# Chapter 8. Functional Words

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Previous chapters have frequently mentioned Nwehu Nuswei's set of "functional words", which can be used to quickly modify or amplify the meaning of words or MESSAGES. FUNCTIONALS can be used either as independent words or appended to other words as MARKERS. They serve a broad variety of purposes that lend flexibility and expressiveness to the language. This chapter focuses on FUNCTIONALS, listing them all and discussing them in depth.

# 8.1. Forms and Topics

#### 8.1.1. Pronunciation of FUNCTIONALS

In form, Functionals are words whose first vowel is  $\mathfrak{u}$  [a] schwa (0), and as a first vowel, zero can be softened or elided. Most begin with  $\mathfrak{l}$  h which can be lightly aspirated or silent  $[h \sim h \sim h \sim 0]$ . Some begin with  $\mathfrak{l}$  s [s] which is not dropped, though the following schwa may be. When used as a stand-alone word, Functionals follow the normal rules: first syllable unstressed, emphasis on the second syllable. But when appended to other words as MARKERS, the first vowel is not pronounced at all, or only lightly. Examples will help:

- II[ huyei [həˈʒεj] 'similar'
  - o fris Riaf.

Himwo huyei.

[hi¹mwo həˈʒei] ← as a stand-alone word, first syllable pronounced, second syllable full stress

'They (are) similar' (verbal copula is optional)

- FLT& L TIA EPPT-ITEM.
  - Himoi xuhw yixu-huyei.

[ $hi^lmaj \int a^lhu \, gi^l \int age] \leftarrow appended to \, yixu 'dog' as a MARKER, first syllable is dropped, second syllable is lower stress$ 

'It was dog-like.' (verb indicates past-tense)

• IInd huke [həˈkε] 'instrument, tool'

וואן דעוו וואן.

Hite xohu huke.

[hi's  $\epsilon$  xə'hə hə'k $\epsilon$ .]  $\leftarrow$  as a stand-alone word, the first syllable is pronounced, the second syllable receives full stress

'This is really a tool.' (verb indicates certainty)

וראל-וואל דעונ לנתו.

Hite-huke xohu nuwa.

[hi'tɛ,kɛ ʃɔ'hə nə'wa]  $\leftarrow$  appended to Hite 'this' as a MARKER, first syllable dropped, second syllable lower stress

'This-tool is certainly not useful (in this situation).'

# 8.1.2. Topics

These are the topics of GENI whose words serve as functionals. Each is detailed in its own section.

| NN   | Roman | IPA  | Semantics                                | Location       |
|------|-------|------|--|----------------|
| ItI- | huh-  | həh  | Exclamations                             | §8.2.1         |
| ITL- | hux-  | hə∫  | Role and Number with focus               | §8.2.2         |
| Iî]- | hus-  | həs  | Role-state Perspective                   | §8.2.3         |
| ITI- | huf-  | həf  | Relationals (Genitive, Possessive, etc.) | §8.2.4         |
| ITT- | hur-  | həĸ  | Sequencers                               | <b>§8.2.</b> 5 |
| ITL- | huy-  | həʒ  | Manner, comparison                       | §8.2.6         |
| ITJ- | hun-  | hən  | Discourse links                          | §8.2.7         |
| ırı- | hum-  | həm  | Bio-social Status – age, gender          | §8.2.8         |
| ITY- | huk-  | hək  | Word classifiers                         | §8.2.9         |
| ITZ- | huc-  | hətʃ | Qualifiers: attitudinals & size          | §8.2.10        |
| ITJ- | hut-  | hət  | Message types                            | §8.2.11        |
| ııı- | hup-  | həp  | Shape classifiers                        | §8.2.12        |
| IIT- | hug-  | həg  | Creation and Use                         | §8.2.13        |
| ITT- | huj-  | hədz | Social markers                           | §8.2.14        |
| IIJ- | hud-  | həd  | Time                                     | §8.2.15        |
| III- | hub-  | həb  | Role and number without focus            | §8.2.16        |
| Jti- | suh-  | səh  | Cause and effect                         | §8.2.17        |
| \r\- | sun-  | sən  | Inclusion and Selection                  | §8.2.18        |
| JīI- | sum-  | səm  | Thematic Relations                       | §8.2.19        |
| JIY- | suk-  | sək  | Discourse Connectives                    | §8.2.20        |
| JtJ- | suc-  | sətʃ | Ideal and Instance                       | §8.2.21        |
| -K1K | sut-  | sət  | Verbal punctuation                       | §8.2.22        |
| JīJ- | sup-  | səp  | Life and Force                           | §8.2.23        |

# 8.2. Vocabulary

In this section, each of the GENI of FUNCTIONALS will be listed and briefly discussed.

#### 8.2.1. IIII huHu 0: Exclamations

| Roman  | IPA                 | NN   | Semantics                                  |
|--------|---------------------|------|--|
|        |                     |      | Uncertainty, hesitation, getting attention |
| huhu   | hə'hə   əəə         | IIII | (gently)                                   |
| huhi   | hə'hi   i           | IIIL | Yes  |
| huhe   | hə'hε   ε           | III  | Perhaps, maybe                             |
| huhei  | hə'hɛj   hɛj, ɛj    | III  | Interest, getting attention (emphatically) |
| huha   | hə'ha   ha, aaa     | IIIP | Pleasure, mirth                            |
| huhai  | hə'haj   haj, aj    | IXID | Greeting                                   |
| huho   | hə'hə   hə, əəə     | III  | Surprise                                   |
| huhoi  | hə'həj   həj, əj    | III  | Pleasant surprise                          |
| huhw   | hə'hu   hu, u       | PIII | No   |
| huhwi  | hə'hwi   hwj, wj    | III  | Questioning (general)                      |
| huhwe  | hə'hwε   hwε, wε    | RITI | Negative questioning (really?)             |
| huhwei | hə'hwej   hwej, wej | RITI | Annoyed questioning                        |
| huhwa  | hə'hwa   hwa, waa   | PITI | Disappointment, resignation (*sigh*)       |
| huhwai | hə'hwaj   hwaj, waj | IIIG | Fear, pain                                 |
| huhwo  | hə'hwə   hwə, wəə   | RITI | Dismay, alarm                              |
| huhwoi | hə'hwəj   wəj       | RITI | Anger                                      |

Exclamations, and several other GENI, are included as FUNCTIONALS to provide quick, informal ways for expressing conversational utterances which are frequent in many situations.

In exclamations, only the 2nd vowel is normally pronounced. The initial 101 Huh- may be pronounced for clarity or emphasis.

Exclamations are also discussed in the chapter on Discourse, §9.2.2.

'Yes' and 'No' can also be expressed with degrees of certainty using SPECIES Nub-, §10.6.

# 8.2.2. IIL ↑ huXu 1: Role and Number with Focus

Clarify the grammatical ROLE and NUMBER (SINGLULAR, PLURAL, COLLECTIVE) and indicate focus; optional. Species 1272 hubu is identical while **not** indicating focus §8.2.16.

| Roman  | IPA                           | NN       | Semantics                           |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| huxu   | hə'ʃə   <sup>fiə</sup> ʃə     | IILI     | Focus                               |
| huxi   | hə'ʃi   <sup>fiə</sup> ʃi     | ITLL     | singular with focus                 |
| huxe   | hə'ʃε   <sup>fiə</sup> ʃε     | ı₃ΓЧ     | OBJECT of an action with FOCUS      |
| huxei  | hə'ʃεj   <sup>ĥə</sup> ∫εj    | IΣΓΥ     | SINGULAR OBJECT with FOCUS          |
| huxa   | hə'∫a   <sup>fiə</sup> ∫a     | ΙΣĹЪ     | BENEFACTIVE / POSSESSIVE with FOCUS |
| huxai  | hə'∫aj   <sup>fiə</sup> ∫aj   | ITLD     | SINGULAR BENEFACTIVE with FOCUS     |
| huxo   | hə'ʃə   <sup>fiə</sup> ʃə     | 11. T.Y. | ACTOR with FOCUS                    |
| huxoi  | hə'ʃəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ʃəj   | IILA     | SINGULAR ACTOR with FOCUS           |
| huxw   | hə'ʃu   <sup>fiə</sup> ʃu     | IILА     | plural with focus                   |
| huxwi  | hə'∫wi   <sup>fiə</sup> ∫wi   | IILA     | collective with focus               |
| huxwe  | həˈʃwε   <sup>fiə</sup> ʃwε   | KJ≇I     | PLURAL OBJECT with FOCUS            |
| huxwei | hə'ʃwεj   <sup>fiə</sup> ʃwεj | IIL/A    | COLLECTIVE OBJECT with FOCUS        |
| huxwa  | hə'∫wa   <sup>fiə</sup> ∫wa   | IΣLΦ     | PLURAL BENEFACTIVE with FOCUS       |
| huxwai | hə'∫waj   <sup>fiə</sup> ∫waj | IΣLΥ     | COLLECTIVE BENEFACTIVE with FOCUS   |
| huxwo  | hə'ʃwอ   <sup>คือ</sup> ʃwอ   | IILX     | PLURAL ACTOR with FOCUS             |
| huxwoi | həˈʃwɔj   ʰəʃwɔj              | 11FX     | COLLECTIVE ACTOR with FOCUS         |

ROLE and NUMBER FUNCTIONALS provide semantic-structural information about things refered to in messages. The FUNCTIONAL as a word can be used to clarify ROLES if questions arise, or in discussions of grammar. As MARKERS these provide a simple set of "inflections" that can be attached to words that function as nouns.

If a speaker wishes to provide more detail, other DEICTICS can be used with a substantive instead of the single-syllable MARKER from this species. These alternatives are discussed in §7.2.

#### 8.2.2.1. Final Vowel Meanings

: unspecified, general u

: OBJECT of action (direct object, accusative case) e

: Benefactive (relationship with another entity in the discourse: recipient of, possessor of, or similar

relationship)

: ACTOR (instigator of action, ergative case) 0

i : Singular : Plural

: COLLECTIVE or Group = indicating several entities participating as a unit

#### 8.2.2.2. Semantics

huxu : grammatical ROLE: for use in language discussion; as a single syllable, may be most useful as a hesitation

huxe : OBJECT: recipient of the effect of an action VERB

huxa: BENEFACTIVE: possessor; participant in certain processes that require more than an ACTOR and an OBJECT

huxo : ACTOR: instigator of action of a verband the focus of the sentence

#### 8.2.2.3. Discussion

There are several similar and overlapping meanings in GENI to Hux-"Role and Number" and to J-Hus-"Role-State Perspective", §8.2.3 next. 取 - Hux- is concerned more with the role of words in a MESSAGE, while ₹£ ]- Hus- deals with attributes of the words themselves. Also, ₹£ ]- Hus- does not distinguish number (singular, plural, or collective). If a speaker wishes to express asxpects of both, the tr - tr placed after a #1 J- Hus- FUNCTIONAL.

Huxo and II de huso have overlapping meanings. Both carry the sense of instigating action; II de huso also carries the sense of the attached word being a PARTICLE, as opposed to a WAVE or FIELD, and as such can be useful in nominalizing words whose primary semantics imply being WAVES or FIELDS. It describes the Huxo does not specifically carry the sense of a Particle, though initiators of actions are often understood to be Particles.

In contexts where the speaker does not feel a need to indicate PRONOUN DISTANCE (first-, seecond-, or third person) or ANIMACY, a  $t_{\text{El}}$  - Hux- functional can be used alone, instead of the PERSONAL PRONOUN.

