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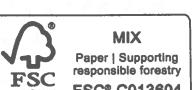
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and

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RDPL	reduplication
REC/REC	reciprocal
RECIP/RECIP	reciprocal
RED	reduplicated form
REDUP	reduplication
REFL/REFL	reflexive
REL/REL/REL	relative/relativizer
REL	relative linker (Chapter 9)
REM.FUT	remote future
REPET	repetition
RESULT/RESULT	resultative
REV/REV	reversive
RP	recent past
RT	reference time
RUF	Revolution United Front
RVRS	reversive
S	singular (Chapters 10, 23)
S/s	subject
s	subject index (Chapter 8)
Şb	Sherbro
SBJ	subject
SBJV/SBJV	subjunctive
SD	situational dependency
SEQ	sequential
sg/SG/SG/SG	singular
SI	subject index
SIL	Summer Institute of Linguistics
SIM	simulative (Chapter 5)
SIM	verb suffix for simultaneous action (Chapter 4)
SM	subject marker
SNS	standard numeral system
s.o.	someone
SOC	sociative/associative
SODÉCOTON	Société de Développement de Coton
SP	shared inside perspective (Chapter 18)
SP	Spanish (Chapter 6)
Sp	speaker (Chapter 18)
SP, sp.	species (Chapter 4)
sth.	something
SUB	subjunctive (Chapter 12)
Sub/SUB	subordinating/subordinator
SUBJ/SUBJ	subject (Chapters 12, 22)
Subj/SUBJ/SUBJ	subjunctive (Chapters 14, 17, 19, 20)
SUBORD	subordinator
SUF	suffix(al element)
SUFF	suffix
SVI	subject–verb inversion
SVO	subject–verb–object
syll.	syllable
T	term
TAM	tense-aspect-mood/modality
TAMP	tense-aspect-mood-polarity
TBR	Tobor Nyun
Tem.	Temne
temp	temporal word
TH	theme
Tm	Temne
TMA	tense-mood-aspect
TMAP	tense-mood-aspect-polarity
TN	transnumeral
t.o.	type of
TOP	Topic
TOT	transitive
TR/TR	terminative
TRM	Upper Guinea Portuguese Creole
UGPC	Unintentional
UNINT	Unions des Populations du Cameroun
UPC	verb
V/v/v.	vowel
v/v	verb
(v)	verb
var.	variable
VBLZ	verbalizing noun suffix (-e)
Vc	verb phrase or compound verb
VEL	velar
VEN/VEN/VEN	venitive
VEN	venitive verbal suffix (Chapter 4)
VFOC	verb focus/focalization
VH	vowel harmony
VIR	virtual
VP	verb phrase
VSAL	verb salience
VSI	verb subject index
VT	thematic vowel
WAAW	W. A. A. Wilson
WEST	western varieties
WN	Western Niger
X	oblique
Z	Ziguinchor

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## PART I

# Background and classification of the Atlantic languages

better understanding of affix order and phonotactics and the role and nature of stress. The phonological and syntactic properties of ideophones, a common feature of Gubééher, have not been researched at all. The areas of semantics and pragmatics are only starting to being investigated, a paper

on a discourse structure called *tail-head linkage* is in preparation (Cobbina 2024), discussing data from Gubééher and various Joola and Upper-Guinea Creoles from an areal perspective. Publications on argument structure, with a focus on zero objects are in preparation.

