



Features

54. Stage level copular verbs: *izan* (v *egon*)

Short description

Generalized pattern. Stage-level predicates occur with the copula *egon* ‘be’.

- (1) Irakaslea lasai dago
Teacher.ABS calm is (egon)
‘The teacher is calm.’

Variational pattern. In eastern dialects, stage-level predicates occur with the copula *izan* ‘be’, just like individual level predicates.

- (2) Irakaslea lasai da
Teacher.ABS calm is (izan)
‘The teacher is calm.’

Reported in: eastern varieties.

Chapter: (In)Transitivity

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Answers

(2) Irakaslea lasai da

BiV code	Town	Dialect	Value	Contributor
N-ari	Arizkun (Baztan)	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Pello Salaburu
N-goï	Goizueta	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Juan Jose Zubiri
G-her	Hernani	Central Basque	Yes	Eñaut Agirre
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese-Lapuradian Basque	Yes	Céline Mounole
N-mez	Mezkiritz (Erroibar)	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Orreaga Ibarra
Z-urd	Urdiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	Yes	Maidier Bedaxagar
L-zib	Ziburu	Navarrese-Lapuradian 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
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
B-mun	Mungia	Western Basque	No	Miren Ibarluzea
N-orb	Orbaizeta	Navarrese Basque	No	Iñaki Camino
B-otx	Otxandio	Western Basque	No	Xabier Burgete
N-urd	Urdiain	Navarrese Basque	No	Iñigo Urrestarazu

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