

Homework #6
due Thursday, May 30th

For each of the following two sets of data, use the method of internal reconstruction to:

- (i) reconstruct the root morphemes
- (ii) reconstruct the suffix morphemes
- (iii) state any sound changes that have occurred.

Write a little prose to explain your reasoning and give illustrative examples of the rules' operation.

A. Paamese nouns

<i>noun</i>	<i>'this' + noun</i>	<i>'only the' + noun</i>	
1. aim	aimok	aimos	'house'
2. ahat	ahatuk	ahatus	'stone'
3. ahin	ahinek	ahines	'woman'
4. atin	atinuk	atinus	'cabbage'
5. atas	atasik	atahis	'sea'
6. metas	metasok	metasos	'spear'
7. ahis	ahisik	ahisis	'banana'
8. ahis	ahisuk	ahisus	'rifle'

B. Huli verbs

<i>PRESENT</i>			<i>PAST</i>			<i>COMMAND</i>	
<i>1st pers</i>	<i>2nd pers</i>	<i>3rd pers</i>	<i>1st pers</i>	<i>2nd pers</i>	<i>3rd pers</i>		
1. ebero	ebere	ibira	ibiru	ibiri	ibija	ibidaba	'come'
2. laro	lare	lara	laru	lari	laja	ladaba	'speak'
3. wero	were	wira	wiru	wiri	wija	widaba	'put'
4. homaro	homare	homara	homaru	homari	homaja	homadaba	'die'
5. biraro	birare	birara	biraru	birari	biraja	biradaba	'sit'

Hints: don't try to come up with separate morphemes for tense and person – assume there is a single morpheme for each tense/person combination. Also, think vowel harmony – but in which direction? Be sure to discuss why you chose the analysis you do.