## 12.9 Appendix: Participants occurring in examples (B = Baïnouk, J = Joola)

Code	Gender	Age bracket	Language repertoire
BS	female	20–25	B. Gubééher, J. Banjal, J. Fogny, J. Kujireray, Pulaar, Wolof, French
HS	female	40–50	B. Gubééher, J. Banjal, J. Fogny, J. Kujireray, Pulaar, Wolof, French, Bayot, J. Kaasa, Kriolu, Mandinka
GS	male	25–30	B. Gubééher, J. Banjal, J. Fogny, J. Kujireray, Wolof, French, Bayot, Joola Kaasa
LM	male	35–40	B. Gubééher, J. Banjal, J. Fogny, J. Kujireray, Wolof, French, J. Kaasa, Kriolu
AB	male	50–60	B. Gubééher, J. Banjal, J. Fogny, J. Kujireray, Wolof, French, J. Kaasa, Kriolu, Bayot
ES	male	10–15	B. Gubééher, J. Kujireray, Wolof, French
MaB	female	20–25	B. Gubééher, J. Kujireray, Wolof, French, J. Banjal
AS	male	30–40	French, Wolof, J. Kaasa, English, B. Gubééher, J. Kujireray, J. Fogny
JHS	male	60–70	B. Gubééher, J. Banjal, J. Fogny, J. Kujireray, Wolof, French, Bayot, J. Kaasa, Kriolu, Mandinka, Mancagne, Bassari
JMS	male	40–50	B. Gubééher, J. Banjal, J. Fogny, J. Kujireray, Wolof, French, J. Kaasa, Kriolu,
KC	female	25–30	B. Gubééher, J. Banjal, J. Fogny, J. Kujireray, Wolof, French, J. Kaasa, Bayot

## CHAPTER 13

# Djifanghor Nyun (Baïnouk)

NICOLAS QUINT

## 13.1 General presentation of the language and its speakers

- sub-branch: North-Atlantic,
- family: Nyun,
- linguistic grouping: Baynunk.

Among Nyun varieties, JFG clearly belongs to Western Nyun (Lespinay 1987b: IV) and more specifically to Southwestern Nyun, a dialect cluster including two other varieties, spoken respectively in the villages of Djibonker and Djibelor, both situated west of Ziguinchor. Although the three Southwestern Nyun varieties are clearly related and probably mutually intelligible, they also present important differences at all levels of their grammar, some instances of which are shown in Table 13.1. Such differences justify that each of these varieties be individually described and documented.

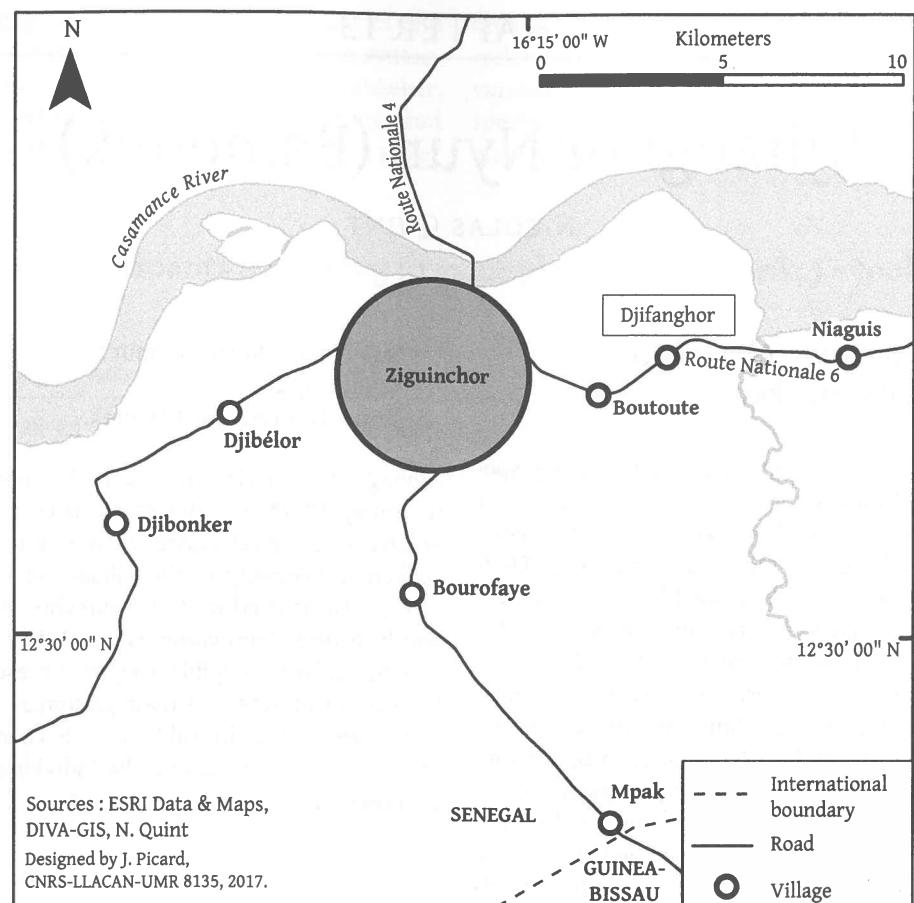
## 13.2 Previous studies and available data on Djifanghor Nyun

The published literature on Djifanghor Nyun is extremely scanty and, insofar as I am aware, consists of two sources only. The first one is Büthen (1988: 14–22). It is a comparative study of several Nyun-Buy varieties, which gives the form of 200 lexical items (mostly nouns) for each variety, including JFG. The second one is Quint (2015), a chapter devoted to the noun class system of JFG.

