

Lesson 58

States of Consciousness

Láadan has a verb with a set of endings that conveys, as its sole function, a person's state of consciousness.

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hahod

to be in a state of...

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Neutral state of consciousness [“hahod” with the zero ending]: not elated, not depressed, not excited or agitated, not worried, not “altered,” not angry, not irritated, not frightened, not upset, not distressed ... neutral. Try “serene;” that’s the closest English word I can suggest.

-ib

deliberately shut off to all feeling

-ihed

in a sort of shock, numb

-imi

in bewilderment/astonishment, positive

-imilh

in bewilderment/astonishment, negative

-itha

linked empathically with others

-iyon

ecstasy

-o

in meditation

-óo

in hypnotic trance

Examples

Báa ril hahodo withizh?

Is the woman meditating (in a state of meditation)?

Ra, ril hahodóo be wáa.

No, she’s hypnotized (in a state of hypnotic trance).

Bíi eril nahahodihed withid ulhad shemethu bethawáan wáa.

The man entered (began to be in) a state of numb shock at the betrayal of his child.

Bíi aril di wohahodimilh wowith lezhedim nanáaleya wa.

The bewildered person will speak to us (few) at sunset.

Bíi eril amedara thul letha hahodiyonenal wa.

My parent danced ecstatically (in a manner as though being in a state of ecstasy).

You’ll note that the “hahod” forms fill all the grammatical roles that any other verb fills.

Exercises

Translate the following into English.

1 Bíi hahod le áhesh le belideth i midethehé rawáan wa.

E: _____

2 Bíi hahodihed háawith shebasheb thulethu bethawáan wa.

E: _____

3 Báa eril hahodimilh ábedá barahul romidethuwáan?

E: _____

4 Bíi ril mehalehale lan letho hahodiyonenal wa.

E: _____

5 Báa eril hahodóo ehená domewan?

E: _____

6 Bíi them hahodib onin úyahú dutha be olobehaleth wa.

E: _____

7 Bíi eril nahahodimi wobalin wowithizh úwáanú ban biye losheháalisheth bedim wa.

E: _____

8 Báa ril mehahoditha amedarahá?

E: _____

9 Báa aril néde hahodo ra woshara wohimá?

E: _____

10 Bíidi thódóhahodóo duthahá théwóoban witheháath wa.

E: _____

Translate the following into Láadan.

11 The rigorous scientist is shut off to all feeling when she's working.

L: _____

12 The student was astonished (positively) at the words in Láadan.

L: _____

13 Mary's great-aunt, who was empathically linked with her, felt pain when Mary became sick.

L: _____

14 The assistant meditates (is in a meditative state) at sunrise each day.

L: _____

15 The baker is calm (neutral state) although it's cold, gray and ugly.

L: _____

16 The speaker arrived in a state of numb shock.

L: _____

17 We were bewildered and astonished (negatively) at (because of) the torrential downpour.

L: _____

18 Who is in a state of ecstasy from rejoicing?

L: _____

19 Her husband shows signs of being in an hypnotic trance.

L: _____

20 Carol meditates in the evening (pattern by analogy to nature) because she intends to understand her anger (Int,Ø,+).

L: _____

Answers

- 1 I'm serene (neutral state of consciousness) although I'm responsible for the house and the animals.
- 2 The child is numb with shock due to the death of X's mother.
- 3 Was the farmer bewildered/astonished (negatively) because of the rage (extreme anger: Ext,+, -) of the wild animal?
- 4 My friends are playing music ecstatically.
- 5 Was the philosopher in an hypnotic trance in order to remember?
- 6 A nurse needs to shut herself off to all feeling when she heals an unusually severe trauma.
- 7 The old woman entered (began to be in) a bewildered/ astonished (though positive) state because some-honored-one gave her a truly immense amount of money.
- 8 Are the dancers linked empathically?
- 9 Won't the grief-stricken (Ext,+, -) traveler want to meditate (be in a meditative state)?
- 10 [didactically] The healer has just induced a hypnotic trance in the woman who is moments from giving birth.
- 11 Bíi hahodib woshel wohehá haleya wa.
- 12 Bíi eril hahodimi bedihá dáan Láadanethuwáan wáa.
- 13 Bíi eril úuya hahoditha hoberídan Méri betha bedeneháa úyahú nahéeya Méri wáa.
- 14 Bíi ril hahodo dená nasháaleya baradan wáa.
- 15 Bíi hahod ebalá íizha meham rahowa, líithin, i modi wa.
- 16 Bíi eril nosháad wohahodihed wodihá wáa.
- 17 Bíi eril mehahodimilh lezh laliháalishewáan wa.
- 18 Báa ril hahodiyon bebáa lowáan?
- 19 Bíi ril dam hahodóo ebahid betho wa.
- 20 Bíi hahodo Hérel háanáaleya baradan úwanú nédeshub en be bina bethoth wáa.