

Lesson 10

Vocabulary Practice 2

Vocabulary

ábedá	farmer [ábed (farm) + -á (doer)]
amedara	to dance
ash	star
babí	bird
déela	garden
dem	window
héena	sibling-of-the-heart
il	to pay attention
lámála	to caress; to stroke
lan	friend
lanemid	dog [lan (friend) + mid (creature)]
oda	arm (body part)
onida	family
óoda	leg (body part)
osháana	to menstruate
rathal	to be bad [ra- (NON) + thal (good)]
ro	weather
urahu	gate [u (open) + rahu (closed)]
wam	to be still; to be calm
yu	fruit

Here you'll notice some more “constructed” words: *ábedá*, *lanemid*, *rathal*, *urahu*. Previously we've seen “*boshum*” (cloud) [*bo* (mountain) + *shum* (air)], “*rabun*” (old, of inanimates) [*ra-* (NON) + *bun* (new, of inanimates)], “*rahu*” (be closed) [*ra-* (NON) + *u* (be open)], among others. Láadan creates new words easily by the process of adding words and meaningful word-parts (linguists call these meaningful word-parts “morphemes”) together.

Examples

Bíi thal ro wa.	The weather is good.
Bíi thal ra ro wa.	The weather is not good.
Bíi rathal ro wa.	The weather is bad.
Bíi rathal ra ro wa.	The weather is not bad.
Báa lawida bebáa?	Who is pregnant?
Báa lawida Másha?	Is Marsha pregnant?
Bíi lawida ra Másha waá.	Marsha is not pregnant (I've heard but I don't believe it).
Bíi lawida Másha wi.	Marsha is pregnant, obviously.

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Exercises

Translate the following into English.

- 1 Bii yod omid wa.
- 2 Bii amedara ra ábedá wáa.
- 3 Bii il héena wa.
- 4 Báa osháana thul?
- 5 Bii wam ra yul wi.
- 6 Báa meháana bebáazh?
- 7 Bii melaya ra yu wi.
- 8 Bii meháya boshum wa.
- 9 Báa rathal ro?
- 10 Bii dóon hothul wa.

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Translate the following into Láadan.

You'll need to supply Evidence Words; experiment with the meanings the various Evidence Words add to the Láadan that English is simply missing.

- 11 The farms are closed.
- 12 The men are amazed.
- 13 The worker is busy.
- 14 The garden thrives.
- 15 Birds don't needlework.
- 16 The window isn't open.
- 17 Does the animal laugh?
- 18 Does the star teach?
- 19 Is the drink good?
- 20 Who is alive?

Did you have any trouble forming the word for "worker" in #13? We know "hal," the word for "to work;" all we need do is add the "agentive suffix," "-á," and we have "halá," the word for "worker."

- 11 La: _____
- 12 La: _____
- 13 La: _____
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- 15 La: _____
- 16 La: _____
- 17 La: _____
- 18 La: _____
- 19 La: _____
- 20 La: _____

Notes

1 The horse eats. 2 The farmer does not dance. 3 The heart-sibling pays attention. 4 Is the mother menstruating? 5 The wind is not still. 6 Who (few) are asleep? 7 The fruits are not red. 8 The clouds are beautiful. 9 Is the weather bad? 10 The grandmother is correct.

11 Bli merahu ábed wáa. 12 Bli memli withid wáa. 13 Bli shóod halá wáa. 14 Bli tháa déela wáa. 15 Bli medathim ra babl wi. 16 Bli u ra dem wáa. 17 Báa ada mid? 18 Báa om ash? 19 Báa thal rana? 20 Báa wil bebáa?