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# PARADIGM OF THE TUMBUKA VERB, KUPITA, TO GO.

## POSITIVE CONJUGATION.

Mood:	Tense:	State of Action:	1st Person.		2nd Person.		3rd Person.		1st Person.		2nd Person.		3rd Person.	
			Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.	Sing.	Plur.
			Indefinite—"I go".....	nku	tiku-	nku-	aku-	waku-	bakupita.	sinku-	sitiky-	sinku-	simuku-	sibakupita,
Indicative	Present	Perfect—"I have gone".....	nu-	ta-	wa-	niwa-	wa-	bapita.	sima-	sita-	siwa-	simwa-	siwa-	sibapita,
		Indefinite—"I went".....	nku	taka-	waka-	mwaka-	waku-	bakapita.	sinka-	sitiky-	siwaka-	simwaka-	siwaka-	sibakapita,
	Past	Imperfect—"I was going".....	nku	tika-	uka-	muika-	waku-	bakapitanga.	sinku-	sitiky-	siwaka-	simwaka-	siwaka-	sibakapitanga,
		Perfect—"I had gone," "I went".....	namu-	taungu-	wangu-	mwangu-	wangu-	bangupita.	sinangu-	sita-	sowang-	simwangu-	siwangu-	sibangupita,
	Future	Indefinite—"I shall go".....	mayanku-	tayanku-	wayanku-	mwayanku-	wayanku-	bayankupita.	sinayanku-	siyanku-	siwayanku-	simyanku-	siwayanku-	siwayankupita,
		Indefinite—"That I may go"..... "Let me go".....	ni-	ti-	u-	mu-	wa-	bapite.	sini-	siti-	siu-	simu-	siwa-	sibapite,
Subjunctive	Present	Imperfect—"That I may be going"..... "Let me be going".....	ni-	ti-	u-	mu-	wa-	bapitenge.	sini-	siti-	siu-	simu-	siwa-	sibapitenge,
		Indefinite—"I may go".....	nunga-	tinga-	unga-	muunga-	wanga-	bangapita.	siminga-	siinga-	siunga-	simunga-	siwanga-	sibangapita,
	Potential	Perfect—"I might have gone".....	ngana-	ngata-	ngawa-	ngunuwa-	ngawa-	ngudupita.	singana-	singata-	singwa-	singmuwa-	singawa-	singabapita,
		Present	Indefinite—"I ought to go"..... "I should go".....	ntaku-	ntatiku-	ntawaku-	ntamku-	ntawaku-	ntabakupita.	sintanku-	sintatiku-	sintawakn-	sintamuku-	sintawaku-
Conditional	Past	Indefinite—"I ought to have gone" "I should have gone".....	ntaka-	ntataka-	ntuwaka-	ntamwaka-	ntawaka-	ntabakupita.	sintanka-	sintatika	sintawaka-	sintamwaka-	sintawaka-	sintabakupita,

## FORMS OF THE VERB

Form.	ACTIVE VOICE.	PASSIVE VOICE.
Simple .....	ku pita, to go.....	ku pitiwa
Subjective .....	ku pitika, to be sendable; fit to go.....	ku pitika
Objective .....	ku pitira, to go for; or, on account of.....	ku pitirawa
Causative.....	ku pitishka, to cause to go; send.....	ku pitishkwa
Reflective .....	ku jipita, to go oneself (not used in this form with "go") .....	
Reciprocal .....	ku pitana, to go together.....	

NOTE.—There are also secondary derived forms—  
e.g., Ku pitirisha, to cause to go.  
Ku jipitira, to go for oneself.

All Verbs are not used in all these forms, but these illustrate how various different ideas are embodied in the Verbs. The derived forms may be conjugated like a Simple Verb.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Positive Conjugation—  
Ku pita, to go.

Negative Conjugation--  
Kureka kupita, to not go.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Present Indefinite.

2nd Sing.—Pita, go thou.  
2nd Plur.—Pi tana, go ye.

Reka ku pita, do not thou go.  
Rekani ku pita, do not ye go.

Present Imperfect.

2nd Sing.—Pitenge, be thou going.  
2nd Plur.—Mu pitenge, be ye going.

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# TABLE OF CONCORDS OF THE TUMBUKA LANGUAGE.