Quint (2015) and the present study are based on data I personally collected during three fieldwork sessions (representing approximately eight weeks' stay) in Djifanghor (in 2011, 2012, and 2014). These data comprise over 1,500 JFG lexical items, various nominal and verbal paradigms, as well as several oral texts. Due to this relatively short exposure to the language, I am not yet in possession of enough material to have a complete picture of its grammar. However, what is now available is sufficient to provide a general idea of the main typological and sociolinguistic characteristics of JFG.

From a phylogenetic point, JFG can be classified as follows (Chapter 2, this volume):

- phylum: Niger-Congo,
- branch: Atlantic,



Map 13.1 Location of Djifanghor

**Table 13.1** Comparison of some frequent items in the three Southwestern Nyun varieties (Djifanghor, Djibonker, and Djibelor)<sup>a</sup> adapted from Quint (2015: 408)

English	Djifanghor (JFG)	Djibonker	Djibelor
'one hundred'	kemé	teemer	ñanamkila (14)
'close (v.)'	bubínd	bubiir	bit (20)
'house'	edíh	kəna	ka:na (16)
'nose'	ñaykínd	gucind	ñankind (14)
'blood'	beleñ ~ milléñ	gveen	mulcin (15)
'sell'	bətan(n)	btaan ~ bojulaba	botánd (20)

<sup>a</sup> JFG data come from my own fieldwork sessions. For Djibonker and Djibelor, the data are from Cobbinah (2013a) and Büchner (1988) respectively. For Djibelor, each item is followed by the number of the page where the item was found.