# 8.2.3. It is huSu 2: Role-state Perspective

Clarifies how the HEADWORD (the word to which it is attached) interacts with other words in the sentence; optional.

| Roman | IPA                          | NN               | Grammatical Term   | Function of the MARKER-form   |
|-------|------------------------------|------------------|--|---|
| husu  | hə'sə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,sə   | 11,71            | ROLE or state of language element  | Meaningless as a MARKER; may be used alone as a hesitation sound  |
| husi  | hə'si   <sup>fi</sup> 'si    | It Il            | Active; Exerting effect on another entity in the sentence  | For emphasis or for use when word-order or context does not make clear that the HEADWORD is active  |
| huse  | hə'sε   <sup>fiə</sup> ,sε   | PY <sub>31</sub> | Verbal (action) – WAVE   | The HEADWORD is an action – it is to be understood as having an active verbal role in the sentence. Particularly useful for words with strong entity-attributes  \[ \Ta\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T\T   |
| husei | hə'sεj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,sεj | Iτ ΊΫ            | Active transitive verb; Indicating action transmitting effect from one entity in the sentence to another | Indicating the HEADWORD is an action; can be attached to words whose primary attributes are as entities $\Upsilon_{d}$ $\Upsilon_{1}$ - $\Pi_{d}$ $Jegu-husei$ 'handing (something to someone)'   |
| husa  | hə'sa   <sup>fiə</sup> ısa   | ΙτΊμ             | Adjectival – FIELD   | Attribute of an entity, state or action. As a MARKER, clarifies that the HEADWORD describes the entity, action or state with which it is associated.  TdTI-IIJP Jegu-husa 'handy'   |
| husai | hə'saj   <sup>fiə</sup> ısaj | ITAD             | Active adjectival  | The HEADWORD is an adjective with the sense of imposing the quality it represents on the HEADWORD  Tatile Jegu-husai 'making (something) handy'   |
| huso  | hə'sə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,sə   | 1£ J.A.          | Substantive – PARTICLE; noun, entity   | The basic (Aristotelian) category "Substance" (οὐσία, ousia) essence or substance. Clarifies that the HEADWORD functions in this message as an entity (noun)    Jall-IIJAP sesi-huso 'a proceeding, to proceed' (Jall Sesi 'move forward, proceed') |

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN                | Grammatical Term               | Function of the MARKER-form   |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| husoi  | hə'səj   <sup>fiə</sup> ısəj   | 11 J.R            | Active agent, ergative         | Clarifies that the HEADWORD is an entity and causes the action in the sentence to happen Jall-II Ja Sesi-husoi 'Proceeding, moving forward' (as in "moving forward caused the accident")  |
| husw   | hə'su   <sup>fiə</sup> ısu     | ΙΣΊΑ              | Passive                        | The HEADWORD is receiving the action in the sentence  |
| huswi  | hə'swi   <sup>fiə</sup> ıswi   | PLII              | Middle                         | The HEADWORD is affecting, or acting upon, itself   |
| huswe  | hə'swε   <sup>fiə</sup> ιswε   | KK™               | Passive verbal – WAVE          | HEADWORD represents an action received by the (focus of the) sentence.  Tate-iegg-huswe 'handed' (as in, "It is being handed to you")   |
| huswei | hə'swεj   <sup>fia</sup> ıswεj | Iî]¥              | Middle verbal                  | HEADWORD represents an action directed back upon the actor サレエイ コーエコス Himo teyw-huswei 'He/she lied to self' (スピィ Teyw 'Falsehood, lie')  |
| huswa  | hə'swa   <sup>fiə</sup> ıswa   | IŢĴĄ              | Passive adjectival – FIELD     | HEADWORD is an attrribute received from an associated entity  † J   |
| huswai | hə'swaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ıswaj | 11,78             | Middle adjectival              | HEADWORD is an attribute self-imposed by the associated entity  \$\frac{1}{1} \gamma \frac{1}{1} \gamma \frac{1} \gamma \frac{1} |
| huswo  | hə'swə   <sup>fiə</sup> ıswə   | R <sup>T</sup> II | Passive substantive – PARTICLE | HEADWORD is an entity which receives action from the verb of the sentence; the entity is the "object" of the sentence   |
| huswoi | hə'swəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ıswəj | RLII              | Middle substantive             | HEADWORD is an entity which is acting upon itself.  |

8.2.3.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, generale : WAVE - Action - Verb

a : FIELD – State – Adjective

o : Particle - Entity - Noun (see Discussion below)

i : Active w : Passive w-i : Middle

#### 8.2.3.2. Semantics

WAVE, FIELD, PARTICLE: described further in the Overview chapter, §1.3.1.

- Active: The HEADWORD is usually an entity engaged in activity, often directed at a more passive entity in the sentence;
- Passive: The HEADWORD usually refers to an entity or concept that receives an action;
- Middle: The referent of the HEADWORD engages in activity directed primarily at itself.

#### 8.2.3.3. Discussion

This species is intended for two purposes:

- To facilitate discussion of grammar, in which case they are treated as stand-alone words rather than markers;
- and to clarify sentences where meanings may be ambiguous for example, when oratory, poetry, or stylistic considerations have altered the default SVO ("Subject Verb Object") word order.

 $\mathfrak{tr}_{L,\Gamma}$  huxo (§8.2.2) and  $\mathfrak{rr}_{J,\Gamma}$  huso have some overlapping meanings. Both carry the sense of instigating action;  $\mathfrak{rr}_{J,\Gamma}$  huso also carries the sense of the HEADWORD being a PARTICLE, as opposed to a WAVE or FIELD, and as such can be useful in nominalizing words whose primary semantics imply being waves or fields – for example, the English verb 'build' can be used as a noun, as in "Software build 3.5.7"; in NN,  $\mathfrak{rr}_{J,\Gamma}$  -huso can be added to clarify this. To identify a "doer" – a person who performs the action of a verb like "builder" – the marker  $\mathfrak{rr}_{L,\Gamma}$  -humu can be added. (Expanded from discussion in  $\mathfrak{rr}_{L,\Gamma}$  huxo above.)

 $f_{IJ}$ - *Hus*- is paired with SPECIES  $I_{II}$ - *hub*- to provide FOCUSED and FOCUS-free FUNCTIONALS. The ending vowels carry the same meanings in these two linked SPECIES.

### 8.2.4. It J thuFu 3: Relationals (Genetive, Possessive, etc.)

Expresses a relationship between the <code>HEADWORD</code> "X" to which the <code>MARKER</code> is appended and the following entity or concept. NN has no possessive pronoun forms; these <code>MARKERS</code> can be attached to pronouns or other entities to convey that meaning.

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN                   | Semantics  |
|--------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| hufu   | hə'fə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fə     | IIŢI                 | General relation to X (Note 1)                                   |
| hufi   | hə'fi   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌfi     | πŢΓ                  | Genitive: X's, i.e. produced by X, born of X                     |
| hufe   | hə'fε   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fε     | ITTY                 | Close (inalienable) possession: X's hand                         |
| hufei  | hə'fɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌfɛj   | IΣŢΥ                 | Inalienable offspring: X's child                                 |
| hufa   | hə'fa   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fa     | IΣŢΓ                 | Mid (permanent) possession: X's toothbrush                       |
| hufai  | hə'faj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,faj   | ITTB                 | Permanent product: X's term paper                                |
| hufo   | hə'fə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fə     | ITTY                 | Far (temporary) possession: X's library book                     |
| hufoi  | hə'fəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fəj   | TILL                 | Assisting in making: X's crop of vegetables.                     |
| hufw   | hə'fu   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fu     | ΙΣĮ́Ч                | General relation of subordination to or membership in X (Note 2) |
| hufwi  | hə'fwi   <sup>hə</sup> ˌfwi    | ΙΣŢΨ                 | General relation of originating from X                           |
| hufwe  | hə'fwε   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fwε   | KYıı                 | An organic part: X's tribe or family                             |
| hufwei | həˈfwεj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌfwεj | $RI^{\mathfrak{II}}$ | Organic origin: X's father or mother                             |
| hufwa  | hə'fwa   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fwa   | IŢŢΦ                 | Permanent membership: X's old college                            |
| hufwai | hə'fwaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fwaj | PLITE                | Produced by: X book's author                                     |
| hufwo  | hə'fwə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fwə   | KT <sub>II</sub>     | Temporary membership: X's biology class                          |
| hufwoi | hə'fwəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,fwəj | RTII                 | Assistant producer: X vegetable's grower.                        |

#### 8.2.4.1. Notes and Discussion

**Note 1:** When attached to X: Taking X as the HEADWORD; as a free-standing word: the relationship between any two entities or concepts: the basic (Aristotelian) category of relatedness between entities ( $\pi \rho \delta \zeta \tau \iota$ , pros ti, toward something)

**Note 2:** Used when X is the thing possessed rather than the possessor

#### 8.2.4.2. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, general – used when the nature of the relationship is unclear or unimportant

e : close, inalienable – relationship cannot be severed

a : mid, permanent – relationship is intended to last the life of the possessed entity

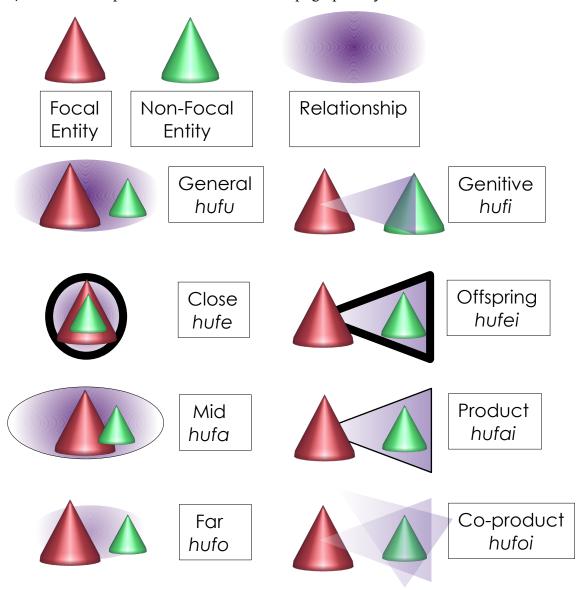
o : far, temporary – relationship is intended to last only for a while

i : Genitive, originating – born or made by the possessor

w : Partitive – X is a part or member of the other entity: X's country, X's group

w-i : Complementary-genitive – X originated with the assistence of the following entity

 $\mathfrak{D}_{\rho}$  8.1 is an attempt to illustrate the relationships graphically.



