



## Features

### 17. Absolutive marked subjects in some unergative verbs: *borrokatu naiz* (v dut)

#### Short description

*Generalized pattern.* Generally, unergative verbs take an ergative subject and the \**edun* ‘have’ auxiliary.

- (1) (Nik) borrokatu/borroka egin dut  
I.ERG fight.PTCP/fight do.PTCP (3ABS).have.1SG.ERG  
‘I have fought.’

*Variational pattern.* In some varieties, some unergative verbs take an absolutive subject and *izan* ‘be’ auxiliary ( *afaldu* ‘have dinner’, *bazkaldu* ‘have lunch’, *borrokatu* ‘fight’, *jokatu* ‘play’ etc.)

- (2) (Ni) borrokatu naiz  
I.ABS fight.PTCP 1SG.ABS.be  
‘I have fought.’

*Reported in:* eastern varieties (Oihartzabal 1992, Aldai 2006, 2009).

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## Answers

### (2) (Ni) borrokatu naiz

BiV code	Town	Dialect	Value	Contributor
N-ari	Arizkun (Baztan)	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Pello Salaburu
G-bei	Beizama	Central Basque	Yes	Lourdes Otaegi
G-ert	Errenteria	Central Basque	Yes	Aritz Irurtzun
N-elk	Etxaleku (Imotz)	Central Basque	Yes	Imotz
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese-Lapurcian Basque	Yes	Céline Mounole
NB-ora	Oragarre	Navarrese-Lapurcian Basque	Yes	Itxaro Borda

N-orb	Orbaizeta	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Iñaki Camino
L-zib	Ziburu	Navarrese-Lapurdiian Basque	Yes	Maitena Duhalde
A-ara	Aramaio	Western Basque	No	Txipi Ormaetxea
N-arb	Arbizu	Navarrese Basque	No	Juanjo Olasagarre
B-art	Artea	Western Basque	No	Igor Estankona
G-azp	Azpeitia	Central Basque	No	Patxi Goenaga
G-ber	Bergara	Western Basque	No	Alexander Artzelus
G-elg	Elgoibar	Western Basque	No	Ane Odria
B-ger	Gernika	Western Basque	No	Alaine Barruetabeña
B-get	Getxo	Western Basque	No	Xabier Bilbao
N-goï	Goizueta	Navarrese Basque	No	Juan Jose Zubiri
G-her	Hernani	Central Basque	No	Eñaut Agirre
G-iru	Irun	Central Basque	No	Ricardo Etxepare
G-its	Itsasondo	Central Basque	No	Urtzi Etxeberria
B-lek	Lekeitio	Western Basque	No	Arantzazu Elordieta
B-loi	Loiu	Western Basque	No	Oihana Astobieta
B-mab	Mallabia	Western Basque	No	Koldo Zuazo
N-mez	Mezkiritz (Erroibar)	Navarrese Basque	No	Orreaga Ibarra
B-mun	Mungia	Western Basque	No	Miren Ibarluzea
B-otx	Otxandio	Western Basque	No	Xabier Burgete
N-urd	Urdiain	Navarrese Basque	No	Iñigo Urrestarazu
Z-urd	Urdiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	No	Maidar Bedaxagar