PREFIX OF NOUN.	CLASS I.		CLASS II.		CLASS III.		CLASS IV.		CLASS V.		SUB-CLASS I.		SUB-CLASS II.		CLASS VI.		CLASS VII.
	Sing. Munin. A person.	Plur. Bantu Persons	Sing. Munin. A head.	Plur. Mtin. Heads.	Sing. Mbizi. A goat.	Plur. Zimburi. Goats.	Sing. Tshintu. A thing.	Plur. Vintu. Things.	Sing. Jiso. An eye.	Plur. Masu. Eyes.	Sing. Mfumini. A chief.	Plur. Mafumu. Chiefs.	Sing. Uta. A bow.	Plur. Manta. Bows.	Sing. Kaynni. A bird.	Plur. Tuyuni. Birds.	Sing. and Plur. Kulima. Hoeing.
" Of " as sign of Possessive Case.....	wa	ba	wa	ya	ya	za	tsha	vya	la	gha	ya	gia	wa	gha	ka	twa	kwa
<b>Numeral Adjective</b> —" One," " Two ".....	yumo	ba-biri	u-mo	i-biri	ipmo	zi-biri	tshi-mo	vi-biri	li-mo	gha-biri	i-mo	gia-biri	u-mo	gha-biri	ka-mo	tu-biri	ka-mo
<b>Adjectives</b> —" Good ".....	mu-weme	ba-weme	u-weme	i-weme	i-weme	zi-weme	tsbi-weme	vi-weme	li-weme	gho-weme	i-weme	gha-weme	u-weme	gho-weme	ka-weme	tu-weme	ku-weme
" Bad ".....	mu-beni	ba-heni	u-heni	i-heni	i-heni	zi-heni	tshi-heni	vi-heni	li-heni	gha-heni	i-heni	gia-heni	u-heni	gha-heni	ka-heni	tu-heni	ku-heni
" Great ".....	mu-kuru	ba-kuru	u-kuru	i-kuru	i-kuru	zi-kuru	tshi-kuru	vi-kuru	li-kuru	akuru	i-kuru	a-kuru	u-kuru	akuru	ka-kuru	tu-kuru	ku-kuru
" Whole," " All ".....	wose	bose	wose	yose	yose	zose	tshose	vyose	lose	ghose	yose	ghose	wose	ghose	kose	tose	koso
" Another," " Other ".....	mnyaki	banyaki	umyak	inyaki	inyaki	zinyaki	tshinyaki	vinyaki	lanyaki	ghanayaki	inyaki	ghanayaki	unyaki	ghanayaki	kanyaki	tunyaki	kunyaki
<b>Possessives</b> —" My," " Mine ".....	wani	bani	wani	yani	yani	zani	tshani	vyani	lani	ghani	y-ni	ghani	wano	ghani	kau	twani	kwani
" Thy," " Thine ".....	wako	bako	wako	yako	yako	zako	tshako	vyako	lako	ghako	yako	ghako	wako	ghako	kako	twako	kwako
" His," " Her," " It's ".....	wake	bake	wake	yake	yake	zake	tshake	vyake	lake	ghake	yake	ghake	wake	ghake	kake	twake	kwake
" Our," " Our's ".....	witu	bitu	witu	yitu	yitu	zitu	tshita	vyitu	litu	ghitn	yitu	ghitn	wite	ghitn	kitu	twitu	kwitu
" Your," " You'a ".....	winu	binu	winu	yinu	yinu	zinu	tshinu	vyinu	linu	ghinu	yinu	ghinu	winu	ghinu	kinu	twinu	kwinu
" Their," " Their's ".....	wawo	bawo	wawo	yawo	yawo	zawo	tshawo	vyawo	lawo	ghawo	yawo	ghawo	wawo	ghawo	kawo	twawo	kwawo
" Of our place," or " Of our family ".....	wakwitu	bakwitu	wakwitu	yakwitu	yakwitu	zakwitu	tshakwitu	vyakwitu	lakwitu	ghakwitu	yakwitu	ghakwitu	wakwitu	ghakwitu	kakwitu	twakwitu	kwakwitu
" Of your place," &c.....	wakwinn	bakwinn	wakwinn	yakwinn	yakwinn	zakwinn	tshakwinn	vyakwinn	lakwinn	ghakwinn	yakwinn	ghakwinn	wakwinn	ghakwinn	kakwinn	twakwinn	kwakwinn
" Of their place ".....	wakwawa	bakwawa	wakwawa	yakwawa	yakwawa	zukwawa	tshakwawa	vyakwawa	lakwawa	ghakwawa	yakwawa	ghakwawa	wakwawa	ghakwawa	kakwawa	twakwawa	kwakwawa
<b>Relative</b> —" Who," " Which ".....	iye	iwo	iwo	iyo	iyo	izo	itsho	ivo	ilo	two	iyo	iwo	ilo	two	iko	ito	iko
<b>Emphatic Pron.</b> —" He himself," " Only ".....	ie yeka	iwo bika	iwo waka	iyo yeka	iyo yeka	izo zeka	itsho tsheka	ivo yeka	ilo leka	two gheka	iyo yeka	iwo weka	iwo gheka	ilo keka	ito tweka	iko kweka	