 $D_{\rho}$  8.1: Relations represented by IIf 1 hufu words

# 8.2.5. IITI huRu 4. Sequencers

Indicate the order in which entities or actions are organized.

| Roman  | IPA                          | NN   | Semantics   |
|--------|------------------------------|------|---|
| huru   | hэ, кэ   <sub>цэ</sub> 'кэ   | IITI | Ordered sequence; marks ordinal number            |
| huri   | hə,ri   <sub>ų</sub> ,ri     | IITL | ahead, before                                     |
| hure   | ի9,Rε   <sub>ը9</sub> 'Rε    | IILY | close (in space or time)                          |
| hurei  | hə'rei   <sub>uə</sub> 'rei  | IILY | next  |
| hura   | hэ,ra   <sub>цэ</sub> 'ra    | IITP | Moderate distance                                 |
| hurai  | hə'ʁaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌʁaj | IILB | somewhat ahead                                    |
| huro   | h∍'หว   <sub>ยฺ∍</sub> 'หว   | IITA | distant   |
| huroi  | hə,rɔj   <sub>və</sub> 'rɔj  | IILB | farthest ahead, first                             |
| hurw   | hə'ĸu   <sup>คอ</sup> เหน    | IIF4 | behind, after                                     |
| hurwi  | hə'rwi   <sub>hə</sub> 'rwi  | ITTY | neighboring                                       |
| hurwe  | hə, rmɛ   <sub>yə</sub> rmɛ  | IILÄ | previous  |
| hurwei | hə'rwej   hə'rwej            | IILA | same position, two in same position, simultaneous |
| hurwa  | hə'ʁwa   ʰəˌʁwa              | ITLA | somewhat behind, soon after                       |
| hurwai | hə'ʁwaj   fiə ˌʁwaj          | ITLA | multiples in same position, multiple simultaneity |
| hurwo  | hə'rmə   swa                 | IILA | last  |
| hurwoi | hə'rməj   <sub>lə</sub> rməj | IILX | all in same position, no sequence, unordered      |

### 8.2.5.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : Unmodified direction

e : near

a : mid-distance

o : far

i : ahead, before w : behind, after w-i : neighboring

#### 8.2.5.2. Discussion

As Markers: Here huru is attached to the cardinal numbers to make them ordinals:

Tihwe-huru [ti'hwε,μə] ત્રાહ્ય-૧૦૦૧ 'tenth'

Any in this species can be attached to entities in a queue or series, such as power poles, people standing in a line or queue, slides in a presentation, stations on a rail line, exits on a highway... Possibly most useful are IIF Ab huroi 'first', IIF Ab huroi 'next', IIF Ab hurwei 'previous', IIF Ab hurwo 'last'.

As stand-alone words: By themselves, these can be used as a sort of pronoun, depending on context for clarification:

from a clerk in a busy office, short for <code>frf-ir-dl!</code> Humu-hurei! [həˈməˌɹej] 'next person!'

Although distance-related terms such as 'close' and 'behind' are used to explain the meanings, these words are not intended to convey physical proximity – only position in order, regardless of actual distance between entities. For physical relations, words in the J--- S--- FAMILY are used.

# 8.2.6. IITT huYu 5: Manner, Comparison

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN    | Semantics                       |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| huyu   | hə'zə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,zə     | IILI  | Manner, style – general marker  |
| huyi   | hə'ʒi   <sup>hə</sup> ˌʒi      | IILL  | Same as                         |
| huye   | hə'ʒε   <sup>ñə</sup> ˌʒε      | ıı⊑Y  | Great                           |
| huyei  | hə'ʒεj   <sup>ñə</sup> ˌʒεj    | ıτΓΥ  | Like, similar to                |
| huya   | hə'ʒa   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌʒa     | IΣΓΓ  | Greater                         |
| huyai  | hə'ʒaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌʒaj   | IIEB  | Nearly (closer similarity)      |
| huyo   | hə'zə   <sup>hə</sup> ˌzə      | IITY. | Greatest                        |
| huyoi  | hə'ʒəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌʒəj   | IILA  | Almost (closest similarity)     |
| huyw   | hə'ʒu   <sup>ถือ</sup> เฺʒu    | ттГл  | Unlike                          |
| huywi  | hə'ʒwi   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌʒwi   | IILA  | Different                       |
| huywe  | hə'zwɛ   <sup>fiə</sup> ,zwɛ   | ΙΣ[Ά  | Least                           |
| huywei | hə'ʒwɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌʒwɛj | RIII  | Hardly (greatest dissimilarity) |
| huywa  | hə'ʒwa   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌʒwa   | IτΓα  | Lesser                          |
| huywai | hə'ʒwaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌʒwaj | ıτΓ&  | Hardly (less similar)           |
| huywo  | hə'ʒwə   <sup>ถือ</sup> ,ʒwอ   | RIT   | Less                            |
| huywoi | hə'ʒwəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌʒwəj | RIII  | Hardly                          |

#### 8.2.6.1. Final Vowel Meanings

unspecified, general

some e moderate а most 0 similarity i

comparative-negative W

w-i dissimilarity

#### 8.2.6.2. Discussion

As MARKERS: These can be used as straight comparitors -

- TLTI-IITL yidu-huyi 'rabbit-like'
- որ հերաբան kimwe-huyoi 'almost-gold (metaphorically, high-valued)'
- or the opposite <code>\L[H-IIEB</code> kimwe-huywoi 'hardly-gold (metaphorically, low-value)' <code>\[II\_d-IIEB</code> nufe-huyo 'greatest possibility, most likely'
- אָן ע-וּזרָץ sefw-huywe 'leftward-least (move just a little to the left)'
- רבוב nuyi-huyu 'simple-manner, simply'

#### As stand-alone words:

 $\mathfrak{tr}_{\Gamma}$  huyu by itself invites consideration of the nature or manner of something  $\mathfrak{r}_{\Gamma}$   $\mathfrak{tr}_{\Gamma}$  yiru huyu 'the nature of sheep, sheepishness'.

The series *huye* – *huya* – *huyo* 'great – greater – greatest' can be used to express quantity or degree of enthusiasm, as the opposite can be expressed with *huywe* – *huywa* – *huywo* 'least – lesser – less'.

It is difficult to express in English the distinction between  $II_{\square} + huyw$  and  $II_{\square} + huyw$ ;  $II_{\square} + huyw$  focuses on the polarity – the opposition – of the compared things (as in "black and white" differences), while  $II_{\square} + huyw$  focuses on the lack of similarity, the inability to compare two items (as in "apples to oranges").

# 8.2.7. It ∫t huNu 6: Discourse Links

| Roman  | IPA                                    | NN           | Semantics                | Usage  |
|--------|--|--------------|--------------------------|--|
| hunu   | hə'nə   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌnə             | IIŢI         | discourse                | Can be used at the opening of a DISCOURSE  |
| huni   | hə'ni   <sup>fiə</sup> <sub>ı</sub> ni | ΙΣζΓ         | reason                   | Refers to the mental process by which a MESSAGE is formed  |
| hune   | hə'nε   <sup>fiə</sup> ,nε             | Pľīī         | message<br>(received)    | general term for transmission of IDEAS, usually by language. 'Message received' acknowledges receipt, 'I hear you' |
| hunei  | hə'nɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌnɛj           | πŢ           | understand               | As response to a MESSAGE, 'Message successfully decoded', 'I understand'   |
| huna   | hə'na   <sup>fiə</sup> ,na             | ונןף         | time (when)              | Refers and links to the general temporal context of a MESSAGE  |
| hunai  | hə'naj   <sup>fiə</sup> ınaj           | īτ\Β         | period of<br>time (when) | Refers and links to the specific time mentioned in a MESSAGE   |
| huno   | hə'nə   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌnə             | $111$ $\chi$ | place                    | Refers and links to the general location of a MESSAGE  |
| hunoi  | hə'nəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌnəj           | TILA         | location                 | Refers and links to the specific location of a MESSAGE   |
| hunw   | hə'nu   <sup>fiə</sup> ,nu             | ΙΣζϤ         | question                 | A MESSAGE that seeks a response; can be attached as a MARKER to point out the specific item in question            |
| hunwi  | hə'nwi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,nwi           | ΙΣζΨ         | explanation              | Response to a request for information about the reasoning behind a STATEMENT 'Because'                             |
| hunwe  | hə'nwε   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌnwε           | Kľīī         | repeat                   | Request to repeat a MESSAGE. 'What?'   |
| hunwei | hə'nwɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ınwɛj         | KL11         | explain                  | Request for information about the reasoning behind a STATEMENT 'Why?'  |
| hunwa  | hə'nwa   <sup>fiə</sup> ,nwa           | īΣζω         | when?                    | Request for the temporal context of a MESSAGE  |
|        | hə'nwaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ınwaj         | PLIT         | specify time             | Request for the specific time of a MESSAGE   |
|        | hə'nwə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,nwə           | RLII         | where?                   | Request for the physical context of a MESSAGE  |
| hunwoi | hə'nwəj   <sup>fiə</sup> nwəj          | RLII         | specify place            | Request for the specific location of a MESSAGE   |

### 8.2.7.1. Discussion

This species is designed for linking and managing aspects of discourse (that is, the set of messages that makes up a unified session between a SENDER and RECIPIENTS). Chapter 9 "Discourse" discusses this topic in more detail.

Species  $1 \circ J$ - Hun- provides connections between the ideas represented in a discourse. Another set of linkingwords is provided in Species  $J \circ J$ - Suk-, (§8.2.20) whose primary purpose is to connect words and phrases within a sentence.

As functionals attached to a headword, these can focus on a specific concept in a message. For example, in the message, "The shirt will be blue linen," a recipient might wonder why the shirt was blue, or why it was linen. In English, the recipient could ask, "Why blue?"; in NN, they could ask, " $I_{\text{bld}}$ -III  $I_{\text{c}}$ ." "Nifo-hunwei?" (nifo 'blue').

### 8.2.8. II JI huMu 7: Bio-social Status – age, gender

| Roman  | IPA   | NN   | Semantics                           |
|--------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| humu   | hə'mə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,mə                    | IIII                                       | Person                              |
| humi   | hə'mi   <sup>hə</sup> ˌmi                     | IIIL                                       | Young person                        |
| hume   | hə'mε   <sup>hə</sup> ˌmε                     | ıΣ【Υ                                       | Female person                       |
| humei  | hə'mɛj   <sup>hə</sup> ˌmɛj                   | πŢΥ  | Female youth                        |
| huma   | hə'ma   <sup>fiə</sup> ıma                    | ΙΙŢΡ                                       | flex-genderd person (see note)      |
| humai  | hə'maj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,maj                  | IITD                                       | flex-gendered youth                 |
| humo   | hə'mə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,mə                    | $\mathbb{L}^{\mathfrak{I}_{\mathfrak{I}}}$ | Male person                         |
| humoi  | hə'məj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,məj                  | TILA                                       | Male youth                          |
| humw   | hə'mu   <sup>fiə</sup> ,mu                    | IΣŢϤ                                       | Elder person                        |
| humwi  | hə'mwi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,mwi                  | PIII                                       | Adult person, neither old nor young |
| humwe  | hə'mwε   <sup>fiə</sup> ,mwε                  | KIII                                       | Elder female person                 |
| humwei | hə'mwɛj   <sup>fiə</sup><br><sub>ı</sub> mwɛj | KIII                                       | Adult female person                 |
| humwa  | hə'mwa   <sup>fiə</sup> ,mwa                  | IΣŢΦ                                       | flex-gendered elder person          |
| humwai | hə'mwaj   <sup>fiə</sup><br><sub>ı</sub> mwaj | PLTE                                       | flex-gendered adult person          |
| humwo  | hə'mwə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,mwə                  | RII  | Elder male person                   |
| humwoi | hə'mwəj   <sup>fiə</sup><br><sub>ı</sub> mwəj | RLT  | Adult male person                   |

# 8.2.8.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, general, 'person'

e : female

a : flex-gender (See Note below)

o : male
i : Young
w : Old
w-i : Adult

#### 8.2.8.2. Note

The final vowel -p -a 'flex gender' refers to situations where the simple dichotomy "male vs. female" is not appropriate. This can be used for those whose gender or preferred gender-identity is different from their

birth-gender, including neutered males (eunuchs), LGBTQ+ people and persons medically or surgically gender-changed. The term "flex-gender" is used without prejudice here as a portmanteau gloss.  $rac{1}{2} rac{1}{2} r$ 

#### 8.2.8.3. Discussion

The term "bio-social" here means those characteristics of biology that influence social roles and positions in many cultures. Many languages require an indication of gender and/or age when speaking to or about a member of that culture. NN therefore provides this species, together with <code>frt-Huj-</code> 'Social Markers', to enable culturally acceptable communications in cultures where these are required.

