



Features

7. Number agreement drop: *sagarrak jan du (v ditu)*

Short description

Generalized pattern. Basque arguments trigger number agreement.

(1a) Jonek sagarra jan du
Jon.ERG apple.ABS eat.PTCP (3ABS).have.3ERG
'You have eaten the/an apple love us.'

(1b) Jonek sagarrak jan ditu
Jon.ERG apple.PL.ABS eat.PTCP (3ABS).PL.have.3ERG
'Jon has eaten apples.'

Variational pattern. Some varieties drop number agreement with 3rd person absolutes.

(2) (H)arek porruak gordiñik jate(n) seben
they.ERG leek.PL.ABS raw eat.IPFV (3ABS).have.3ERG.PL
'They ate the leeks raw.' (Larrañaga, 1998:101)

Subvariational pattern. Some varieties drop number agreement even with 1st and 2nd person absolutes (Artzelus 2016) (a v b).

(3) Zuk gu asko maite gaizu
you.ERG us.ABS a lot love.PTCP 1ABS.have.2SG.ERG
'You love us.'

(4) Zuk gu asko maite gaituzu
you.ERG us.ABS a lot love.PTCP 1ABS.PL.have.2SG.ERG

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Answers

(2) (H)arek porruak gordiñik jate(n) seben

BiV code	Town	Dialect	Value	Contributor
G-ber	Bergara	Western Basque	Yes	Alexander Artzelus
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
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-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
L-lar	Larresoro	Navarrese- Lapurdian Basque	No	Céline Mounole
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N-orb	Orbaizeta	Navarrese Basque	No	Iñaki Camino
B-otx	Otxandio	Western Basque	No	Xabier Burgete
Z-urd	Urdiñarbe	Zuberoan Basque	No	Maidier Bedaxagar
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