

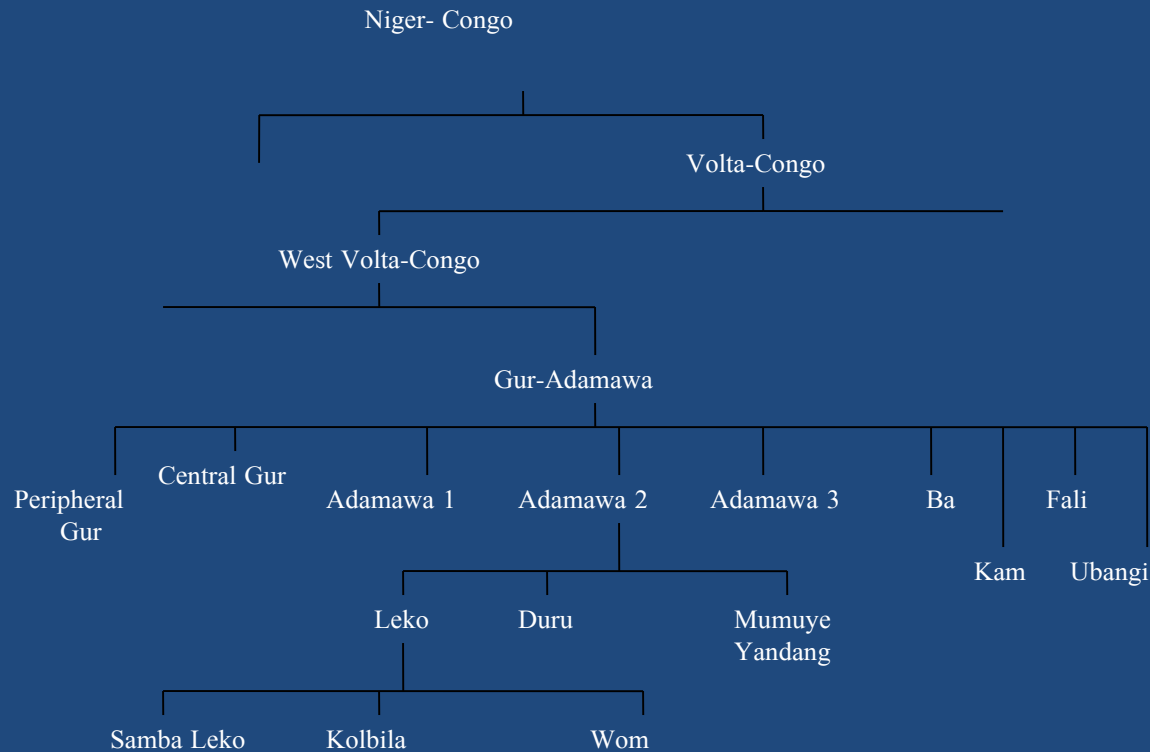
Pronouns in Kolbila

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“Wales (1996: 4) suggests the possibility of regarding pronouns as words that function primarily as useful ‘shorthand’ referring expressions that are alternatives either to ostensibly more explicit or descriptive forms, or to forms as more cumbersome. Wales points out that pronouns generally have a low semantic content, which derives from the fact that their primary function is to avoid repetition. They may occur in their full form as referring expressions or in their truncated form as affixes while being parts of other expressions like adjectives or verbs. (Bath:2004: 3) “

Genealogy



(modified from Williamson & Blench:2000:18)

Tonal pattern

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2s	H-M	H	M	H
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Absolute

(1)

1s	máárū	1p in.	váārō
		1p ex.	māārō
2s	múrū	2p	yáárō
3s	wōrō	3p	vāārō

Object

(2)

1s	- ī ~ -ē	1p in.	- váād
		1p ex.	- māṅ
2s	- ēṅ	2p	- yâg
3s	- ò	3p	- b̀ò

Suffixed Object pronoun

- (2a) wàà pīs-ǝŋ dīg-á
 child give.2s: OBJ bag.FOC
 A child gives you a bag.

Possessive

(3)

1s	- máŋ	1p in.	- váār
		1p ex.	-māŋ
2s	- éŋ	2p	- ég
3s	- èg	3p	- vāg

1s and 2s Possessive

- (3a) yōōb-**máŋ**-bēd pīs-ēd-bō dīg-**éŋ**-á
 children.2s:POSS.PL give.PL.3p:OBJ bag.2s:POSS.FOC
 Your children give them your bag.

2s Possessive

- (3b) yōōr-**éŋ**-bēd pīs-ēd-bō dīg-**éŋ**-á
 children.2s:POSS.PL give.PL.3p:OBJ. bag.2s:POSS.FOC
 Your children give them your bag

Subject

1s	má	1p in.	- bōd
		1p ex.	mā
2s	mú	2p	yé
3s	∅	3p	∅ (- éd)

Suffixed verbal plural morpheme

- (5) Néŋ-yāāb Lām-ód ān-á
 person.children.PL cultivate.PL sth.FOC

The people cultivate.

- (6) Lām-ód ān-á
 cultivate.PL sth.FOC

They cultivate.

- (7) dī-ód ān lām-òó
 AUX.PL sth cultivate.DIR

They are going to cultivate.

1p exclusive

(8)	mā	dì	vēē-rú	gálā-rē	mú	dì	sōn	ín
	1p.ex	go	field.LOC	CON.CONT	2s	AUX	stay	DEM.LOC

We go to the field but you will stay here.

1p inclusive

(9)	dì-bōd	vēē-rú	gálā-rē	mú	dì	sōn	sún
	Go.1p.in	field.LOC	CON.CONT	2s	AUX	stay	DEM.LOC

We go to the field but you won't stay here.

Indefinite

Suffixed

- (10) tō̄ yāā-rē dī nām-gè nāāl-bú
 well Afterwards.CON AUX Grind.IDEF Grindig.stone.LOC

Well, afterwards *you* are grinding on the grinding stone.

Free morpheme

- (11) à èl ɔ̄g gín
 IDEF call DEM EMPH

That's what it's called

Speaker referential

- (12) àrváān bà vīŋ dīī yā-nú
 man say LOG.3s AUX.DIR come.LOC
 A man says he (himself) will come.

Speaker non-referential

- (13) àrváān bà wàṅṅ dīī yā-nú
 man say chief AUX.DIR come.LOC
 A man says the chief will come.

- (14) àrváān bà dīī yā-nú
 man say Ø.3s.AUX.DIR come.LOC
 A man says he (chief) will come.

Speaker referential

- (15) bà vīŋ lām ān-á
 say LOG.3s cultivate.Ø 3s something.FOC
 He says he (himself) is cultivating.

Speaker non-referential

- (16) yēē bàà bà yé lām ān súŋ
 TAM say say 2p cultivate sth NEG
 He said you wouldn't cultivate.

Formal speech 1

Regular

- (17) mú gà-gé ààŋ béd
 2s Take.TOP DEM again

You take it again.

2s Possessive as subject

- (18) éŋ gà-gé ààŋ béd
 2s.POSS Take.TOP DEM again

You take it again.

Formal speech 2

Regular

- (19) mú ù̀r níi dōn wāās zùŋ g̀àb tú
 2s follow one jump wood REL pull EMPH
 You only follow the jumping wood which is pulled.

Formal speech

- (20) yé kú-gé g̀òg wúlú
 2p Eat.TOP meat EMPH
 You eat the meat.



Thank you for your attention!!!