This species refers to "people" - that is, to animate beings with the capability of "intelligent" interaction. All humans are "people", and other creatures may be referred to with these words as the speaker wishes. To differentiate, animal status is referred to using  $\Box x_1 - Yuh$ - with the final vowel carrying age and gender identical to those of  $x_1 x_2 + yuh$ .

The final vowels -1, -4,

#### 8.2.9. ITI huKu 8: Word Classifiers

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN   | Semantics                               |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|---|
| huku   | hə'kə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,kə     | ILAI | thing                                   |
| huki   | hə'ki   <sup>fiə</sup> ,ki     | ITYL | place (general)                         |
| huke   | hə'kε   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌkε     | IIJY | instrument, -tool                       |
| hukei  | hə'kɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌkɛj   | HLII | Small place (spot)                      |
| huka   | hə'ka   <sup>fiə</sup> ,ka     | חרנו | machine                                 |
| hukai  | hə'kaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,kaj   | IIAB | Medium place (building, etc.)           |
| huko   | hə'kə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,kə     | PLII | system                                  |
| hukoi  | hə'kəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,kəj   | BLII | Large place (area)                      |
| hukw   | hə'ku   <sup>fiə</sup> ,ku     | PLII | covering, wrapping, clothing            |
| hukwi  | hə'kwi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,kwi   | PLII | Time                                    |
| hukwe  | hə'kwε   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌkwε   | KLII | thin, inner cover (membrane, underwear) |
| hukwei | hə'kwɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,kwɛj | BLII | Short time, moment                      |
| hukwa  | hə'kwa   <sup>fiə</sup> ,kwa   | PYTI | Medium cover (jacket, rind)             |
| hukwai | hə'kwaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,kwaj | PrII | moderate time, a while                  |
| hukwo  | hə'kwə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,kwə   | RLII | thick protective cover (shell)          |
| hukwoi | hə'kwəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,kwəj | RLII | Long time, age, era                     |

#### 8.2.9.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, general

e : small
a : moderate
o : large, system
i : Place, location
w : Covering, clothing

w-i : Time

#### 8.2.9.2. Discussion

This class of MARKER is appended to words to indicate the type of object (or concept) it represents. Many languages use word-classifiers to clarify or amplify word meanings. Their use is not required in NN, but this species is made available for those who find it helpful. In certain contexts, they can be used as stand-alone functionals in place of deictics.

Words may also be classified according to shape, using species 121 - hup- 'Shape Classifiers', §8.2.12.

There are four independent concepts combined, providing sixteen words by different combinations of final vowels. As usual in NN, the sizes are relative to the context of the conversation. They are shown here with a few examples of their use.

#### 8.2.9.3. Examples

Things: in general, instruments, machines, systems:

| • | -IIMI   | -huku | (any thing)           | as in 'flying-thing, flyer',           |
|---|---------|-------|-----------------------|--|
| • | PLII-   | -huke | (small thing)         | as in 'twisting-tool, screwdriver',    |
| • | -IIYP   | -huka | (moderate thing)      | as in 'hole-machine, drill'            |
| • | -II7AJ  | -huko | (Large thing, system) | as in 'movement-system, transportation |
|   | system' |       |                       |  |

#### Places and areas: -∟ -i

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• -וּבּאַר -huki (any place) as in 'play-place'
• -וּבּאַר -hukei (small place) as in 'clothes-place, closet'
• -וּבּאַר -hukai (medium size place, building) as in 'work-shop'
• -וּבּאַר -hukoi (city, country, or large area) as in 'disaster-zone'
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### Covering, wrapping, clothing: -4 - w

| • | PKII-   | -hukw  | (any covering)                   | as in 'a covered bin'              |  |
|---|---------|--------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| • | -IIJ44  | -hukwe | (small covering)                 | as in 'foot-inner-cover, sock'     |  |
| • | -IPYTI- | -hukwa | (moderate size cover)            | as in 'shoe'                       |  |
| • | -ILAAT  | -hukwo | (large, thick, or outer covering | ng) as in 'boot', 'tortoise shell' |  |

#### **Time:** -ч-∟ -w-i

| • | -IIAAP   | -hukwi  | (any time period)      | as in 'play-time, recess' |
|---|----------|---------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| • | -II744L  | -hukwei | (short period)         | as in 'rest-moment, nap'  |
| • | JUPLII-  | -hukwai | (medium length period) | as in 'dinner hour'       |
| • | -IITAAYL | -hukwoi | (long period)          | as in 'ice-age'           |

# 8.2.10. III ThuCu 9: Qualifiers: Attitudinals and Size

| Roman  | IPA                              | NN   | Semantics  |
|--------|----------------------------------|------|--|
| hucu   | hə'tfə   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌtfə     | IILI | Evaluative, e.g. yinu-hucu 'porcine'                   |
| huci   | hə'tfi   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌtfi     | IIJL | Good   |
| huce   | hə'tʃε   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌtʃε     | IITY | Small (diminutive)                                     |
| hucei  | hə'tfɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌtfɛj   | πŢΫ  | Small & good (endearment)                              |
| huca   | hə'tʃa   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌtʃa     | IΙŢΓ | Moderate size  |
| hucai  | hə'tʃaj   <sup>hə</sup> ˌtʃaj    | IIJB | Moderate size and good                                 |
| huco   | hə'tfə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,tfə     | Iĩζζ | Large  |
| hucoi  | hə'tfəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌtfəj   | TTLL | Large and good   |
| hucw   | hə'tfu   <sup>fiə</sup> ,tfu     | ьТл  | Bad  |
| hucwi  | hə'tfwi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,tfwi   | ΙΣΊϤ | Moderate quality, so-so                                |
| hucwe  | hə'ʧwε   <sup>hə</sup> ˌʧwε      | KLII | Small and unpleasant (e.g. a bug)                      |
| hucwei | hə'tʃwɛj   <sup>hə</sup> ˌtʃwɛj  | RLII | Small and indifferent quality                          |
| hucwa  | hə'tʃwa   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌtʃwa   | ıτζα | Moderate size and bad                                  |
| hucwai | hə'tʃwaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌtʃwaj | PLII | Indifferent size and quality                           |
| hucwo  | hə'tfwə   <sup>fiə</sup> itfwə   | R711 | Large and bad (as in "Who's afraid of the wolf-hucwo") |
| hucwoi | hə'tfwəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌtfwəj | RLII | Large and moderate quality                             |

# 8.2.10.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, general

e : Small
a : Mid
o : Large
i : Goodness
w : Badness

w-i : Moderate quality

#### 8.2.10.2. Discussion

This species is intended to make it quick and easy for people to express their attitude toward whatever they're talking about. Many languages have postfixes or other methods of expressing this, such as the postfixes in Spanish -ito, -ita 'small, dear'; Japanese -chan 'small, dear'; Spanish -ote, -ón 'big, clumsy'.

Like similar functionals, these can be used in place of pronouns or deictics in certain contexts. They are a more informal way of expressing attitude and evaluation than the words discussed in \$10.1, and  $\exists \iota_{\mathcal{I}}$ - Tum-'Size Ranges', \$12.3.

# 8.2.11. It thutu 10: Message Types

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN    | Semantics                  |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| hutu   | hə'tə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,tə     | ıt\z  | Statement                  |
| huti   | hə'ti   <sup>fiə</sup> ,ti     | TEIL  | Polite statement           |
| hute   | hə'tε   <sup>fiə</sup> ,tε     | PK11  | Question                   |
| hutei  | hə'tɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,tɛj   | TLIT  | Polite question            |
| huta   | hə'ta   <sup>fiə</sup> ,ta     | ıtdı  | Request, suggestion        |
| hutai  | hə'taj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,taj   | IIAD  | Polite request, suggestion |
| huto   | hə'tə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,tə     | 1174, | Command                    |
| hutoi  | hə'təj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,təj   | TTAR  | Polite command             |
| hutw   | hə'tu   <sup>fiə</sup> ,tu     | ьĶīī  | Negative                   |
| hutwi  | hə'twi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,twi   | ŊĽΊΙ  | Polite negative            |
| hutwe  | hə'twε   <sup>fiə</sup> ,twε   | KKII  | Negative question          |
| hutwei | hə'twɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌtwɛj | KII   | Polite negative question   |
| hutwa  | hə'twa   <sup>fiə</sup> ,twa   | ıτλa  | Negative request           |
| hutwai | hə'twaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,twaj | 117A  | Polite negative request    |
| hutwo  | hə'twə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,twə   | 117X  | Negative command           |
| hutwoi | hə'twəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,twəj | RK11  | Polite negative command    |

# 8.2.11.1. Meaning of Final Vowels

u : Statement, general

e : Question
a : Request
o : Command
i : Polite
w : Negative
w-i : Polite negative

#### 8.2.11.2. Discussion

These words are available to express the purpose of a message.

The primary use is to attach one as a MARKER to the verb, but in messages without specific verbs they can be used as stand-alone words to clarify the speaker's intent or express respect.

These are further discussed in §4.7, §4.8, and §6.4.

# 8.2.12. III] I huPu 11: Shape Classifiers

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN                            | Semantics  |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| hupu   | hə'pə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,pə     | ιτζτ                          | -Shaped (like the headword) as in pear-shaped (2-D or 3-D)   |
| hupi   | hə'pi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,pi     | IIJL                          | Speck, mote (dimensionless)                                  |
| hupe   | hə'pε   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌpε     | IIJY                          | Long slender (rod, pin; skinny – ectomorphic) 3-D            |
| hupei  | hə'рєј   <sup>fiə</sup> ,рєј   | IITT                          | String, filament, line (2-D focus)                           |
| hupa   | hə'pa   <sup>fiə</sup> ,pa     | עלנו                          | Broad and thin (sheet, leaf, layer; mesomorphic) 2-D or 3-D  |
| hupai  | hə'paj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,paj   | IIJB                          | Wedge-shaped, triangular, arrow-headed                       |
| hupo   | hə'pə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,pə     | ιτζη                          | Spherical, globe-shaped (endomorphic) 3-D                    |
| hupoi  | hə'pəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌpəj   | TTL                           | Circular, curving 2-D  |
| hupw   | hə'pu   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌpu     | ıтдч                          | Shapeless, amorphous 2-D or 3-D                              |
| hupwi  | hə'pwi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,pwi   | ıτζη                          | Tangled 2-D or 3-D   |
| hupwe  | hə'pwε   <sup>fiə</sup> ,pwε   | $KI^{\mathfrak{I}\mathrm{I}}$ | Long but not slender – somewhat more length than breadth 3-D |
| hupwei | hə'pwɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌpwɛj | RLII                          | Twisting, but not tangled – mountain road, coiled wire       |
| hupwa  | hə'pwa   <sup>fiə</sup> ,pwa   | IΙĮΦ                          | Blocky, chunky, cube-shaped 3-D                              |
| hupwai | hə'pwaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,pwaj | TITE                          | Pyramid-shaped; massive at one end, pointed at the other 3-D |
| hupwo  | hə'pwə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,pwə   | RTII                          | Somewhat globular  |
| hupwoi | hə'pwəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,pwəj | RLII                          | Curved, drop-shaped 3-D                                      |

#### 8.2.12.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : shape, generale : Length-emphasis

a : similar as to length and breadth

o : Circular

i : Thinness, lower dimensionality

w : Blurred distinctiveness

w-i : Complex

#### 8.2.12.2. Discussion

Humans have a propensity for associating objects and concepts with shapes. In languages like English, this is optional and often expressed with "of". Ex. "A wedge of cheese", "a line of code", "a ball of fire".

