



Features

13. Me-lui constraint (*etorri natzaizu*)

Short description

Alternative name: Person-Case Constraint, Ditransitive Person-Role Constraint

Generalized pattern. In the presence of a dative clitic, 1st and 2nd person absolutive clitics are banned in ditransitive forms.

(1) *Zuk ni harakinari saldu naiozu
you.ERG I.ABS butcher.DAT sell.PTCP 1SG.ABS.have.1SG.DAT.2ERG
'You sold me to the butcher.'
(Laka 1993)

Variational pattern. Although the constraint does not affect bivalent intransitive forms, both analytical and synthetic, analytical forms including a dative clitic and a 1st or 2nd person absolutive clitic are rare.

(2) Ni zuri etorri natzaizu
I.ABS you.DAT come.PTCP 1SG.ABS.be.2DAT
'I came to you.'

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Answers

(2) Ni zuri etorri natzaizu

BiV code	Town	Dialect	Value	Contributor
B-art	Artea	Western Basque	Yes	Igor Estankona
G-ert	Errenteria	Central Basque	Yes	Aritz Irurtzun
N-elk	Etxaleku (Imotz)	Central Basque	Yes	Imotz
N-goï	Goizueta	Navarrese Basque	Yes	Juan Jose Zubiri
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese-Lapurdian Basque	Yes	Céline Mounole
B-loi	Loiu	Western Basque	Yes	Oihana Astobieta
B-mun	Mungia	Western Basque	Yes	Miren Ibarluzea
Z-urd	Urdiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	Yes	Maidar 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
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-ber	Bergara	Western Basque	No	Alexander Artzelus
G-elg	Elgoibar	Western Basque	No	Ane Odria

B-ger	Gernika	Western Basque	No	Alaine Barruetabeña
B-get	Getxo	Western Basque	No	Xabier Bilbao
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-mab	Mallabia	Western Basque	No	Koldo Zuazo
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
B-otx	Otxandio	Western Basque	No	Xabier Burgete
N-urd	Urdiain	Navarrese Basque	No	Iñigo Urrestarazu

