

VERBS

Wandamen verbs require affixes that indicate subject PERSON and NUMBER. For purposes of this thesaurus most verbs are presented in their un-conjugated form.

WANDAMEN VERB PERSON/NUMBER AFFIXES

	1st PERSON	2n PERSON	3rd PERSON
SINGULAR	i- y-	-u- bu-	-i- di-
PLURAL	tat- (we, incl) amat- (we, excl)	met- (you, pl)	set- (they, human) si- (non-human)
PLURAL DUAL	tur- (we 2, incl) amur- (we 2, excl)		mur- (you 2) sur- (they2)

CONJUGATION RULES

There are general rules of conjugation (morphophonemic rules) which affect sound changes of the word parts joined together.

A. When a consonant occurs before another consonant (except r, v, and k) where two word parts come together, the first consonant is dropped.

tat-	+	sayo	=	tasayo
<i>we, incl</i>		<i>see</i>		<i>we, incl. see</i>

mur-	+	nanaripi	=	munanaripi
<i>you two</i>		<i>make</i>		<i>you two make</i>

B. When a consonant occurs before r, v, or k where two word parts come together, the first consonant becomes a nasal at the point of articulation of the following consonant and this second consonant changes to a stop at the same point of articulation. Therefore:

consonant	+	r	=	nd
consonant	+	v	=	mb
consonant	+	k	=	ngg

sur-	+	raba	=	sundaba
<i>they two</i>		<i>split open</i>		<i>they two split open</i>

amat-	+	vavu	=	amambavu
<i>we, incl.</i>		<i>leave</i>		<i>we, incl. leave</i>

set-	+	kavo	=	senggavo
<i>they</i>		<i>speak</i>		<i>they say/speak</i>

C. When the vowels "u" and "i" occur next to each other where two word parts come together, the first one is dropped.

bu-	+	isa	=	bisa
<i>you</i>		<i>stab</i>		<i>you stab</i>

di-	+	unu	=	dunu
<i>he</i>		<i>drink</i>		<i>he drinks</i>

In verbs of which the first vowel of the root is "a", certain verbs (Class I) retain the [a] as [a], while certain other verbs (Class II) change the [a] to [e] if preceded by a subject person infix (for roots beginning with a consonant), or a subject person prefix (for roots beginning with a vowel).

Class I verbs:

tana + infix -u- = tuana
plant you plant

ara + prefix bu- = buara
turn you turn

Class II verbs:

tana + infix -u- = tuena
short you are short

arar + prefix di- = dierar
scratch he scratches

Sane pai ve plir kavavo nana kavo Wondama

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Wandamen Vocabulary

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