<b>Demonstratives</b> —" This ".....	uyin	ala	uwu	iwy	iwy	izi	itsbi	i-i	iri	ogha	iwy	ogha	uwu	ogha	aka	utu	uku
" That ".....	yuna	ba	wnwa	vira	vira	ziya	tshira	vira	lira	ghara	yira	ghara	wnwa	ghara	kara	tura	kura
" This," " These " (near).....	mweniyu	benabu	wenwu	yenyi	yenyi	zeniya	tsheniyishi	vyeniyi	lenili	ghenagh	yenyi	ghenagh	weniu	ghenagh	kenaka	twenutu	kwenuku
" That," " Those," (yonder).....	mweniyura	benibau	wenwura	yenyiyira	yenyiyira	zenizira	tsheniyishira	vyeniyira	leolilira	ghenigh	yenyiyira	ghenigh	weniwura	ghenigh	kenikara	twenitara	kwenikura
<b>Interrogatives</b> —" Who?" or " What? ".....	wali uli?	bali { mbu?	uli mbu?	iri mbu?	iri mbu?	ziri mbu?	tshiri mbu?	viru mbu?	liri mbu?	ali mbu?	iri mbu?	ali mbu?	uli mbu?	ali mbu?	kali mbu?	tuli mbu?	kuli mbu?
" What?" or " How is it? ".....	wakuti nli?	bakuti uli?	wakuti uli?	yakuti uli?	yakuti uli?	zakuti uli?	tshakuti uli?	vyakuti uli?	lakuti uli?	ghakuti uli?	yakuti uli?	ghakuti uli?	wakuti uli?	ghakuti uli?	kakuti uli?	twakuti uli?	kwakuti uli?
" Which? " of two or more.....	nju?	mba!	ngu!	nji?	nji?	zi?	tshi?	?	li?	gha?	nji?	gha!	ngu?	gha?	nka?	ntu?	nku?
" How many? ".....	ba ringa?	iringa?	iringa?	ziringa?	ziringa?	viringa?	tshiringa?	vyiringa?	liringa?	ghiringa?	ziringa?	ghiringa?	tinga?	ghiringa?	turinga?		
" Where is it? " " They," &c.....	wali nku?	bali nku?	uli nku?	iri nku?	iri nku?	ziri nku?	tshiru nku?	viru nku?	liri nku?	ali nku?	iri nku?	ali nku?	uli nku?	ali nku?	kali nku?	tuli nku?	kuli nku?
<b>Substantive Verb with Pronoun—</b>																	
Positive—" It is he," &c.....	ndiye	ndiwo	ndiwo	ndiyo	ndiyo	ndizo	nditsho	ndi	ndilo	ndiwo	ndiyo	ndiwo	ndiwo	ndiwo	ndiko	ndito	ndiko
Negative—" It is not he," &c.....	nsindiyе	nsindivo	nsindivo	asindiyо	asindiyо	asindizo	asinditsho	asindivo	asindilo	asindivo	asindiyо	asindivo	asindivo	asindivo	asindiko	asindito	asindiko
<b>Substantive Verb with Nouns—</b>																	
" It is," " It was," " They were," &c.....	wenga	benga	wenga	yenga	yenga	zenga	tshenga	vyenga	lenga	ghenga	yenga	ghenga	wenga	gheoga	kenga	twenga	kwenga
<b>Verb "To be," Present tense "is,"</b> .....	wali po	bali po	uli po	iri po	iri po	ziri po	tshiri po	viru po	liri po	ali po (ghali po)	iri po	ghali po	nli po	ghali po	kali po	tuli po	kuli po
Perfect tense "was,".....	wakaba po	bakaba po	wakaba po	yakaba po	yakaba po	zakapa po	tshakaba po	vyiba po	lakala po	ghakala po	yakala po	ghakala po	wakaba po	ghakala po	kakala po	twakaba po	kwakaba po
Past tense "was".....	wanguba po	banguba po	wanguba po	yanguba po	yanguba po	zanguba po	tshanguba po	vyanguba po	languba po	ghanguba po	yanguba po	ghanguba po	wanguba po	ghanguba po	kanguba po	twanguba po	kwanguba po
Future tense "will be".....	wayamkuba po	bayamkul po	wayamkuba po	yayamkuba po	yayamkuba po	zayamkuba po	tshayamkuba po	vyayamkuba po	layamkuba po	ghayamkuba po	yayamkuba po	ghayamkuba po	wayamkuba po	ghayamkuba po	kayamkuba po	twayamkuba po	kwayamkuba po

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