

Counting Days

Reference to the day

The morpheme [-o'nnii] describes the time/day. for example, the word for 'morning' is ksisskũnãto'nnii, ending in the [-o'nnii]. The word can be interpreted as 'morning time of day'

When counting days we add this morpheme [-o'nnii] to the end of the number.

Tense

Tense aspect is the part of a phrase that allows the speaker to talk about *when* an event happened. The morpheme that signifies present tense will be written as [a]. There is no diacritic on this letter because it gets its final sound through the how it reacts with other morphemes. The sentence 'She is walking' is [a] ('is') + [-iksikkīyi] (walking) = aiksikkīyi.

A Sound Rule

All languages have a shift in how a word/morpheme is pronounced depending on the words that surround it. An example in English is 'I am' and 'I'm.' If someone was to ask you if you were hungry you can reply, "yes, I am" or "yes, I'm/I am hungry." One would never just say "Yes, I'm" because, to put it simply, it doesn't *sound* right.

The sound rule for niitsii•pó'•sin is that when a nasal sound, [m] & [n], are at the beginning of a word and that word is having an affix attached in front then that nasal gets eliminated. Sometimes the nasal will be replaced by an [s], this happens when it is preceded by a consonant, this is simply something that has to be memorized and have a feel developed.

examples:

the present tense in Blackfoot is represented by [a-]. The way one would say 's/he speaks Blackfoot' is [a-] + [niitsii] + [ii•pó'yi]. Following the sound rule we covered we could understand how we get aiitsii•pó'yi rather than aniitsii•pó'yii.

Therefore,

a + niitsii + ii•pó'yi = aiitsii•pó'yi (s/he speaks Blackfoot)

ō'm'k + mǎko'iyii + nǎatō'osii = ō'm'kǎko'iyǎatō'osii (Big Wolf Medicine)

mǎko'iyii + nǎap̄ii = mǎko'iyǎap̄ii (Wolf Old Man)

sik + naipp̄issttsii = sikaipp̄issttsii (Black Robes)

*it is worth noting that [k] and [p] are sometimes subject to this cancellation phenomena, the number 10 [k̄ipp̄ō'] follows this sound rule, number 9 [p̄ii'ksō'] does not.

Number 2

The number 2's morpheme changes in a way that one merely must memorize, [a] + [näätoökä] turns into [aisstoökä]. An [s] gets inserted simply just because it is the nature and personality of that morpheme

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a + niitoöksskä + o'nnii = aitoökssko'nnii	(the first day)
a + näätoökä + o'nnii = aisstoökssko'nnii	(the second day)
a + niiwksskä + o'nnii = ayiwwkssko'nnii	(the third day)
a + niissō + o'nnii = aissō'o'nnii	(the fourth day)
a + niissitō + o'nnii = aiissitō'o'nnii	(the fifth day)
a + nōi + o'nnii = ayō'o'nnii	(the sixth day)
a + 'kitsiikä + o'nnii = o''kitsiikyo'nnii	(the seventh day)
a + näanissō + o'nnii = ayāanissō'o'nnii	(the eighth day)
a + pii'ksō + o'nnii = aipii'ksō'o'nnii	(the ninth day)
a + kippō + o'nnii = aippō'o'nnii	(the tenth day)
a + niitsiikoōpo'tō + o'nnii = aiitsiikoōpo'tō'nnii	(the eleventh day)
a + näatsiikoōpo'tō + o'nnii = aisstsiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the twelfth day)
a + nii•ikoōpo'tō + o'nnii = aii•ikoōpo'tō'nnii	(the thirteenth day)
a + niissiikoōpo'tō + o'nnii = aiissiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the fourteenth day)
a + niissitsiikoōpo'tō + o'nnii = aiissitsiikoōpo'tō'nnii	(the fifteenth day)
a + naiikoōpo'tō + o'nnii = aiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the sixteenth day)
a + 'kitsiikiikoōpo'tō + o'nnii = o''kitsiikiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the seventeenth day)
a + näanissiikoōpo'tō + o'nnii = ayāanissiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the eighteenth day)
a + pii'ksiikoōpo'tō + o'nnii = aipii'ksiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the nineteenth day)
a + näatsippō + o'nnii = aisstsiippō'o'nnii	(the twentieth day)
aisstsiippō'o'nnii aiitsiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the twenty-first day)
aisstsiippō'o'nnii aisstsiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the twenty-second day)
aisstsiippō'o'nnii aii•ikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the twenty-third day)
aisstsiippō'o'nnii aiissiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the twenty-fourth day)
aisstsiippō'o'nnii aiissiitsiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the twenty-fifth day)
aisstsiippō'o'nnii aiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the twenty-sixth day)
aisstsiippō'o'nnii o''kitsiikiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the twenty-seventh day)
aisstsiippō'o'nnii ayāanissiikoōpo'tō'o'nnii	(the twenty-eighth day)
aisstsiippō'o'nnii aipii'ksō'o'nnii	(the twenty-ninth day)
a + nii•ippō + o'nnii = aii•ippō'o'nnii	(the thirtieth day)
a + niissippō + o'nnii = aiissippō'o'nnii	(the fortieth day)
a + niissitsippō + o'nnii = aiissitsippō'o'nnii	(the fiftieth day)
a + naippō + o'nnii = aiippō'o'nnii	(the sixtieth day)
a + 'kitsiikiippō + o'nnii = o''kitsiikiippō'o'nnii	(the seventieth day)
a + näanissippō + o'nnii = ayāanissippō'o'nnii	(the eightieth day)
a + pii'ksippō + o'nnii = aipii'ksippō'o'nnii	(the ninetieth day)
a + kiippō + o'nnii = aiiippō'o'nnii	(the hundredth day)

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aippō´o´nii	(the tenth day)
aiitsiikoōpo´tō´onii	(the eleventh day)
aisstsiikoōpo´tō´o´nii	(the twelfth day)
aīi•ikoōpo´tō´onii	(the thirteenth day)
aiissiiikoōpo´tō´o´nii	(the fourteenth day)
aiissitsiikoōpo´tō´onii	(the fifteenth day)
aīikoōpo´tō´o´nii	(the sixteenth day)
ō´´kitsiikiikoōpo´tō´o´nii	(the seventeenth day)
ayāanissiiikoōpo´tō´o´nii	(the eighteenth day)
aipii´ksiikoōpo´tō´o´nii	(the nineteenth day)
aisstsiippō´o´nii	(the twentieth day)
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aisstsiippō´o´nii aisstsiikoōpo´tō´o´nii	(the twenty-second day)
aisstsiippō´o´nii aīi•ikoōpo´tō´o´nii	(the twenty-third day)
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aisstsiippō´o´nii ō´´kitsiikiikoōpo´tō´o´nii	(the twenty-seventh day)
aisstsiippō´o´nii ayāanissiiikoōpo´tō´o´nii	(the twenty-eighth day)
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