In other languages, shape classifiers are used to disambiguate words which may be homophones. NN provides this species of word to fill this apparent human propensity, along with SPECIES  $\frac{1}{2}$  The Huk-for classifying things, places, coverings, and time. They can also be used in certain contexts as PRONOUNS or DEICTICS.

# 8.2.13. IIITI huGu 12: Creation and Use

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN   | Semantics                                    |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|--|
| hugu   | hə'gə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,gə     | ITTI | Maker and/or user of X1                      |
| hugi   | hə'gi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,gi     | ITTL | Maker/creator of X                           |
| huge   | hə'gε   <sup>fiə</sup> μgε     | IITA | Controlled by X                              |
| hugei  | hə'gɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌgɛj   | TITL | Maker of X, but controlled or dominated by X |
| huga   | hə'ga   <sup>fiə</sup> ,ga     | ערנו | User or associate of X                       |
| hugai  | hə'gaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,gaj   | ITTB | Maker, and user/associate of X               |
| hugo   | hə'gə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,gə     | IITA | Controller (operator, driver) of X           |
| hugoi  | hə'gəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,gəj   | TITA | Maker and controller of X                    |
| hugw   | hə'gu   <sup>fiə</sup> ,gu     | PTII | X is creation of Y                           |
| hugwi  | hə'gwi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,gwi   | PTII | X is creation of and controlled by Y         |
| hugwe  | hə'gwε   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌgwε   | KLII | X is controller of Y                         |
| hugwei | hə'gwεj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌgwεj | BLII | X controls and is creation of Y              |
| hugwa  | hə'gwa   <sup>fiə</sup> lgwa   | PTII | X is user/associate of Y                     |
| hugwai | hə'gwaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌgwaj | IITG | X is user/associate and created by Y         |
| hugwo  | hə'gwə   <sup>fiə</sup> lgwə   | RLII | X is controlled by Y                         |
| hugwoi | hə'gwəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌgwəj | RLII | X is created and controlled by Y             |

#### 8.2.13.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, general

e : Controlled

a : Interactive, equal

o : Controller i : Originator w : Controlled by

w-i : Creator is controlled by

#### 8.2.13.2. Discussion

This species allows detailed expression of the relationship between people or entities and the objects they make and use. These are usually appended to an object, X, though possibly to a person.

#### 8.2.13.3. Example

### 8.2.14. ITT huJu 13: Social Markers

| Roman  | IPA                              | NN  | Semantics                                   |
|--------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| huju   | hə'dʒə   <sup>ਜ਼</sup> ਰ੍ਹਰਤ     | IIII  | Member of society, citizen                  |
| huji   | hə'dzi   <sup>fiə</sup> ldzi     | IΙΤΓ  | Student                                     |
| huje   | hə'dze   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dze     | PLII  | companion, friend, ordinary person          |
| hujei  | hə'dzej   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dzej   | $\rm ILL\Upsilon$   | Apprentice, trainee                         |
| huja   | hə'dʒa  <sup>fiə</sup> ˌdʒa      | IILL  | Respected person                            |
| hujai  | hə'dʒaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌdʒaj   | IILD  | Respected young person                      |
| hujo   | hə'dzə   <sup>fi</sup> ,dzə      | 11LY  | honored person                              |
| hujoi  | hə'dzəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dzəj   | $\mathbb{TLT}$  | honored young person                        |
| hujw   | hə'dzu  <sup>fiə</sup> ,dzu      | IITA  | Master, experienced person                  |
| hujwi  | hə'dzwi   <sup>fiə</sup> ldzwi   | PLII  | Skilled worker, craftsman                   |
| hujwe  | hə'dʒwε  <sup>ñə</sup> ˌdʒwε     | RTII  | Highly experienced worker, master craftsman |
| hujwei | hə'dzwej   <sup>fiə</sup> ldzwej | $\protect\ensuremath{R}\protect\ensuremath{T}^{\protect\ensuremath{\mathtt{II}}}$ | Experienced workman                         |
| hujwa  | hə'dzwa   <sup>fiə</sup> ldzwa   | PŢŢ   | Respected expert                            |
| hujwai | hə'dzwaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ldzwaj | PLII  | Respected experienced person                |
| hujwo  | hə'dzwə   <sup>fiə</sup> ldzwə   | RJII  | honored expert, doctor                      |
| hujwoi | hə'dzwəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ldzwəj | RTII  | honored experienced person, master          |

#### 8.2.14.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, general

e : Equal or lower standing; friend, companion

a : Politely respectedo : Highly respected

 $i \qquad \qquad : \qquad \quad Beginning \ skill \ level, \ student$ 

w : High skill level, Master

w-i : Competent skill level, journeyman

#### 8.2.14.2. Discussion

These would generally be appended to words describing actions, skills, or institutions, indicating people associated in various degrees.

There is a close relationship between species  $t_{\text{LT}}$ - Huj- and species  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{LT}}$ - Mij- 'Politically-based Rank and Seniority'. Both refer to relative status. The difference is that the  $t_{\text{LT}}$ - Huj- functionals refer loosely to

social status as determined by history and custom, while  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{LT}}$ - Mij - words refer to rank within an organizational structure.

Additionally,  $\exists \imath \gamma$  Huj- shares social functions with  $\exists \imath \gamma$ - Hum- "Bio-Social Status – Age, Gender'. The difference is that  $\exists \imath \gamma$  Huj- focuses on skill, status and achievement, while  $\exists \imath \gamma$ - Hum- expresses biological status. These words can serve as pronouns, though without indication of NUMBER or grammatical ROLE; or as MARKERS appended to pronouns for greater precision.

D<sub>P</sub> 8.2: Dimensional display of 127- Huj-species

|                                 |        | unspecified skill level |                                    | Beginning skill level,<br>student |                        | High skill level, Master |                           | Competent skill level,<br>journeyman |                              |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Core value                      |        |                         |                                    | ل<br>ا                            |                        | <b>પ</b><br>w            |                           | <b>Ç</b><br>wi                       |                              |
| unspecified,<br>general         | Œ<br>U | nuju                    | Member of society, citizen         | ıττι<br>huji                      | Student, young person  | ıттч<br>hujw             | Master, older person      | IITY<br>hujwi                        | Skilled worker,<br>craftsman |
| Equal or lower social standing  | e<br>ત | ™T.d<br>huje            | Companion, friend, ordinary person | iiՂվ<br>hujei                     | Apprentice,<br>trainee | IITH<br>hujwe            | Highly experienced worker | 11Υ <sub>λ</sub><br>hujwei           | craft worker                 |
| Politely respected              | P<br>a | 11ΥΓ<br>huja            | Respected person                   | IITB<br>hujai                     | Respected student      | 11ΣΥ<br>hujwa            | Respected master          | <sup>II</sup> ΥΥ<br>hujwai           | Respected craftsman          |
| Honored,<br>highly<br>respected | ત<br>0 | IIT급<br>hujo            | Honored person                     | IIT &                             | Honored student        | IITA<br>hujwo            | Honored master,<br>doctor | IIT%<br>hujwoi                       | Honored craftsman            |

# 8.2.15. IIII huDu 14: Time

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN   | Semantics                             |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|
| hudu   | hə'də   <sup>fiə</sup> ,də     | ΙΤΊΤ | -time(e.g. bed-; cf.hukwi)            |
| hudi   | hə'di   <sup>fiə</sup> ,di     | ITJL | Future in general                     |
| hude   | hə'dε   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dε     | π٦Υ  | Present near, 'right now'             |
| hudei  | hə'dɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌdɛj   | IIJY | Future very short-term 'very soon'    |
| huda   | hə'da   <sup>fiə</sup> ,da     | עלזו | Present in general 'now'              |
| hudai  | hə'daj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,daj   | IIJB | Future mid-term 'down the road'       |
| hudo   | hə'də   <sup>fiə</sup> ,də     | TITA | Present broadly speaking 'these days' |
| hudoi  | hə'dəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dəj   | IILL | Future far distant 'in coming ages'   |
| hudw   | hə'du   <sup>fiə</sup> ,du     | ΙΣŢϤ | Past in general                       |
| hudwi  | hə'dwi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dwi   | ITTL | Irrespective of time, always          |
| hudwe  | hə'dwε   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dwε   | KĽII | In the very recent past 'just now'    |
| hudwei | hə'dwɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dwɛj | KLII | Timeless but in our vicinity          |
| hudwa  | hə'dwa   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dwa   | ΙΣŢΦ | Mid-term past, the last few years     |
| hudwai | hə'dwaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dwaj | PLII | Generally but not necessarily forever |
| hudwo  | hə'dwə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dwə   | RLII | Distant past 'ages ago'               |
| hudwoi | hə'dwəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,dwəj | RLII | Eternally, 'for ever and ever'        |

### 8.2.15.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, general

e : near
 a : mid
 o : far
 i : future
 w : past
 w-i : timeless

### 8.2.15.2. Discussion

This MARKER is used to assign a temporal context to any word. As stand-alone words, they can be used to refer to various time-periods (§6.5).

The last vowel is assigned to be identical to the last vowel of verbs ( $\bot$ —— X——), which carry time information.

For words that imply some action (such as the dynamic relational words) this MARKER in effect makes them into simple verbs.

### 8.2.16. ITTI huBu 15. Role and Number without focus

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN   | Semantics  |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|--|
| hubu   | hə'bə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,bə     | ıttı | GRAMMATICAL ROLE: for use in language discussion                           |
| hubi   | hə'bi   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌbi     | IITL | SINGULAR without focus: used to specify that only one entity is refered to |
| hube   | hə'bε   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌbε     | IIIY | OBJECT without focus: recipient of the effect of an action verb            |
| hubei  | hə'bɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌbɛj   | IIIT | SINGULAR OBJECT: one object  |
| huba   | hə'ba   <sup>fiə</sup> ,ba     | IIID | BENEFACTIVE: (dative/genitive)   |
| hubai  | hə'baj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,baj   | ITID | SINGULAR BENEFACTIVE   |
| hubo   | hə'bə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,bə     | TTT. | ACTOR without FOCUS: instigator of action of a verb                        |
| huboi  | hə'bəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌbəj   | TILL | SINGULAR ACTOR: one instigator   |
| hubw   | hə'bu   <sup>fiə</sup> ,bu     | ıτζη | PLURAL: specifying more than one entity                                    |
| hubwi  | hə'bwi   <sup>fiə</sup> ,bwi   | ITTL | COLLECTIVE: specifying a group of entities participating as a unit         |
| hubwe  | hə'bwε   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌbwε   | KK11 | PLURAL OBJECT: more than one recipient of action                           |
| hubwei | hə'bwɛj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌbwɛj | KLII | COLLECTIVE OBJECT: group of objects as a unit                              |
| hubwa  | hə'bwa   <sup>fiə</sup> ,bwa   | ıτζα | PLURAL BENEFACTIVE: more than one benefactive                              |
| hubwai | hə'bwaj   <sup>fiə</sup> ˌbwaj | LTL  | COLLECTIVE BENEFACTIVE: group of benefactives as a unit                    |
| hubwo  | hə'bwə   <sup>fiə</sup> ,bwə   | RXII | PLURAL ACTOR: more than one instigator                                     |
| hubwoi | hə'bwəj   <sup>fiə</sup> ,bwəj | RLII | COLLECTIVE ACTOR: group of instigators as a unit                           |

#### 8.2.16.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, general

e : Object of action (direct object, accusative case)

a : Benefactive (relationship with another entity in the discourse: recipient of, possessor of, or similar

relationship)

o : ACTOR (instigator of action, ergative case)

i : Singular w : Plural

w-i : Collective or Group = indicating several entities participating as a unit

#### 8.2.16.2. Semantics

hubu : grammatical ROLE: for use in language discussion hube : RECIPIENT: recipient of the effect of an ACTION VERB

huba : BENEFACTIVE: possessor; participant in certain processes that require more than an ACTOR and an OBJECT hubo : ACTOR: instigator of action of a VERB; not the FOCUS of the sentence - to indicate focus, IILd huxo is used

### 8.2.16.3. Discussion

"Without FOCUS" does not mean "unfocused"; rather, it is mute on the topic of FOCUS. Thus this species can be used by speakers who do not prefer to assign FOCUS through MARKERS. This SPECIES is paired with SPECIES #IL - Hux-, which indicates the same ROLE and NUMBER with FOCUS.

