

A wide-angle photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, a large, smooth sand dune slopes down from the left. Below the dune is a dark, wet beach with visible tracks and reflections. The ocean extends to the horizon on the right, with gentle waves. The sky is filled with large, white, billowing clouds, suggesting a volcanic eruption or a storm. The overall tone is dramatic and atmospheric.

Problem №4 Muna

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The Muna language belongs to the Austronesian family. It is spoken by approx. 300 000 people in Indonesia.



Word Order

[Subject] + [Verb] + [Object]

[Possessed] + [Possessor]

lagahino damumaa kaleino robhine

his ants - will eat - her banana – woman

His ants will eat the woman's banana.

A & WE

If the subject is neither possessed nor a proper name, it is preceded by the article *a*.

The preposition *we* indicates the direction of motion.

Noun

Possessor:

-ku 1st person sg

-no 3rd person sg

-ndo 3rd person pl

root + [*-hi* plural] +

possessed *-no* +

possessor (singular)

possessed *-ndo* +

possessor (plural)

lambu-hi-ndo **laga-hi** = *ants' houses*.

Proper names

a + the first root syllable + *a* + root

ndoke = monkey, *a-ndo-a-ndoke* = Monkey

dhini = demon, *a-dhi-a-dhini* = Demon

laga = ant, *a-la-a-laga* = Ant

Verb

d-/n- + **-o-/-a-** + root

d- anim. plural, **n-** inanim. *or* singular

-o- present, **-a-** future

n**o**fanaka / n**a**manaka

d**o**kodoho / n**a**kumodoho

Future tense

- **a** in the prefix
- If the first sound of the root is **f**-, it is replaced by **m**-, otherwise **-um**- is inserted after the first consonant.

n-**o-f**umaa → d-**a-m**umaa,

n-**o-f**anaka → n-**a-m**anaka

d-**o-s**uli → d-**a-s****um**uli

d-**o-k**odoho → n-**a-k****um**odoho

n-**o-g**holi → n-**a-g****um**oli

Assignments

12. andoandoke nogholi lagahiku

The Monkey is buying my ants.

13. a dhinihi dasumuli we murindo robhinehi

The demons will return to the women's pupil.

Assignments

14. The Ant will climb the pupil's stone.

a-la-a-laga na-moni we kontu-no muri.

15. The ants are going to the Demon.

a laga-hi do-kala we a-dhi-a-dhini.

16. My women's monkeys will cut my bananas.

ndoke-hi-ndo robhine-hi-ku da-d-um-odo kalei-hi-ku.

17. The monkey's mountains are far.

molo-hi-no ndoke no-kodoho.

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Grading

12 points for theory:

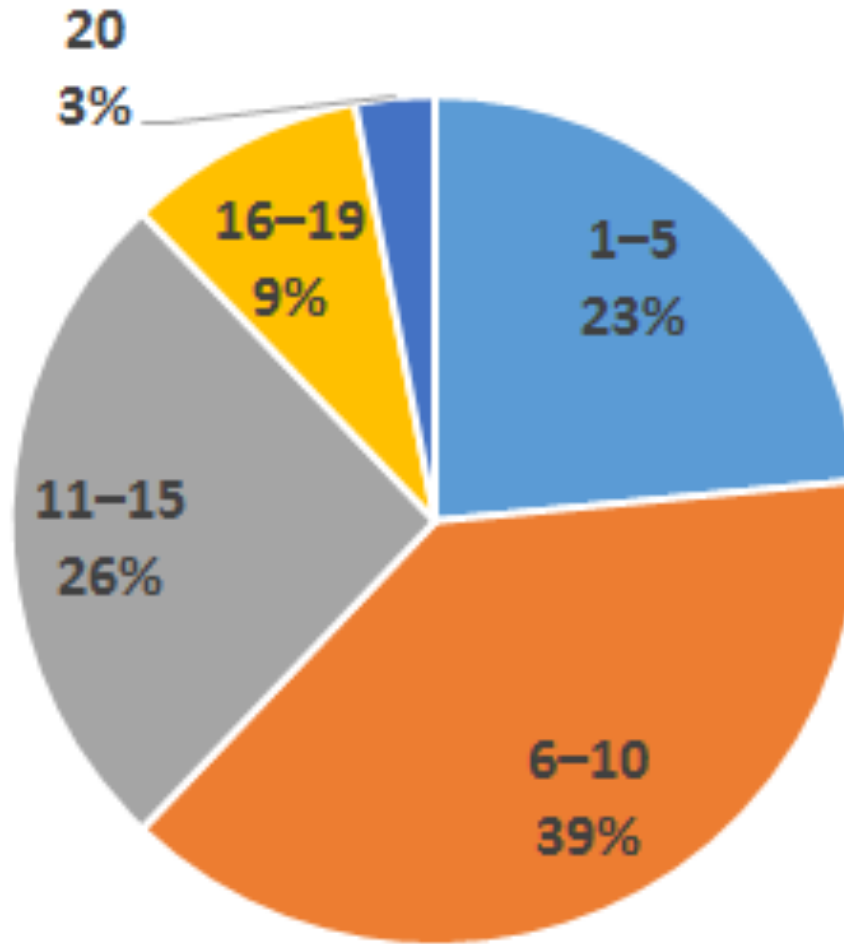
word order – **0,5**
-hi- (plurality) – **1**
-ku/-no/-ndo – **1**
a – **0,5** point, we – **0,5**
proper names – **1**
verb morphology – **0,5**
d-/n- – **3**; -o-/-a- – **1**
-um- – **1.5**; f-/m- – **1.5**

8 points for practice:

12. – **1**
13. – **1**
14. – **1.5**
15. – **1.5**
16. – **1.5**
17. – **1.5**

Total – 20 points

Distribution of solvers by result



Best solution prize goes to...

Kuzma Smirnov (Russia-1)

A dramatic landscape featuring a large, light-colored sand dune on the left side of the frame. In the foreground, a black sand beach stretches along the water's edge. The ocean is visible on the right, with gentle waves lapping at the shore. In the background, a dark, massive plume of smoke or ash rises high into the sky, partially obscuring the blue sky and white clouds. The text "Thank you!" is centered over the middle of the image.

Thank you!