



## Features

### 55. Expressing possession: *eduki, ukan* (v *izan*/\**edun*)

#### Short description

*Generalized pattern.* \**edun* ‘have’ is not only an auxiliary but also a main verb expressing possession.

(1) Nik seme bat dut  
I.ERG son one.ABS (3ABS).have.1SG.ERG  
‘I have a son.’

Crucially, in structures where the presence of the main verb is required, as for the perfective participle (2a), future participle (2b) or any other non-finite form such as the nominalized verbal noun in (2c), there is no such a form as \**edun* ‘have’ but *izan* ‘be’.

(2a) Nik seme bat izan dut  
I.ERG son one.ABS be.PTCP (3ABS).have.1SG.ERG  
‘I have a son.’

(2b) Nik seme bat izango dut  
I.ERG son one.ABS be.PROS (3ABS).have.1SG.ERG  
‘I have a son.’

(2c) Seme bat izatea esperientzia zoragarria da  
son one.ABS be.NMLZ experience wonderful (3ABS).be  
‘To have a son is a wonderful experience.’

*Variational pattern 1.* In some varieties, the lexical verb *eduki* ‘possessive have’ is the alternative to *izan* ‘be’/\**edun* ‘have’ for expressing possession.

(3a) (Nik) seme bat daukat

I.ERG son one.ABS 3ABS.EDUKI.1SG.ERG

'I have a son.'

(3b) (Nik) seme bat eduki dut  
I.ERG son one.ABS EDUKI.PTCP (3ABS).have.1SG.ERG

'I have had a son.'

*Variational pattern 2.* Alternatively, in north-eastern varieties, *ukan* 'possessive have' is also attested in its participial form.

(3c) (Nik) seme bat ukan/ukanen dut  
I.ERG son one.ABS UKAN.PTCP/UKAN.PROS (3ABS).have.1SG.ERG

'I have had/will have a son.'

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## Answers

### (3a) (Nik) seme bat daukat

BiV code	Town	Dialect	Value	Contributor
A-ara	Aramaio	Western Basque	Yes	Txipi Ormaetxea
N-arb	Arbizu	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Juanjo Olasagarre
B-art	Artea	Western Basque	Yes	Igor Estankona
G-azp	Azpeitia	Central Basque	Yes	Patxi Goenaga
G-bei	Beizama	Central Basque	Yes	Lourdes Otaegi
G-ber	Bergara	Western Basque	Yes	Alexander Artzelus
G-elg	Elgoibar	Western Basque	Yes	Ane Odria
G-ert	Errenteria	Central Basque	Yes	Aritz Irurtzun

B-ger	Gernika	Western Basque	Yes	Alaine Barruetabeña
B-get	Getxo	Western Basque	Yes	Xabier Bilbao
G-her	Hernani	Central Basque	Yes	Eñaut Agirre
G-iru	Irun	Central Basque	Yes	Ricardo Etxepare
G-its	Itsasondo	Central Basque	Yes	Urtzi Etxeberria
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
NB-ora	Oragarre	Navarrese-Lapurcian Basque	Yes	Itxaro Borda
N-orb	Orbaizeta	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Iñaki Camino
B-otx	Otxandio	Western Basque	Yes	Xabier Burgete
N-urd	Urdiaín	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Iñigo Urrestarazu
N-ari	Arizkun (Baztan)	Navarrese Basque	No	Pello Salaburu
N-elk	Etxaleku (Imotz)	Central Basque	No	Imotz
N-goí	Goizueta	Navarrese Basque	No	Juan Jose Zubiri
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese-Lapurcian Basque	No	Céline Mounole
Z-urd	Urdiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	No	Maidier Bedaxagar
L-zib	Ziburu	Navarrese-Lapurcian Basque	No	Maitena Duhalde

**(3b) (Nik) seme bat eduki dut**

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A-ara	Aramaio	Western Basque	Yes	Txipi Ormaetxea
B-art	Artea	Western Basque	Yes	Igor Estankona
G-azp	Azpeitia	Central Basque	Yes	Patxi Goenaga
G-bei	Beizama	Central Basque	Yes	Lourdes Otaegi
G-ber	Bergara	Western Basque	Yes	Alexander Artzelus
G-elg	Elgoibar	Western Basque	Yes	Ane Odria
B-ger	Gernika	Western Basque	Yes	Alaine Barruetabeña
B-get	Getxo	Western Basque	Yes	Xabier Bilbao
G-her	Hernani	Central Basque	Yes	Eñaut Agirre
G-its	Itsasondo	Central Basque	Yes	Urtzi Etxeberria
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

N-orb	Orbaizeta	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Iñaki Camino
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-ert	Errenteria	Central Basque	No	Aritz Irurtzun
N-goï	Goizueta	Navarrese Basque	No	Juan Jose Zubiri
G-iru	Irun	Central Basque	No	Ricardo Etxepare
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese-Lapurđian Basque	No	Céline Mounole
N-mez	Mezkiritz (Erroibar)	Navarrese Basque	No	Orreaga Ibarra
NB-ora	Oragarre	Navarrese-Lapurđian Basque	No	Itxaro Borda
Z-urd	Urđiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	No	Maidar Bedaxagar
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### (3c) (Nik) seme bat ukan/ukanen dut

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L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese-Lapurđian Basque	Yes	Céline Mounole
NB-ora	Oragarre	Navarrese-Lapurđian Basque	Yes	Itxaro Borda
Z-urd	Urđiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	Yes	Maidar Bedaxagar
A-ara	Aramaio	Western Basque	No	Txipi Ormaetxea
N-arb	Arbizu	Navarrese Basque	No	Juanjo Olasagarre
N-ari	Arizkun (Baztan)	Navarrese Basque	No	Pello Salaburu
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