



Features

15. Past finite verbal forms involving 3rd person absolutive arguments: \emptyset (v z)

Short description

Generalized pattern. Finite verbal forms show a morpheme *z-* in the past tense when the absolutive argument (both unaccusative subject and transitive object) is 3rd person.

- (1a) Jon hondartzan zegoen
Jon.ABS beach.INE (3ABS).be.PST
'Jon was on the beach.'
- (1b) Jonek surf-ohola zekarren
Jon.ERG surfboard.ABS (3ABS).bring.(3ERG).PST
'Jon was carrying the surfboard.'
- (2a) Jonek surf-ohola ekarri zuen
Jon.ERG surfboard.ABS bring.PTCP (3ABS).have.(3ERG).PST
'(S)he brought the surfboard.'
- (2b) Jonek surf-ohola ekarri zidan
Jon.ERG surfboard.ABS bring.PTCP (3ABS).(have).APPL.1SG.DAT.(3ERG).PST
'(S)he brought me the surfboard.'

Variational pattern. Some varieties show \emptyset instead.

- (3a) Jon hondartzan egoan
Jon.ABS beach.INE (3ABS).be.PST
'Jon was on the beach.'
- (3b) Jonek surf-ohola ekarren

Jon.ERG surfboard.ABS (3ABS).bring.(3ERG).PST

'Jon was carrying the surfboard.'

(4a) Jonek surf-ohola ekarri eban

Jon.ERG surfboard.ABS bring.PTCP (3ABS).have.(3ERG).PST

'Jon brought the surfboard.'

(4b) Jonek surf-ohola ekarri eustan

Jon.ERG surfboard.ABS bring.PTCP (3ABS).(have).APPL.1SG.DAT.(3ERG).PST

'Jon brought me the surfboard.'

Reported in: Western varieties (Zuazo 2013: 50; Hualde 2016).

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Notes:

«In the past form of *zan* 'to be', *zen* ~ *zan* '(s)he was', the initial *z-* may be analyzed as part of the verbal root and does not show the same alternation with zero.» (Hualde 2016).

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Answers

(3a) Jon hondartzan egoan

BiV code	Town	Dialect	Value	Contributor
A-ara	Aramaio	Western Basque	Yes	Txipi Ormaetxea
B-art	Artea	Western Basque	Yes	Igor Estankona
G-ber	Bergara	Western Basque	Yes	Alexander Artzelus
B-get	Getxo	Western Basque	Yes	Xabier Bilbao
B-lek	Lekeitio	Western Basque	Yes	Arantzazu Elordieta
B-loi	Loiu	Western Basque	Yes	Oihana Astobieta
B-mab	Mallabia	Western Basque	Yes	Koldo Zuazo
B-mun	Mungia	Western Basque	Yes	Miren Ibarluzea
B-otx	Otxandio	Western Basque	Yes	Xabier Burgete
N-arb	Arbizu	Navarrese Basque	No	Juanjo Olasagarre
N-ari	Arizkun (Baztan)	Navarrese Basque	No	Pello Salaburu

G-azp	Azpeitia	Central Basque	No	Patxi Goenaga
G-bei	Beizama	Central Basque	No	Lourdes Otaegi
G-ert	Errenteria	Central Basque	No	Aritz Irurtzun
N-elk	Etxaleku (Imotz)	Central Basque	No	Imotz
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
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese-Lapurcian Basque	No	Céline Mounole
N-mez	Mezkiritz (Erroibar)	Navarrese Basque	No	Orreaga Ibarra
NB-ora	Oragarre	Navarrese-Lapurcian Basque	No	Itxaro Borda
N-orb	Orbaizeta	Navarrese Basque	No	Iñaki Camino
N-urd	Urdiain	Navarrese Basque	No	Iñigo Urrestarazu
Z-urd	Urdiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	No	Maider Bedaxagar
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