



## Features

### 5. Number agreement: *-it* in ditransitive constructions (v *-zki*)

#### Short description

*Generalized pattern.* Basque arguments trigger number agreement. In transitive forms, plural objects are cross-referenced by the pluralizer *-it*. Ditransitive forms including a plural object are of the *dizkiozu*-type with *-zki* instead.

(1a) Zuk            liburuak        ekarri            dituzu  
you.ERG        book.ABS        bring.PTCP        (3ABS).PL.have.2SG.ERG  
'You have brought the books to Jon.'

(1b) Zuk            Joni            liburuak        ekarri            dizkiozu  
you.ERG        Jon.DAT        book.ABS        give.PTCP        (3ABS).have.PL.APPL.3SG.DAT.2SG.ERG  
'You have given Jon the books.'

*Variational pattern.* Some varieties favor *-it* (instead of *-zki*) in ditransitive constructions.

(2) Zuk            Joni            liburuak        ekarri            ditiozu  
you.ERG        Jon.DAT        book.ABS        give.PTCP        (3ABS).PL.have.APPL.3SG.DAT.2SG.ERG  
'You have given Jon the books.'

*Reported in:* «This innovation does not seem to be very old; it has spread throughout most of central and western Navarre. This excludes Burunda, Ergoiena, and Etxarri Aranzatz, and is very weak in Baztan. On the other hand, it is present in Imotz, Basaburua, northern Basaburua Txikia, and eastern Larraun. It can also be hard in the northeastern Gipuzkoa, although it has recently started to disappear. It has best survived in Hondarribia (Gipuzkoa).» (Zuazo 2013: 73). See also, Zuazo (2004: 125, 130) for Hondarribia.

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## Answers

### (2) Zuk Joni liburuak ekarri ditiozu

BiV code	Town	Dialect	Value	Contributor
N-ari	Arizkun (Baztan)	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Pello Salaburu
N-elk	Etxaleku (Imotz)	Central Basque	Yes	Imotz
N-goï	Goizueta	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Juan Jose Zubiri
N-mez	Mezkiritz (Erroibar)	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Orreaga Ibarra
Z-urd	Urdiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	Yes	Maidier Bedaxagar
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-bei	Beizama	Central Basque	No	Lourdes Otaegi
G-ber	Bergara	Western Basque	No	Alexander Artzelus
G-elg	Elgoibar	Western Basque	No	Ane Odria
G-ert	Errenteria	Central Basque	No	Aritz Irurtzun
B-ger	Gernika	Western Basque	No	Alaine Barruetabeña
B-get	Getxo	Western Basque	No	Xabier Bilbao
G-her	Hernani	Central Basque	No	Eñaut Agirre
G-iru	Irun	Central Basque	No	Ricardo Etxepare
G-its	Itsasondo	Central Basque	No	Urtzi Etxeberria
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese-Lapurđian Basque	No	Céline Mounole
B-lek	Lekeitio	Western Basque	No	Arantzazu Elordieta
B-loi	Loiu	Western Basque	No	Oihana Astobieta
B-mab	Mallabia	Western Basque	No	Koldo Zuazo
B-mun	Mungia	Western Basque	No	Miren Ibarluzea
NB-ora	Oragarre	Navarrese-Lapurđian Basque	No	Itxaro Borda
N-orb	Orbaizeta	Navarrese Basque	No	Iñaki Camino

B-otx	Otxandio	Western Basque	No	Xabier Burgete
L-zib	Ziburu	Navarrese-Lapurcian Basque	No	Maitena Duhalde

