	Plural
	tom ono r "I want to go"	alɜtɔm ɔnɔ r "We want to go"
Past	tɔm kaj ɔnɔ r " <i>I wanted to go</i> "	al3t3m kaj 3n3 r "We wanted to go"

The suffix **-(ɔ)r** comes from the word **ɔr3**sa which means fruit. People only eat fruit, so it directly correlates to the people's constant desire to get rid of hunger and eat!





	Singular	Plural
	tom ono jan " <i>I must go</i> "	alɜtɔm ɔnɔ jɜn " <i>We must go</i> "
Past	təm kaj ənə jan "I had to go"	al3t3m kaj 3n3 j3n "We needed to go"

The suffix **-j3n** comes from the word fanj**3**n which means throne. Thrones and royalty is seen as a state of humility and under constant obligation to the rest of the land.



Dislike

	Singular	Plural
	tƏm ənə jasa "I don't want to go"	al3t3m
Past	tƏm kaj ənə jasa "I did not want to go"	al3t 3 m kaj 3n3 jasa " <i>We did not want to go</i> "

The suffix **-(j)asa** comes from the word asant which means snake. As snakes are notoriously known in society to wreak havoc, they are constantly connected to negativity and dislike.



Thank you!