Time Auxiliaries

[(Auxiliary) Verb (Neg) CP-S]

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ril
                                                       aríli
    Auxiliary: present
                                                            Auxiliary: far future
eril
                                                       rilrili
                                                            Auxiliary: hypothetical
    Auxiliary: past
                                                        wil
aril
   Auxiliary: future
                                                            Auxiliary: optative mood (desire):
                                                           "would that...," "let there be...," "I
eríli
   Auxiliary: far past
                                                            wish....
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When you need to indicate time in a sentence, put an auxiliary immediately before the verb. Auxiliaries never change their shape in any way, even if the verb itself is made plural.

Absent any auxiliary, present time is assumed. Subsequent to the occurrence of an auxiliary, in connected sentences, that time is assumed until another auxiliary occurs.

Examples

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Bíi hal ne wa.
                                                   Bíi rilrili hal ne wa.
   You work (implied present-time).
                                                       Let's suppose you worked....
Bíi ril hal ne wa.
                                                       Perhaps you work....
                                                       You might work....
   You work now (explicit present-time).
Bíi eril hal ne wa.
                                                   Bíi wil hal ne wa.
   You worked.
                                                       Would that you worked....
Bíi aril hal ne wa.
                                                       If only you would work....
   You will work.
                                                       I wish you would work....
Bíi eríli hal ne wa.
                                                   Wil hal.
   Long ago, you worked.
                                                       Let there be work.
Bíi aríli hal ne wa.
   In the far future, you will work.
   Some day, you will work.
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Vocabulary

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ná-
den
   to help
                                                      Prefix (verb): continue to VERB; keep
elash
                                                      on VERBing
   to play
                                                  rado
íthi
                                                      to be weak [ra- (NON) + do (be
   to be tall; to be high
                                                      strong)]
líithi
                                                  sha
   to be white
                                                      harmony
líithin
                                                  waá
                                                      Evidence Word: believed to be false
   to be grey
                                                      because the speaker mistrusts the
mazh
   car; automobile
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"Wil sha" is the standard greeting in Láadan; it means "Let there be harmony." In speech and informal writing, a heartfelt wish or, as in this case, a greeting may appear without Type-of-Sentence Word or Evidence Word. This is perfectly acceptable because no one is going to be confused about the meaning.

"Aril" (Later) is the standard Láadan leave-taking.

Exercises

Translate the following into English.

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1 Bíi aríli dathim Elízhabeth wi.

E:

2 Bíi eril thal bal wo.

E:

3 Bíi aril ralóolohul mazh wa.

E:

4 Bíi eríli di withid wáa, "Bíi aril nahu thosh, id yom rawith wa."

E:

5 Bíi rilrili ina ra Máthu wo.

E:

6 Wil shóod.

E:
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In #4, did you note in the final clause of the man's speech that "...yom rawith..." (no-one is safe) when spoken aloud sounds identical to "...yom ra with..." (a person is not safe)? This kind of ambiguity is common to human languages. Many mechanisms are available to clarify; one of those in Láadan would be to double the negative: "...yom ra rawith...." A single "ra" is all that's required in Láadan to make a sentence negative, and the "ra-" included in "rawith" suffices; however, it is not a grammatical error in Láadan to include an extra "ra" either for clarity or emphasis.

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| Set the following in the tense indicated; translate into English before and after. |
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| 7 Bíi aril tháa ábed wa. |
| past |
| Ē: |
| <u></u> |
| C; |
| 8 Bíi eril dozh zháadin wa. |
| optative |
| E: |
| L: |
| <u> </u> |
| 9 Bíi rilrili shóod ra Hérel wo. |
| far future |
| E: |
| <u>L</u> : |
| C) malaya dath wi |
| 10 Bíi melaya áath wi. |
| hypothetical |
| E: |
| L: |
| 11 Bíi aril melalom thul wáa. |
| far past |
| |
| E: |
| L: F: |
| 12 Bíi mehóoha omid waá. |
| future |
| E: |
| L: |
| E: |
| Notice, in #7 (and in #3 above): the Evidence Word "wa" (according to my own perception) use |
| regarding a future event. In most cases, a human speaker cannot have perceived what will happen in the |
| future; in such a case "wa" would be understood to mean "according to my expectation;" expectation |
| is a perception, albeit an internal one. |
| is a perception, abort an internal one. |
| Translate the following into Láadan. |
| 13 The mice ate, long ago. |
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| 14 The grain will be green. |
| L: |
| 15 A stone clearly might be beautiful. |
| L: |
| 16 Suzette was right; the cat was afraid. |
| L: |
| 17 The beverage might not be hot. |
| L: |
| 18 Let there be wisdom! |
| L: |
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Answers

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Elizabeth will needlework in the far future, obviously.
2
   I suppose the bread was good.
   The car will be extremely quick.
   I'm told that long ago a man said, "The sky will begin to open, and then no-one will be
   safe."
5
   Matthew might not sleep, I suppose.
6
   Let there be busy-ness.
   The farm will thrive.
       Bíi eril tháa ábed wa.
          The farm thrived.
8
   Menopausing was easy, in my experience.
      Bíi wil dozh zháadin wa.
          Would that menopausing be easy.
9
   I suppose Carol may not be busy.
       Bíi aríli shóod ra Hérel wo.
          I suppose Carol will, long hence, not be busy.
10
   Of course the doors are red.
       Bíi rilrili melaya áath wi.
          Of course the doors may be red.
11
   The parents will sing.
      Bíi eríli melalom thul wa.
          Long ago, the parents sang.
12
   I'm in some doubt that the horses are weary.
       Bíi aril mehóoha omid waá.
          I'm in some doubt that the horses will be weary.
13
   Bíi eríli meyod edemid wáa.
14
   Bíi aril liyen ede wa.
15
   Bíi rilrili áya ud wi.
16
   Bíi eril dóon Shuzhéth wa; héeya rul.
17
   Bíi rilrili owa ra rana wa.
18
   Wil woth!
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