



## Features

### 64. *Bait-* in sentential complements: *bait-* (v *-(e)la*)

#### Short description

*Generalized pattern.* Sentential factives complements are headed by the complementizer *-(e)la*.

- (1) Hau da haren abantailik handiena, ez duela asko gastatzen  
This is her/his advantage.PRTV biggest not (3ABS).have.3ERG.ELA much spend.IPFV  
'That's the main advantage, that (s)he doesn't spent much.'

*Variational pattern.* *Bait-* is also attested in complement clauses. In general, this sentential complement is presented by a demonstrative in the main sentence (Lafitte 1979 [1944]: 405).

- (2) Hau da haren abantailik handiena, ez baitu ainitz xahutzen  
This is her/his advantage.PRTV biggest not BAIT.(3ABS).have.3ERG much spend.IPFV  
'That's the main advantage, that (s)he doesn't spent much.'

*Reported in:* eastern varieties (Lafitte 1979 [1944]: 405), Artiagoitia (2003: 648)

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## Answers

### (2) Hau da haren abantailik handiena, ez baitu ainitz xahutzen

BiV code	Town	Dialect	Value	Contributor
N-ari	Arizkun (Baztan)	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Pello Salaburu
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese-Lapurdian Basque	Yes	Céline Mounole
N-orb	Orbaizeta	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Iñaki Camino
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-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
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
NB-ora	Oragarre	Navarrese-Lapurdian Basque	No	Itxaro Borda
B-otx	Otxandio	Western Basque	No	Xabier Burgete
N-urd	Urdiain	Navarrese Basque	No	Iñigo Urrestarazu
Z-urd	Urdiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	No	Maidar Bedaxagar

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