

Subject marking on Galolen verbs

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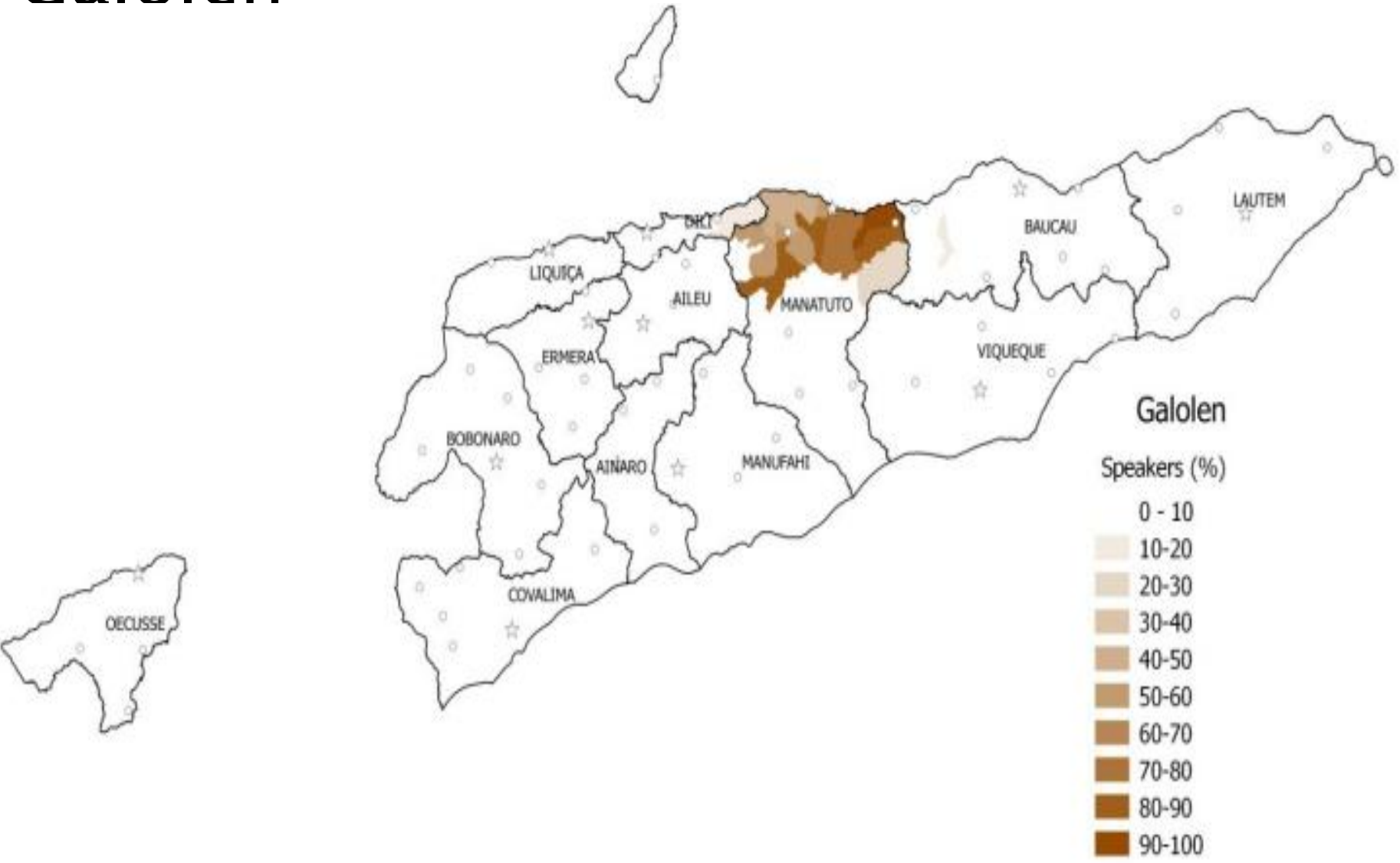
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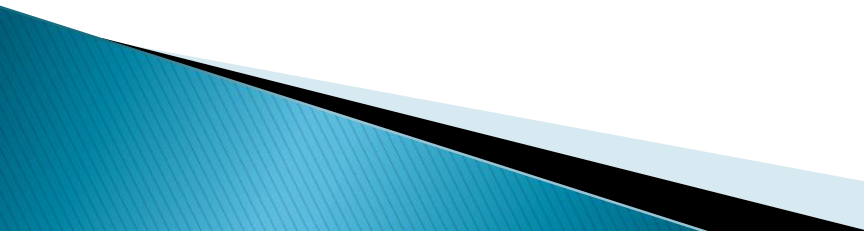
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Vowel-initial verbs take subject-marking

Pronouns	1s [ga'u]	2s [goo]	3s [nii]	1pi [gita]	1pe, 2p, 3p [gami, mii, sia]
Prefix	-	m-	n-	t-	r-
Example Verb	enu	m-enu	n-enu	t-enu	r-enu