# 8.2.17. JIII suHu 0: Cause and Effect

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN    | Semantics                                   |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------|---|
| suhu   | sə'hə   s <sup>ə</sup> ,hə     | YIII  | Cause-effect relation in general            |
| suhi   | sə'hi   s <sub>"</sub> hi      | ٦til  | Cause                                       |
| suhe   | sə'he   s <sup>ə</sup> ,he     | YIIY  | Means (manner of accomplishment)            |
| suhei  | sə'hεj   səˌhεj                | YIIY  | Impulse, action causing change              |
| suha   | sə'ha s <sup>ə</sup> ˌha       | JIIP  | Condition (physical, psychological, etc.)   |
| suhai  | sə'haj   səˌhaj                | YIID  | status quo, original condition              |
| suho   | sə'hə   səˌhə                  | \r1\q | Factors or occasions associated with change |
| suhoi  | sə'həj   səˌhəj                | 711L  | Mover, agent of change                      |
| suhw   | sə'hu   s <sup>ə</sup> ˌhu     | ΊΙΙЧ  | Effect                                      |
| suhwi  | sə'hwi   səˌhwi                | JIIU  | Goal  |
| suhwe  | sə'hwe   səˌhwe                | KIIK  | Process of change                           |
| suhwei | sə'hwɛj   səˌhwɛj              | KIIK  | Unintended effect                           |
| suhwa  | sə'hwa   səˌhwa                | YEIG  | Resulting condition, "after" environment    |
| suhwai | sə'hwaj   səˌhwaj              | Yrid  | Hinderance, counter-measure, preventive     |
| suhwo  | sə'hwə   səˌhwə                | YIIX  | After-effect                                |
| suhwoi | sə'hwəj   s <sup>ə</sup> ,hwəj | X11X  | Instrument                                  |

#### 8.2.17.1. Final Vowel Meanings

e : action (WAVE)
a : condition (FIELD)
o : concept (PARTICLE)

i : before w : after

w-i : purposiveness

#### 8.2.17.2. Discussion

In cause and effect relations, JIII suhu assumes two states: JIIB suhai 'before' and JIIP suhwa 'after'.

In the 'before' state, a 'situation'  $_{A^{\text{IIP}}}$  suha may exist, which may be identified with the  $_{A^{\text{IIQ}}}$  suhi 'cause' which may bring about change to a different 'resulting condition'  $_{A^{\text{IIQ}}}$  suhwa. A  $_{A^{\text{IIQ}}}$  suhwoi 'instrument' may be used in the process – itself not directly part of the cause.

These 'conditions' may arise due to certain factors,  $_{1}^{1}$  suho, bringing about  $_{1}^{1}$  suhwe 'change' that results in the  $_{1}^{1}$  suhw 'effect', or  $_{1}^{1}$  suhwei 'unintended effects' which may take place also.

Change  $_{A^{\text{II}}\Phi}$  suhwa may take place as a result of a certain  $_{A^{\text{II}}\Phi}$  suhei 'action, impulse', and may be carried forward by some individual 'mover'  $_{A^{\text{II}}\Phi}$  suhoi (animate or inanimate), possibly with a  $_{A^{\text{II}}\Phi}$  suhwi 'goal'.

In the narrative of a changing situation, the MARKER versions can be appended to a specific entity or action to indicate its cause-and-effect role.

# 8.2.18. Inclusion and Selection

| Roman  | IPA                           | NN                  | Semantics           |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| sunu   | sə'nə   -sə,nə                | JīŢī                | selection, set      |
| suni   | sə'ni   -səˌni                | Jൂ۲Ր                | individual          |
| sune   | sə'ne   -səˌne                | Y£14                | minority, small set |
| sunei  | รอ'ทะj   -s <sup>อ</sup> ,ทะj | Դ <u>Ր</u> Ն        | each                |
| suna   | sə'na   -səˌna                | 71J                 | balanced set        |
| sunai  | sə'naj   -səˌnaj              | AT\TB               | several             |
| suno   | sə'nə   -səˌnə                | ኒኒኒ                 | all                 |
| sunoi  | sə'nəj   -səˌnəj              | YIIK                | many                |
| sunw   | sə'nu   -səˌnu                | λtlα                | rejected, except    |
| sunwi  | sə'nwi -səˌnwi                | ΥŢŢ                 | only                |
| sunwe  | sə'nwe   -s <sup>ə</sup> ,nwe | KŢĨĻ                | not many            |
| sunwei | sə'nwej   -səˌnwej            | $RI^{\mathfrak{I}}$ | only a few          |
| sunwa  | sə'nwa -səˌnwa                | Ίτζω                | a few               |
| sunwai | sə'nwaj   -səˌnwaj            | $2^{1}$             | primarily           |
| sunwo  | sə'nwə   -səˌnwə              | RZIL                | none                |
| sunwoi | sə'nwəj   -səˌnwəj            | %T1k                | all exclusively     |

#### 8.2.18.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, general

e : small
 a : mid
 o : large
 i : individual
 w : excluded
 w-i : exclusive

#### 8.2.18.2. Discussion

These concepts are Functionals in order that they may be easily appended to nouns or pronouns as a rich set of "singular-plural" concepts.

When these Functionals are appended as Markers to a noun X, the meaning is approximately as shown below:

| sunu | a set of X        | suni  | a single X        | sunw  | no Xs          | sunwi  | only Xs                    |
|------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|----------------|--------|----------------------------|
| sune | a small set of X  | sunei | each individual X | sunwe | one or two Xs  | sunwei | only a few Xs              |
| suna | moderate set of X | sunai | several Xs        | sunwa | a few Xs       | sunwai | primarily Xs               |
| suno | all Xs            | sunoi | many Xs           | sunwo | none of the Xs | sunwoi | all the Xs and only the Xs |

| 8.2.19. | TT L1 | suMu | <b>7</b> : | <b>Thematic</b> | <b>Relations</b> |
|---------|-------|------|------------|-----------------|------------------|
|---------|-------|------|------------|-----------------|------------------|

| Roman  | IPA                           | NN                 | Semantics        |
|--------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| sumu   | sə'mə   -s <sup>ə</sup> ˌmə   | 1III               | Theme            |
| sumi   | sə'mi   -sə <sub>ı</sub> mi   | JૌԼԼ               | Agent            |
| sume   | sə'me   -s <sup>ə</sup> ,me   | \1 <b>1</b> 1      | Source or origin |
| sumei  | sə'mɛj   -səˌmɛj              | Դ <mark>Հ</mark> Ն | Stimulus         |
| suma   | sə'ma   -s <sup>ə</sup> ,ma   | \1\I\              | Location         |
| sumai  | sə'maj   -s <sup>ə</sup> ˌmaj | AITB               | Instrument       |
| sumo   | sə'mə -sə <sub>ı</sub> mə     | \r\1.              | Direction, Goal  |
| sumoi  | sə'məj   -səˌməj              | 311                | Time             |
| sumw   | sə'mu   -sə <sub>r</sub> mu   | ΊΣĮϤ               | Patient          |
| sumwi  | sə'mwi   -sə <sub>ı</sub> mwi | PIIL               | Manner           |
| sumwe  | sə'mwe   -s <sup>ə</sup> ,mwe | Klīk               | Recipient        |
| sumwei | sə'mwɛj   -səˌmwɛj            | ∦I1⊾               | Cause            |
| sumwa  | sə'mwa   -s <sup>ə</sup> ,mwa | ΛŢŢ                | Force            |
| sumwai | sə'mwaj   -səˌmwaj            | 21.T               | Purpose          |
| sumwo  | sə'mwə   -s <sup>ə</sup> ,mwə | RIIL               | Beneficiary      |
| sumwoi | sə'mwəj   -səˌmwəj            | %l1⊾               | Experiences      |

### 8.2.19.1. Final Vowel Meanings

This species isn't dimensional, so final vowels have no consistent meaning.

#### 8.2.19.2. Discussion – Thematic Relations

Thematic relations or roles emerged from a meta-analysis that attempts to identify all the possible uses to which noun-phrases are put in sentences. Many of these roles correspond to participants required by verbs in a sentence – that is, the "valence" of the verb and the type of noun phrase required to fill each "slot" in the sentence.

For example, a verb like English 'give' requires three participants: an Agent  $_{J^{\pm} \Gamma L}$  sumi (the person doing the giving), a Beneficiary  $_{J^{\pm} \Gamma R}$  sumwo or Recipient  $_{J^{\pm} \Gamma R}$  sumwo (sometimes called the "indirect object" of the sentence, who gets the gift), and a Patient  $_{J^{\pm} \Gamma R}$  sumwo - the gift itself (sometimes called the "direct object").

In another respect, thematic roles correspond to a list of "cases" that could be assigned in languages like Russian or Finnish, marking the role of words in a sentence by changing their endings. It is unlikely that any language has a separate "case" for all of the 16 roles listed here (Russian has 6, Finnish has 15), since

<sup>12</sup>The roles and their descriptions are drawn from the 'Role and Reference Grammar' of Robert Van Valin Jr. The descriptions quoted in this section are drawn directly from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thematic relation, accessed 2025-05-11.

many can easily be combined with others (such as Beneficiary and Recipient, Agent and Force), some are represented by prepositions (like 'to' for the Beneficiary in English), while others, such as Manner or Location, are more appropriate at the MESSAGE-level.

These terms are clearly useful in analytical and technical discussions, but they are placed in this supplementary MARKER SPECIES for use by speakers who feel more comfortable identifying the roles of words precisely. They ae used by appending them to the ends of the nouns that play the corresponding role in the sentence.

NN also has MARKERS in SPECIES II] I huxu and IIJI hubu (§8.2.2 and §8.2.16 above) representing three "cases" (ACTOR, OBJECT, and OBLIQUE) plus FOCUS for speakers whose preference is to provide basic sentence-role information.

Words in the Sum- Species allow speakers to convey much more nuanced roles if they wish to do so, though Sum-does not indicate NUMBER or FOCUS.

NN also provides other words that express concepts some languages encode with "cases". For example, Finnish and Russian both have a "genitive case" to indicate an relational association between to ideas being discussed. NN offers Species II | I hufu whose words can be used as MARKERS indicating 16 types of relationship between two nouns. Finnish has 8 cases indicating locations and movements relative to things or people; in NN, almost the entire S--- FAMILY is devoted to locational movements and spacial relations, offering hundreds of choices, though these are not appended as markers, so they do not work like Finnish cases.

