



Features

53. Instrumental/inessive alternation in temporal modifiers: the instrumental (-z) (v the inessive (-n))

Short description

Generalized pattern. Telic temporal adverbials usually occur with the inessive. According to Euskaltzaindia (2000, rule #110), if the temporal unit is continuous, the bounded inessive (-*an*) must be used. However, many speakers also accept the unbounded inessive (-*tan*). On the other hand, atelic temporal adverbials usually occur bare or with the instrumental.

(1a) Bi minutuan/ Bi minututan etorri naiz
two minute.BN.INE/ two
minute.UNBN.INE come.PTCP 1SG.ABS.be
'I have come in two minutes.'

(1b) Bi minutuz egin dut korrika
two minute.INS do.PTCP have.1SG.ERG run
'I have run for two minutes.'

Variational pattern. In some varieties, telic temporal adverbials are headed by the instrumental (-z), so that telic and atelic temporal adverbials are not distinguished by the postposition.

(2a) Bi minutuz etorri naiz
 two minute.INS come.PTCP 1SG.ABS.be
 ‘I have come in two minutes.’

(2b) Bi minutuz egin dut korrika
 two minute.INS do.PTCP have.1SG.ERG run
 ‘I have run for two minutes.’

Reported in: north-eastern varieties.

Chapter: Postpositions (Locatives)

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References:

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Answers

(2a) Bi minutuz etorri naiz

BiV code	Town	Dialect	Value	Contributor
N-ari	Arizkun (Baztan)	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Pello Salaburu
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese- Lapurdian Basque	Yes	Céline Mounole
NB-ora	Oragarre	Navarrese- Lapurdian Basque	Yes	Itxaro Borda
Z-urd	Urdiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	Yes	Maidier Bedaxagar
L-zib	Ziburu	Navarrese- Lapurdian 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-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
N-elk	Etxaleku (Imotz)	Central Basque	No	Imotz
B-ger	Gernika	Western Basque	No	Alaine Barruetabeña
B-get	Getxo	Western Basque	No	Xabier Bilbao
N-goi	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

(2b) Bi minutuz egin dut korrika

BiV code	Town	Dialect	Value	Contributor
N-ari	Arizkun (Baztan)	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Pello Salaburu
G-bei	Beizama	Central Basque	Yes	Lourdes Otaegi
G-ber	Bergara	Western Basque	Yes	Alexander Artzelus
G-ert	Errenteria	Central Basque	Yes	Aritz Irurtzun
N-elk	Etxaleku (Imotz)	Central Basque	Yes	Imotz

G-her	Hernani	Central Basque	Yes	Eñaut Agirre
G-iru	Irun	Central Basque	Yes	Ricardo Etxepare
G-its	Itsasondo	Central Basque	Yes	Urtzi Etxeberria
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese- Lapurdian Basque	Yes	Céline Mounole
B-loi	Loiu	Western Basque	Yes	Oihana Astobieta
NB-ora	Oragarre	Navarrese- Lapurdian Basque	Yes	Itxaro Borda
N-orb	Orbaizeta	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Iñaki Camino
Z-urd	Urdiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	Yes	Maidier Bedaxagar
L-zib	Ziburu	Navarrese- Lapurdian 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-elg	Elgoibar	Western Basque	No	Ane Odria
B-ger	Gernika	Western Basque	No	Alaine Barruetabeña
B-get	Getxo	Western Basque	No	Xabier Bilbao
N-goi	Goizueta	Navarrese Basque	No	Juan Jose Zubiri
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