

(P) Doubling Up on Nakanai (1/2) [15 Points]

Nakanai (*Lakalai*) is a language spoken by around 13,000 people of the Nakanai tribe in West New Britain, Papua New Guinea. Below are some words in Nakanai given along with their so-called “reduplicated form,” a grammatical form which has a large number of different uses (e.g. plural verb marking, habituative mood¹, and collective plurals).

However, these uses are irrelevant to the derivation of the reduplicated form.

Underlying Form	Reduplicated Form	Meaning
<i>basi</i>	<i>baibasi</i>	‘bandicoot (a small animal)’
<i>beta</i>	<i>babeta</i>	‘wet’
<i>galolo</i>	<i>galololo</i>	‘constantly’
<i>gove</i>	<i>goegove</i>	‘mountain’
<i>Kise</i>	<i>Kekise</i>	(a name)
<i>baimopu</i>	<i>baimoumopu</i>	(a kind of fish)
<i>seku</i>	<i>seuseku</i>	‘to scoop up’
<i>hugu</i>	<i>hugugu</i>	‘to carry’
<i>sasa</i>	<i>sasasa</i>	‘one’
<i>mari</i>	<i>marimari</i>	‘to know’
<i>toa</i>	<i>tatoa</i>	‘to tread, to kick’
<i>kirosi</i>	<i>kirosirosi</i>	‘angry’
<i>ligi</i>	<i>ligiligi</i>	‘to hurt’
<i>kebo</i>	<i>kokebo</i>	‘weak, exhausted’
<i>kevemuki</i>	<i>kevemuimuki</i>	(a name)
<i>baharu</i>	<i>bahararu</i>	‘widow’
<i>golū</i>	<i>golugolu</i>	‘thing’
<i>mota</i>	<i>mamota</i>	‘vine’
<i>keḍi</i>	<i>keikedi</i>	‘to be careful’
<i>vigilemuli</i>	<i>vigilemulimuli</i>	‘to tell a story’

¹ A verbal feature denoting that the action takes place habitually; e.g. English “*I usually go on walks*”



(P) Doubling Up on Nakanai (2/2)

P1. Provide the reduplicated forms of the following words in the table below.

Underlying Form	Reduplicated Form	Meaning
<i>tahalo</i>		'man'
<i>sekela</i>		'one at a time'
<i>pita</i>		'muddy'
<i>bake</i>		(a kind of fish)
<i>loke</i>		'to break (a rope)'
<i>voro</i>		'to pound'
<i>valolohoka</i>		'to warn someone of trouble'
<i>pasi</i>		'extremely'
<i>kusa</i>		'to shout'
<i>bebe</i>		'butterfly'
<i>hilo</i>		'to see'
<i>sivo</i>		'to descend'
<i>rabu</i>		'charred wood'
<i>tarile</i>		'tree'
<i>sobe</i>		'young woman'
<i>vitaumetari</i>		'younger sibling'
<i>vituga</i>		'to walk'

P2. Explain your solution.