#### 8.2.19.3. **Explanations of Thematic Relations**

| Roman | NN    | Semantics | Definition  | NN<br>Synonyms <sup>13</sup> | Synonym Notes   |
|-------|-------|-----------|---|------------------------------|---|
| sumu  | \r_TT | Theme     | undergoes the action but does not change its state (e.g. We believe in one <u>God</u> . I have two <u>children</u> . I put the <u>book</u> on the table. He gave the gun to the police officer.) (Sometimes used interchangeably with patient.) In syntax, the theme is the direct object of a ditransitive verb. | huxe, hube                   | object with focus, Object without focus.<br>Both lack the sense of not changing<br>state. |
| sumi  | JII   | Agent     | deliberately performs the action (e.g. <u>Bill</u> ate his soup quietly). The actions can be both conscious or unconscious. In syntax, the agent is the argument of a transitive verb that corresponds to the subject in English.   | huxo, hubo                   | actor with focus, Actor without focus   |

<sup>13</sup> Synonyms: not translations or exact equivalents

| Roman  | NN    | Semantics        | Definition   | NN<br>Synonyms | Synonym Notes   |
|--------|-------|------------------|--|----------------|---|
| sume   | YIIY  | Source or origin | where the action originated (e.g. The rocket was launched <u>from Central Command</u> . She walked <u>away from him</u> .).  | sehw           | outward motion from a center (of reference)                           |
| sumei  | ΥΙΊ   | Stimulus         | entity that prompts sensory or emotional feeling – not deliberately (e.g. David loves <u>onions!</u> ).  | suhei          | impulse causing action  |
| suma   | \r[r  | Location         | where the action occurs (e.g. Johnny and Linda played carelessly <u>in the park</u> . I'll be <u>at Julie's house</u> studying for my test.).  | sehi           | inward motion toward a center (of reference)                          |
| sumai  | AI I  | Instrument       | used to carry out the action (e.g. Jamie cut the ribbon with a pair of scissors.).   | suhwoi         | instrument (of change)  |
| sumo   | પ્રાય | Direction, Goal  | where the action is directed towards (e.g. The caravan continued on toward the distant oasis. He walked to school.).   | seki;<br>suhwi | center of an (enclosed) area;<br>Goal (of change)                     |
| sumoi  | TLA   | Time             | the time at which the action occurs (e.g. The pitcher struck out nine batters <u>today</u> .)  | hukwi;<br>hudu | (a) time (for something)  |
| sumw   | Ίτἶત  | Patient          | undergoes the action and changes its state (e.g. The falling rocks crushed the <u>car.</u> ). (Sometimes used interchangeably with theme.) In syntax, the patient is the single object of a (mono)transitive verb.                         | huxe;<br>hube  | object with focus, Object without focus;<br>Includes number and focus |
| sumwi  | JII4  | Manner           | the way in which an action is carried out (e.g. With great urgency, Tabitha phoned 911.).  | huyu (husa)    | manner, style (FIELD-izer marker)                                     |
| sumwe  | kĮūĻ  | Recipient        | a special kind of goal associated with verbs expressing a change in ownership, possession (e.g. I sent <i>John</i> the letter. He gave the book to her). In syntax, the recipient or goal is the indirect object of a (di)transitive verb. | huxa           | indirect case marker  |
| sumwei | ∦I‡L  | Cause            | what caused the action to occur in the first place; <b>not for what</b> , rather <b>because of what</b> (e.g. <u>Because Clyde was hungry.</u> he ate the cake.).  | suhi           | (logical) cause   |
| sumwa  | ΊΙLΦ  | Force            | force or natural cause: mindlessly performs the action (e.g. An <u>avalanche</u> destroyed the ancient temple.).   |                |   |
| sumwai | PLIL  | Purpose          | the reason for which an action is performed (e.g. Tabitha phoned 911 right away in order to get some help.).   | suha;<br>suho  | condition (for change);<br>Situation impelling a change               |
| sumwo  | RIIL  | Beneficiary      | the entity for whose benefit the action occurs (e.g. I baked <u>Reggie</u> a cake. He built a car f <u>or me</u> . I fight <u>for the king</u> .).   | huxa           | indirect case marker  |
| sumwoi | %l₁k  | Experiencer      | the entity that receives sensory or emotional input (e.g. <u>Susan</u> heard the song. <u>I</u> cried).  |                |   |

# 8.2.19.4. Correspondence with Species Hux- and Hub-

For speakers who want to use case-markers but prefer the simpler structure of SPECIES  $rac{1}{2}$  - Hux - and  $rac{1}{2}$  - Hub-, here is how Thematic Relations correspond to the simpler three-case system (ignoring NUMBER).

| Marker  | I.I.   | Definition                      | Can be used for Themes   |
|---------|--------|---------------------------------|--|
| -huxo   | -IILA  | Actor with focus <sup>14</sup>  | Agent as Subject Force as Subject (or Jude Suhoi)  |
| -hubo   | -IIIY  | Actor                           | Agent not necessarily Subject  |
| -huxe   | -IIF4  | Object with focus               | Patient Stimulus as Subject (or JEI4L suhwi)   |
| -hube   | -ıtI4  | Object                          | <b>Patient</b> not necessarily as Subject <b>Stimulus</b> not necessarily as Subject   |
| -huxa   | -I\$L₽ | Indirect with focus             | Source or origin as Subject + Janu sekw Direction or goal as Subject Location as Subject (or Ithich huki) Time as Subject (or Ithich hukwi) Instrument as Subject (or Jaiuall suhwoi) Recipient as Subject with Janu seki Beneficiary as Subject with Janu seki Experiencer as Subject Cause as Subject + Jaiu suhi Purpose as Subject |
| -huba   | -1171  | Indirect                        | Recipient not necessarily as Subject (or Januseki) Beneficiary not necessarily as Subject Experiencer not necessarily as Subject Purpose not necessarily as as Subject   |
| -huxu   | -ITLT  | Focus                           | Theme as Subject Manner as Subject   |
| -husa   | -ונאט  | Field (adjectival or adverbial) | Manner not necessarily as Subject  |
| -suhwi  | -Jt14  | Impulse, action causing change  | Stimulus not necessarily as Subject (or ITIA hube)   |
| -suhwoi | -Jīl   | Instrument                      | <b>Instrument</b> not necessarily as Subject   |
| -huki   | -וגאן  | Place (general)                 | <b>Location</b> not necessarily as Subject   |
| -hukwi  | -IIYY  | Time (general)                  | Time not necessarily as Subject  |
| seki    | ገላለቦ   | To (center)                     | <b>Direction or goal</b> not necessarily as Subject <b>Recipient</b> not necessarily as Subject  |
| sekw    | YYAA   | From (center)                   | Source or origin not necessarily as Subject  |

Focus indicates that the speaker wants to draw the receiver's attention to an IDEA. This is shown here using the conventional term Subject. SPECIES  ${\pm}_{\rm L}$ -  ${\it Hux}$ - is one way to indicate FOCUS. SPECIES  ${\pm}_{\rm L}$ -  ${\it Hub}$ - does not indicate FOCUS. It doesn't deny FOCUS; it simply ignores FOCUS, as do the other MARKERS listed here. So in this description, the expression "not necessarily as Subject" is used. Speakers who want to indicate the roles of nouns in sentences may choose to indicate FOCUS by position in the sentence, while using one of the "not necessarily Subject" MARKERS indicated, rather than  ${\pm}_{\rm L}$ -  ${\it Hux}$ -.

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|--------------|-----------------------------|--|
|              |                             |  |

| sehi  | ٦٩٢٢ | Cause                  | Cause not necessarily as Subject |
|-------|------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| suhoi | AriK | Mover, agent of change | Force not necessarily as Subject |

# 8.2.20. JINI suKu 8: Discourse Connectives

| Roman  | IPA                          | NN                                | Semantics  | Closest Natural English |
|--------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| suku   | sə'kə   s³,kə                | JIMI                              | sequence   | and                     |
| suki   | sə'ki   s <sub>"</sub> ki    | JIYL                              | emphatic sequence  | and also                |
| suke   | sə'ke   s <sub>"</sub> ke    | YzJY                              | listing  | next                    |
| sukei  | sə'kɛj   s³ˌkɛj              | $\gamma_{\text{LJ}}$              | emphatic listing   | next also               |
| suka   | sə'ka   s <sup>ə</sup> ˌka   | עגזך                              | temporal sequence  | then                    |
| sukai  | sə'kaj   s <sub>"</sub> kaj  | YIMB                              | emphatic temporal sequence   | and then                |
| suko   | sə'kə   s <sub>"</sub> kə    | \ <sub>L1</sub> Y,                | first logical alternative  | ὁ μεν 'on the one hand' |
| sukoi  | sə'kəj   s <sub>"</sub> kəj  | TIAB                              | emphatic logical sequence  | so of course            |
| sukw   | sə'ku   s <sup>ə</sup> ˌku   | Хīлл                              | alternative  |                         |
| sukwi  | sə'kwi   s <sup>ə</sup> ˌkwi | JIH                               | unexpected sequence but  |                         |
| sukwe  | sə'kwe   s <sup>ə</sup> ,kwe | KrīK                              | alternative listing  | or else                 |
| sukwei | sə'kwɛj   səˌkwɛj            | $\gamma_{\mathcal{I}\mathcal{A}}$ | unexpected listing   | but also                |
| sukwa  | sə'kwa   s <sup>ə</sup> ,kwa | JIMO                              | temporal alternative or then   |                         |
| sukwai | sə'kwaj   səˌkwaj            | JEAR                              | unexpected temporal sequence but then                                      |                         |
| sukwo  | sə'kwə   s²,kwə              | KrīK                              | second logical alternative $$\dot{o}$$ $\delta\epsilon,$ on the other hand |                         |
| sukwoi | sə'kwəj   səˌkwəj            | $\Re^{r_{\mathfrak{I}}}$          | unexpected logical alternative   | but on the other hand   |

### 8.2.20.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : simple

e : Example + listing a : temporal sequence

o : alternatives of logic or discourse

i : Emphatic sequences

w : Alternative

w-i : Contrary to expectation

### 8.2.20.2. Discussion

"Discourse connectives" are the words used to join logical assertions, members of lists, and sequences of temporal events. See the Chapter "Discourse" for background discussion on this topic. Because they are used so frequently, these words have been assigned to a SPECIES which can be easily reduced to a single syllable (by speakers of many language, though not necessarily all). The default usage is to place them between the words or phrases they join. They may also be attached to a second word or later word in a list, though not at the end of the second of two phrases being connected.

*e:* **Example + listing** is an itemized set of entities, actions, or attributes. Clauses and phrases may also be joined as a list.

**1** *u*: **Simple sequences** are the normal listings of items or events, not implying an order or precedence.

**P** a: Temporal sequences are listings of events ocurring in a particular order.

**P** o: Alternatives of logic or discourse are items or assertions structured according to a reasoning process or structured narrative.

i: Emphatic words are used to strengthen the speaker's points.

**Y** w: Alternatives are items in a list or sequence which are offered as options.

**Y+L** *w+i:* **Contrary to expectation** is used in a broad sense for items or events which break a pattern or may seem out of place.

Species  $\exists x_{\int}$ - Hun- (§8.2.7) provides another set of words for linking messages within a discourse. The porpose of species  $\exists x_{\int}$ - Suk- is to connect words and phrases within a sentence;  $\exists x_{\int}$ - Hun- provides connections between the ideas the words represent.