- Example:
1. Ga'u enu wee
1s drink water
I drink water.
 2. Goo m-enu wee.
2s 2s-drink water
You drink water.
 3. Gita t-enu wee.
1pi 1pi-drink water
We drink water.
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Two exceptions

- u'an 'eat'
- unu 'kiss'

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Prefix	-	m-	n-	t-	r-
	u'an	m-<u>i'an</u>	n- <u>a'an</u>	t- <u>a'an</u>	r- <u>a'an</u>
	unu	ma-unu	na-<u>unu</u>	ta-unu	ra-unu

Examples:

1 Ga'u u'an etu.
1s eat rice
I eat rice.

2 Goo m-i'an etu.
2s 2s-eat rice
You eat rice.

3 Nii n-a'an etu
3s 3s-eat rice
S/he eats rice.

- Some vowel initial verbs don't take subject marking.

Pronouns	1s [ga'u]	2s [goo]	3s [nii]	1pi [gita]	1pe, 2p,3p [gami,mii,sia]
	a'ha 'put'				
	ikluru 'kneel'				
	i'it 'scale'				

examples

1. Ga'u aha
1s put
I put

2 Nii aha
3s put
S/he puts

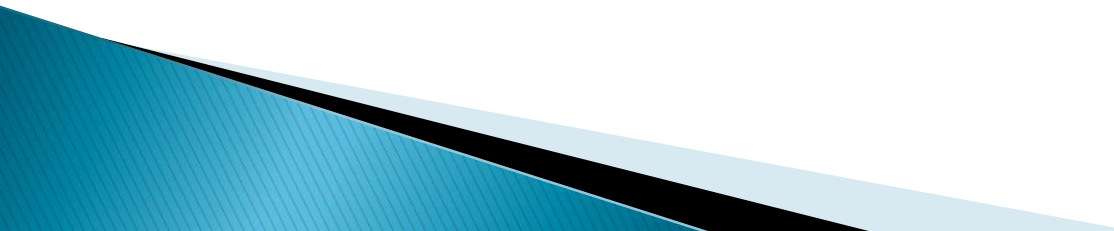
3 Gita aha
1pi put
we put

Consonant-initial verbs don't take subject marking

Pronouns	1s [ga'u]	2s [goo]	3s [nii]	1pi [gita]	1pe, 2p,3p [gami,mii,sia]
	ba'a 'close'				
	dahar 'hear'				
	guut 'burn'				
	ha'an 'sell'				
	la'a 'go'				

Examples: 1 Ga'u ba'a konan.
1S close door
I close the door.

2 Nii ba'a konan.
3s close door
S/he closes the door.



Loan words don't take subject marking

Verbs	English	Loans
aluga	rent	Port.
ekspor	export	Ind.
estrika	iron (clothes)	Ind.
amenta	add	Port.
akontese	happen	Port.

Examples:

1 Ga'u aluga uma.
1s rent house
I rent a house.

2 Nii aluga uma.
3s rent house
S/he rents a house.

3 Gita aluga uma.
1pi rent House
We rent a house.

2. Gosta 'like'

Pronouns	1S [ga'u]	2S [goo]	3S [nii]	1pi/e,2p,3p [gita, gami,mii,sia]
Suffix	-k	-	-n	-r
gosta	gosta-k	gosta	gosta-n	gosta-r

Examples:

1	Ga'u	gosta-k	etu.
	1s	like-1s	rice
	I	like	rice.
2	Goo	gosta	etu.
	2s	like	rice
	you	like	rice.
3	Nii	gosta-n	etu
	3s	like-3s	rice
	S/he	likes	rice.

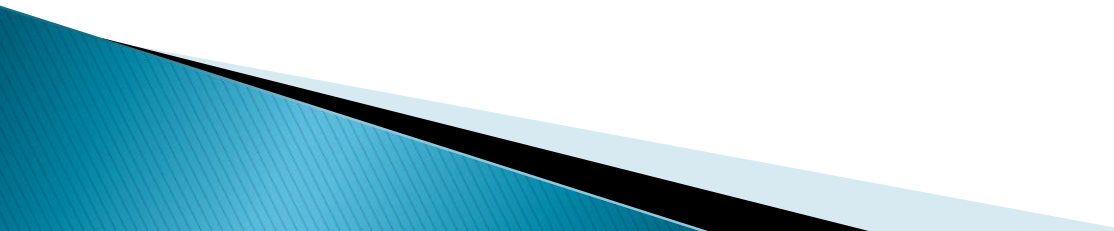
It is the same as genitive suffix

- ▶ Ga uma-k 'my house'
- ▶ Ga'u gosta-k etu 'I like rice'

But gostak is not a noun.

- ▶ Cannot use short form of pronoun
 - Ga uma-k 'my house'
 - * Ga gosta-k

Conclusion

- Vowel-initial verbs take subject marking prefix, but there are a few exceptions.
 - Consonant-initial verbs never take subject marking.
 - Loan words don't take subject marking except ***gosta***.
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Thank you