### 13.3 Main grammatical and typological characteristics

#### 13.3.1 Phonology

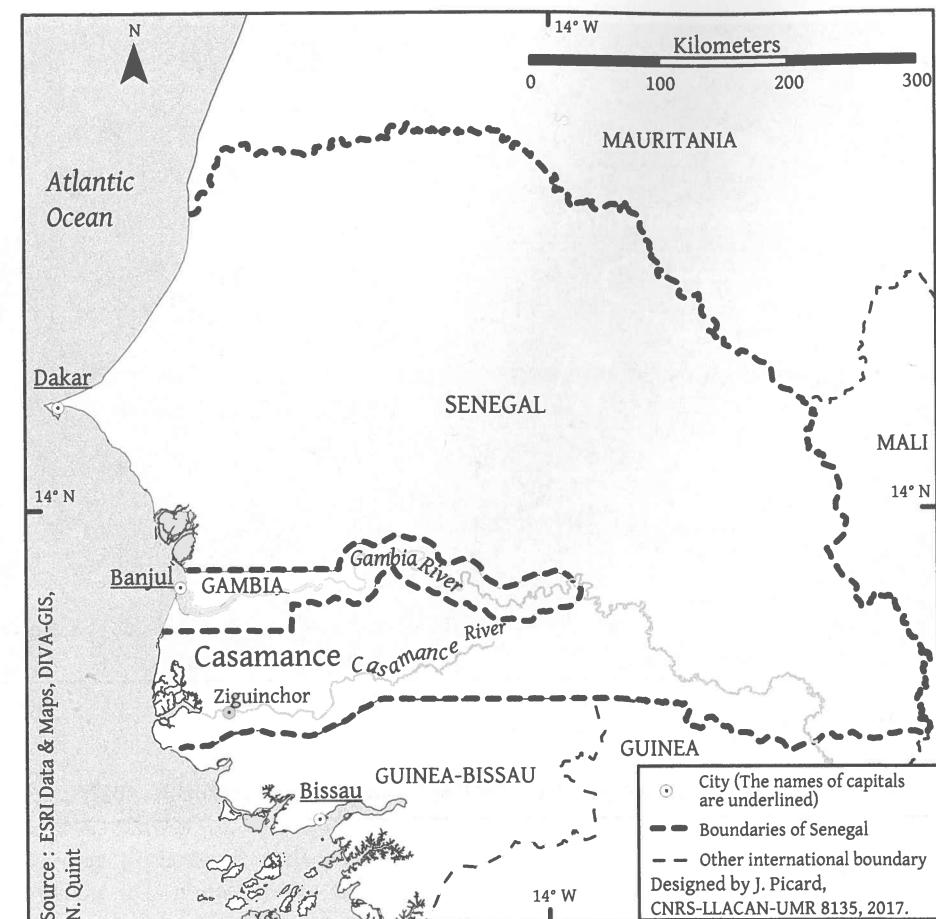
##### 13.3.1.1 Vowels

###### 13.3.1.1.1 Inventory

There are nine vocalic phonemes (Table 13.2) in JFG plus a schwa [ə], whose status will be discussed below. Nasality has no distinctive value.

###### 13.3.1.1.2 Length

Approximately 25% of JFG lexical items contain a long vowel. Vowel length is distinctive, the most convincing minimal pairs being provided by verbs: *has* 'scratch/claw (v.)' vs. *haas* 'like (v.)'; *kir* 'fly (v.)' vs. *kiir* 'die'; *køl* 'get out from the handle (axe-head)' vs. *køøl* 'lend each other a hand, work together'. There is no more than one long vowel per word and vowel



Map 13.2 Lower Casamance province

Table 13.2 Vowel chart of Djifanghor Nyun

	ATR	Front	Central	Back
Aperture	Closed	+	/i/	
	Mid-closed	-	/ɪ/	
	Mid-open	+	/e/	[ə] (schwa)
	Open	-	/ɛ/	/a/

length is only found in lexical roots (verbs, nouns, adjectives, or adverbials). All long vowels seem to be stressed (see also Section 13.3.1.3).

##### 13.3.1.1.3 Vowel harmony

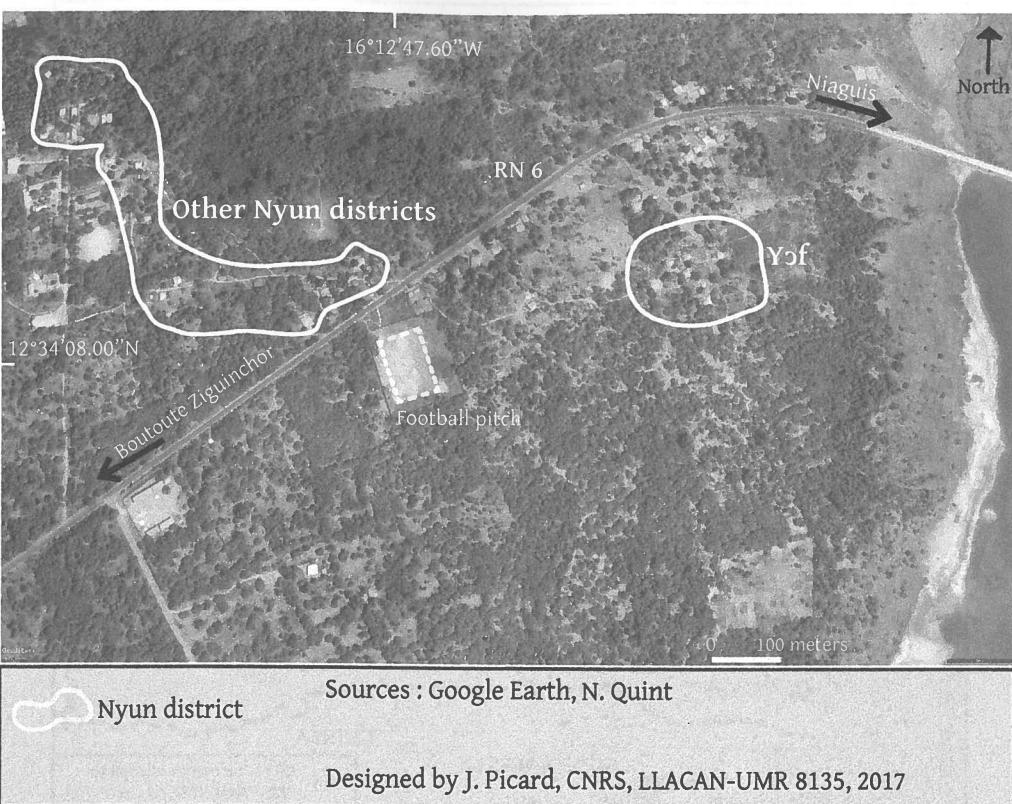
There is a vowel harmony (VH) system in Nyun, probably based on the ±ATR feature<sup>1</sup>, with two sets of vowels, +ATR /i, e/ and -ATR /u, o/.

