

TOPOTU

An Experimental Language



Phonology

Consonants	Labial	Coronal	Dorsal
Nasal		n	
Plosive	p	t	k
Fricative	f	s	
Approximant	w		j

Vowels	Front	Back
Close	i	u
Close-mid		o
Open	a	

Phonotactics

Syllable structure is CV.

Every word contains either 2 or 3 syllables. 'iji', 'owo', and 'uwu' cannot be in a word.

Stress always falls on the first syllable.

Grammar

The only part of speech is noun.

Every sentence follows either of these structures: X Y, or X Y Z.

"X Y" means "X is Y". "X Y Z" means "X is Y, which affects Z".

safa fata fato.

I eat food.

"I EATING-THING FOOD"

I am a thing that eats, which affects food.

Commas can be used to connect sentences that are "related". Example:

safa topo, safa kikofi topoto, topoto soju.

I speak a bad language.

safa topo, safa kikofi topoto. topoto soju.

I speak a language. Languages are bad.

Yes/no questions are asked using intonation alone.

safo fata?
Are you eating?

Dictionary

fata: eating thing
fato: food
fatu: bread
fosu: tool
fosuja: pair of glasses
fosuka: monitor, screen, display, television, TV
fosuna: computer, calculator
fosupo: phone, telephone
fosuta: button (that is pressed)
jakofi: sharp
jafoku: smooth, dull
jani: thing that's being seen
jata: wanting thing
jato: needing thing
jofi: new thing
jofu: old thing
kaku: knowing thing
kawa: fast thing
kawo: slow thing
kikofi: using thing
kufa: thing that thinks about, processes, calculates, computes
najofo: stick, hair, long thing
nakuwi: word, noun
nojuto: structure
nojutu: container
noka: liquid
noki: water
nokika: soda
nokiki: juice
nokino: ice
nokinu: oil
nokitu: plastic
noku: ocean, sea, lake
noso: something you don't know, used for asking questions
nosu: thing

nupa: big thing
nupo: small thing
pato: this thing, that thing
pawo: true thing
pawu: false thing
pufo: sky
pufu: gas, air
puja: soft thing, flexible
pujo: hard thing
pujofu: metal
pujopo: sand
pujopu: rock, asphalt
safa: I, me
safi: he, she, it, they
safo: you
saso: land
sisi: possible thing
sisu: impossible thing
soji: good thing
soju: bad thing
sono: position, location, place, time, location in time or space
sosi: hot thing
soso: fire, flame
sosu: cold thing
sowi: liking thing
sowu: disliking thing
sotapa: document
tana: white thing
tanu: black thing
tanifa: green thing
tanifi: yellow thing
tanifo: red thing
tanifu: orange thing
tanufa: purple thing
tasa: thing that might exist/happen, maybe, may
tasi: thing that probably exists/happens
taso: thing that almost exists/happens
tasu: thing that completely exists/happens, fully, totally, definitely
tawaka: bump
tawaki: mountain
tawoka: star, sun
tawoko: moon
tawoku: planet

tisato: human
tofoja: clean
tofojo: dirty, messy
topa: sound
topato: high pitched thing
topi: thing that's being heard
topo: talking thing
topoto: language
wipo: containing thing
wipu: having thing
wupapa: energy
wupapi: mass

fato soji.
Food is good.

nosu topo.
A thing is talking.

topa topi safa.
I hear a sound.

nojuto pato, nojuto soju, pato pawu.
This building is not bad.

nojuto nupa, safa wipu nojuto.
My house is big.

safa jata pato: safa topo, safa kikofi topoto, topoto soji.
I want to speak a good language.

topoto tanufa, pato sisu.
Languages cannot be purple.

safo fata noso?
What do you eat?

safa fata, nojuto wipa safa, safa wipu nojuto.
I am eating in my house.

safo sowu topoto, topoto pato?
Do you not like this language?

fosuja tofojo, safa wipu fosuja.
My glasses are dirty.