# 8.2.21. JIT suCu 9: Ideal and Instance

| Roman  | IPA                         | NN      | Semantics                                |
|--------|-----------------------------|---------|--|
| sucu   | sə'cə   -s <sup>ə</sup> ˌcə | \1£\T\t | Abstract and Concrete                    |
| suci   | sə'ci   -səˌci              | JIIL    | Instance, '-etic', φαινόμενα             |
| suce   | sə'ce   -s <sup>ə</sup> ,ce | ΥτΩΥ    | Behavioral or communication action       |
| sucei  | səˈcɛj   -səˌcɛj            | ግኔፓብ    | Action instance                          |
| suca   | sə'ca   -sə,ca              | JII     | Behavioral or communication field        |
| sucai  | sə'caj   -səˌcaj            | JILB    | Situation instance                       |
| suco   | sə'cə   -səˌcə              | ን፻ገብ    | Behavioral or communication entity       |
| sucoi  | sə'cəj   -səˌcəj            | 3LT     | Entity instance                          |
| sucw   | sə'cu   -səˌcu              | λīζч    | Abstract, '-emic', εἶδος                 |
| sucwi  | sə'cwi   -səˌcwi            | PLIK    | Instance is example of abstract, 'allo-' |
| sucwe  | sə'cwe   -səˌcwe            | KIIL    | Abstract action                          |
| sucwei | sə'cwɛj   -səˌcwɛj          | RIIL    | Variant action                           |
| sucwa  | sə'cwa   -sə,cwa            | Ίτζα    | Abstract situation                       |
| sucwai | sə'cwaj   -səˌcwaj          | PIIL P  | Variant of an abstract situation         |
| sucwo  | sə'cwə   -səˌcwə            | RIIL    | Abstract entity                          |
| sucwoi | sə'cwəj   -səˌcwəj          | RIIL    | Variant of an abstract entitiy           |

#### 8.2.21.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : simplee : WAVEa : FIELDo : PARTICLE

i : Instance Level (-etic)

w : Abstract Level (-eme, -emic)w-i : Variant of Abstract Level (allo-)

### 8.2.21.2. Discussion – Significance Units: Classification of Symbolic Significance

This species refers primarily to communication, but can be applied to philosophy and a wide variety of other situations as well. It sucw may be compared to the Platonic  $\tilde{\epsilon i}\delta o \zeta$  (eidos) and It is sucw to  $\phi \alpha i \nu \delta \mu \epsilon \nu \alpha$  (phainomena).

At the point in the communication process (see §16.2 "Communication Model Discussion") when the sender has encoded ( $_{\Gamma \dashv J \dashv J}$  nweme) a Message ( $_{\Gamma \dashv J \dashv J}$  nweco) in a given language ( $_{\Gamma \sqcap J}$  paho, such as English), the lexical symbols ( $_{\Gamma \sqcap J}$  panu, words) must be further encoded ( $_{\Gamma \dashv J \dashv J}$  nwecei) for a particular channel ( $_{\Gamma \dashv J}$  nwego, such as spoken or written). Each channel has its own code ( $_{\Gamma \dashv J}$  nwegi, such as letters or speech sounds), consisting of ideal  $_{\Gamma \dashv J}$  sucwo shapes (letter forms) or ideal sounds (phonemes), but in order to be transmitted these ideals must be embodied ( $_{\Gamma \dashv J}$  nwegwei) by the physical action of writing or voicing.

The distinction between the ideal or abstract code proposed and the embodiment proposed of that code is the focus of this species. In linguistics and related fields, the distinction has come to be represented in the affixes -eme, -emic for the abstract ideals, -etic for the embodiment, and allo- for variants.

It has been well established that one ideal symbol  $f_{A}T_{L}$ - $f_{A}T_{L}$  nwegi-sucwo can have various instances in physical form  $f_{A}T_{L}$ - $f_{A}T_{L}$  nwegi-sucoi. The ideal written letter "grapheme" T, for example, takes the capital form "allograph" T at the beginning of a sentence or name, and in certain writing styles; but also takes the form T in other positions or styles, with "variants" in handwritten T and printed T fonts.

Similarly, the English speech sound "phoneme" /t/ is embodied as [th] at the beginning of a stressed syllable, as [t] at the beginning of an unstressed syllable or after /s/, or between a stressed and unstressed syllables (in some dialects) as [t].

In NN, these distinctions are represented by words beginning  $_{1}$ - $_{1}$ - $_{2}$ - $_{3}$ - $_{4}$ - $_{1}$ - $_{2}$ - $_{3}$ - $_{4}$ - $_{$ 

### 8.2.21.2.1 ႕ T ႕ P e a o

The final syllable's central vowel -e -a -o represents wave (action), FIELD (condition), or PARTICLE (entity), as in many other similar words.

### 8.2.21.2.2 ], 4 ¶, i w wi

The outer vowels of the final syllable -*i* -*w* -*wi* represent embodiment (instance, -etic), ideal (abstract, -emic), and variant (allo-).

#### **8.2.21.2.3** Application

In addition to the illustrations shown here, the concept can be widely applied at other levels of communication and social behavior. For example, at the level of language's basic meaningful units, "morphemes" are also embodied in different forms with "allomorphs". Social rituals, such as greetings, have ideal forms in each culture, and are embodied with variations – the handshake in northern European-based cultures, for example. In certain schools of cultural psychology, the concept of "archetypes" might be represented by JPL4 sucw.

Practical processes such as crafts also distinguish between ideal techiques for doing something, like knitting, and the variations that work or do not work to accomplish certain tasks.  $_{1}^{1}$  - suc- words can be applied to clarify these concepts too.

# 8.2.22. JTJT suTu 10: Verbal Punctuation

| Roman  | IPA                            | NN   | Semantics   |
|--------|--------------------------------|------|---|
| sutu   | sə'tə   s <sub>'</sub> tə      | Ίτ⋊τ | General connective                                      |
| suti   | sə'ti   səˌti                  | JKIL | General subordinator beginning                          |
| sute   | sə'te   s <sub>'</sub> te      | ΥΣΊΥ | Phrase-level connective                                 |
| sutei  | sə'tɛj   səˌtɛj                | PKI  | Phrase-level subordinator beginning                     |
| suta   | sə'ta   s <sub>'</sub> ta      | JīZī | Clause-level connective                                 |
| sutai  | sə'taj   s <sub>"</sub> taj    | akır | Clause-level subordinator beginning                     |
| suto   | sə'tə   s <sub>"</sub> tə      | ԴԷ¹Ļ | Discourse level connective                              |
| sutoi  | sə'təj   s <sub>"</sub> təj    | 3KIL | Discourse-level subordinator beginning                  |
| sutw   | sə'tu   s <sub>'</sub> tu      | λţΆત | General stop  |
| sutwi  | sə'twi   səˌtwi                | PKIL | General subordinator ending                             |
| sutwe  | sə'twe   səˌtwe                | KKIL | Lowest level (phrase) stop                              |
| sutwei | sə'twɛj   səˌtwɛj              | £K1L | Lowest level (phrase) subordinator ending               |
| sutwa  | sə'twa   səˌtwa                | ΔĽΊĽ | Mid-level (clause, sentence) ending                     |
| sutwai | sə'twaj   səˌtwaj              | PKIL | Mid-level (clause, sentence) subordinator ending        |
| sutwo  | sə'twə   səˌtwə                | RKIL | High-level (discourse, paragraph) ending                |
| sutwoi | sə'twəj   s <sup>ə</sup> ,twəj | %K1K | High-level (discourse, paragraph) + subordinator ending |

# 8.2.22.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : unspecified, structure

e : Phrase-level
a : Clause-level
o : Discourse-level
i : Beginning
w : Ending

w-i : Subordinator ending

### 8.2.22.2. Discussion

"Verbal punctuation" is provided to supplement written punctuation and spoken intonation. Its use is not obligatory, but may be useful in situations where misunderstanding is likely.

রাম্য suku and রাম্য sutu are similar. সামা suku is primarily for connecting ideas, while রাম্য sutu is for connecting language structures.

# 8.2.23. | D suPu 11: Life and Force

| Roman  | IPA                         | NN                            | Semantics                       |
|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| supu   | sə'pə   s <sup>ə</sup> ,pə  | Y <sub>I</sub> Y <sub>I</sub> | Animacy-Potency                 |
| supi   | sə'pi   səˌpi               | JIJL                          | Animate                         |
| supe   | sə'pe   s <sub>"</sub> pe   | ٦٤٦٩                          | Low potency                     |
| supei  | sə'pɛj   s³ˌpɛj             | 7£74                          | Animate, low potency            |
| supa   | sə'pa   s <sub>"</sub> pa   | ΊΙĮΓ                          | Moderate (normal) potency       |
| supai  | sə'paj   s <sub>"</sub> paj | 7±7B                          | Animate, moderate potency       |
| supo   | sə'pə   səˌpə               | \r\T\                         | High potency                    |
| supoi  | sə'pəj   səˌpəj             | 7£7¶                          | Animate, high potency           |
| supw   | sə'pu   səˌpu               | ΊΣ႗Ϥ                          | Inanimate                       |
| supwi  | sə'pwi   səˌpwi             | JIL                           | Quasi-animate                   |
| supwe  | sə'pwe   səˌpwe             | KIIL                          | Inanimate, low potency          |
| supwei | sə'pwɛj   səˌpwɛj           | JIL#                          | Quasi-animate, low potency      |
| supwa  | sə'pwa   səˌpwa             | ΊΙĮ Φ                         | Inanimate, moderate potency     |
| supwai | sə'pwaj   səˌpwaj           | PLIL                          | Quasi-animate, moderate potency |
| supwo  | sə'pwə   səˌpwə             | RIIL                          | Inanimate, high potency         |
| supwoi | sə'pwəj   səˌpwəj           | RIIL                          | Quasi-animate, high potency     |

# 8.2.23.1. Final Vowel Meanings

u : Unspecified potency

e : Low energy

a : Moderate energyo : High energyi : Animate

w : Inanimate
w-i : Quasi-Animate

### 8.2.23.2. Discussion

These terms can be used as words or MARKERS.

As words, they represent levels of life and energy either as FIELDS - possibly as abstract entities (ideas, principles); or they can serve as DISTANT (third-person) pronouns if the speaker wishes to convey potency information.

Note that Personal Pronouns in the †--- H--- family can convey the same three degrees of animacy as are conveyed by  $Ar_1$  - Sup-, but lack means of expressing potency.

**As MARKERS**, these are primarily useful for attaching to names or specific entities for clarification or to express relative standing.

**Life:** many languages require speakers to specify whether something of interest is alive or not. Though NN does not require it, three levels of life can be referred to. (See §7.4.2.)

**Levels of "potency"** or **"energy"** are expressed in NN because most vertebrate brains appear to be equipped with specialized threat-assessment capability. This seems to function as a survival mechanism, below the level of conscious or rational thought, and triggers basic instinctive physiological and conscious reactions. Levels of potency are expressed in NN at three levels:

**Low potency**: Used for entities not perceived as threatening, unlikely to affect the speaker's decisions. In general, seen by speakers as of lower power than themselves. These entities can probably be controlled if necessary.

**Moderate potency**: Perceived as being roughly the same force, energy, or power as the speaker. The speaker might be able to control this entity if necessary, but might not.

**High potency:** Speaker perceives this entity as more powerful than self; potential threat but perhaps potentially very useful. May require submission or skillful handling to use its potency effectively or avoid danger. The speaker can probably be overcome by this entity.

These are guidelines, not definitions. NN leaves flexibility for speakers to use these categories intuitively.

**Evaluation:** this SPECIES does not provide positive or negative evaluation ("good" or "bad", "safe" or "dangerous") of animacy or potency – simply the perceived levels of each. Evaluation is provided by a large number of other NN SPECIES, including functional †\*\*\tau-\text{Huc-}\text{discussed in \$8.2.10 of this chapter, and others in Chapter 10, "Love and Hate".

The concludes the discussion of Nwehu Nuswei FUNCTIONALS.