<sup>1</sup> No acoustic tests were made to check the exact phonetic basis of this vowel harmony.

e, o, u/ and -ATR /i, e, a, ə, u/. Vowel harmony is not easy to illustrate with lexical roots, as most of them are monosyllabic. However, its effects are clearer on affixes, in particular those prefixes with an underlying /A/ such as certain noun-class markers and the 3rd person verb subject indices (VSI; see Section 13.3.2.1.5) of verbs inflected for perfective, which are used in Table 13.3 below to illustrate the effects of VH.

As shown in Table 13.3 above, the vowel quality of the 3rd person singular VSI changes (i) partly according to the quality of the first vowel of the lexical root, e.g. *fer*, *høøt*, but also (ii) partly according to the harmonic set to which the first vowel of the lexical root belongs, e.g. verb roots beginning with a +ATR high vowel /i, u/ (*fibb*, *mukk*) usually combine with a prefix containing a mid-open vowel, *e* and *ə* respectively, instead of a high vowel. This particular behaviour seems to depend on vowel harmony.

Note that, at least for /A/ prefixes, vowel harmony is mainly observable in the speech of older speakers (above forty years) while the younger tend to realize an /a/ form



Map 13.3 Djifanghor village

Table 13.3 Effects of vowel harmony on the 3rd person singular verb subject index of the verb inflected for perfective

Lexical root			S3SG.PFV		
JFG verb	1 <sup>st</sup> vowel	Harmonic set	Speakers		Meaning
			Old	Young	
fibb 'gore (v.)'	/i/	+ATR	e-fibbi	a-fibbi	'it gored'
feg 'see'	/e/	+ATR	e-fégi	a-fégi	's/he saw'
mukk 'end (v.)'	/u/	+ATR	o-múkki~ə-múkki	a-múkki	'it's finished'
kob(b) 'chew'	/o/	+ATR	o-kóbbi	a-kóbbi	's/he chewed'
ŋis 'wash'	/ɪ/	-ATR		a-ŋisi	's/he washed'
lob 'sting'	/ʊ/	-ATR	ə-lóbi	a-lóbi	'it stung'
fer 'be white'	/ɛ/	-ATR	e-féri	a-féri	's/he's white'
hørøt 'be hot (chili)'	/ɔ/	-ATR	ə-hórøti	a-hórøti	'it's hot'
tak 'cut'	/a/	-ATR		a-táki	's/he cut'

Table 13.4 Consonant chart of Djifanghor Nyun

		Labials	Alveolars	Palatals	Back
Plosives	oral	voiceless /p/	/t/	/c/	/k/
		voiced /b/	/d/	/ɟ/ <ñ> <sup>a</sup>	/g/
	prena- salized	voiceless /mp/	/nt/	/ɲc/ <ñc>	/ŋk/
		voiced /mb/	/nd/	/ɲy/ <ñj>	/ŋg/
	nasal	/m/	/n/	/ɲ/ <ñ>	/ŋ/
Fricatives		/f/	/s/		/h/
Glides/trill			/r/	/j/ <y>	/w/
Lateral			/l/		

<sup>a</sup> When the grapheme used to represent a phoneme differs from the IPA conventions, this grapheme is indicated between < and >.

independently of the first vowel of the lexical root the prefix attaches to.

### 13.3.1.4 Status of the schwa

Approximately 13% of the available 1,500 JFG lexical items contain one (or several) schwas [ə]. However, this schwa does not seem to enjoy a phonemic status as, contrary to all other JFG vowels, it is almost never stressed (see Section 13.3.1.3), nor lengthened. Rather it seems that most (if not all) phonetic [ə] are reduced, unstressed vocalic sounds found in certain (i) prefixes: bəkúrk 'black arboreal squirrel' and bənaal 'road', where it can be shown through agreement that bə- is a reduced form of noun class prefixes /ba/ and /bu/ respectively; and (ii) suffixes of the language: bəppəl 'roll down (a sleeve)', fəkkən 'fatten', where -əl and -ən are a reversive and a causative verbal suffix respectively, both these suffixes being also liable to associate with different vowels in other items, e.g. -il, -əl, -ul for the reversive and -in, -on, -un for the causative. In other instances, (iii) [ə]s are inserted as epenthetic sequences in some lexemes (often borrowings) in order to avoid unacceptable consonant clusters, e.g. sáapəta 'shoe' (< CC sapatu /sa'patu/ < PT sapato /se'patu/), gərísya 'church' (< CC girísyia < PT igreja), lítər 'litre' (< FR litre /litr/).

In some cases at least, the presence of /ə/ is probably under the dependence of vowel harmony rules, e.g. most occurrences of /Cə/ as a reduced form of a /CA/ noun class prefix are associated with lexical bases beginning with a /u/: əwíulund 'midge sp.', bəpúur 'boat' (< CC bapor), bəkúrk 'black arboreal squirrel', dəwúl 'heat', jəmúut 'beard', where the prefixed elements ə-, bə-, də-, jə- are the respective conditioned allomorphs of the prefixes /A-, bA-, dA-, jA-/.

### 13.3.1.2 Consonants

There are twenty-seven consonantal phonemes in JFG. Like most neighbouring languages, JFG distinguishes four places of articulation (labials, alveolars, palatals, back) throughout its whole plosive system. Table 13.4 presents the consonants.

There does not seem to be any limitation about position: all consonants can appear at the beginning, at the middle, or at the end of a word. This also applies to the prenasalized plosives, which are attested in all positions, in particular: (i) initial<sup>2</sup>: mbéhen 'over there', ndíhen 'men', njaráah 'children'; and (ii) final: budúgund 'he-goat', gukónj, 'gourd sp.', gulejk 'pubic/underarm air', ñómp 'hide (v.)'.

Gemination is quite common (13% of lexical items) in JFG. It is attested for all oral and nasal plosives (except /ŋ/) plus /l/ and /r/ (possibly /s/), and exclusively in (i) medial position: baddukánd, 'red ground squirrel', balláb 'ceiling', bənáppi 'bull', síggił 'eye', srrám 'surname'; and (ii) final position (mainly verb roots): fubb 'spill', kekk 'unpick (cloth)', rənn 'be clean', siledd 'wall', ȝoññ 'pinch (v.)'. Gemination seems to have no distinctive value.

Only diconsonantal clusters are allowed: (i) the only attested initial clusters are some prenasalized, non-phonemic sequences: nfáhən 'that (snail)', nsí 'this (baobab)', nha 'these (holes)', nrände 'where is it? (scorpion)'; consonantic clusters are also extremely rare in (ii) medial position (less than 1% of lexical items): keldamto 'grown-up (n.)', manférma 'health', yáñima 'urticating plant sp.', sihwínd 'fan palm fibre', sijlét 'trap', tujhók 'crow sp.', wərjéra 'earring' (< CC worejera);

<sup>2</sup> Note, however, that prenasalized plosives are not attested at the beginning of lexical roots, and that comparison with other Nyun varieties seems to indicate that initial prenasalized plosives in JFG are due to the loss of an old initial high vowel, e.g. \*indíhen > ndíhen 'men'.

and (iii) final position (four attested cases): *bækúrk* 'black arboreal squirrel', *gukélk* 'mangrove', *kumatarm* 'perch-like fish sp.', *lermp*<sup>3</sup> 'cattle egret'.

### 13.3.1.3 Stress

JFG is a stress language. Each content word or polysyllabic function word has a stressed syllable, indicated (when available) with an acute stress throughout this chapter. The stress generally falls on the lexical root of nouns and verbs: *gu.láar* [PREF.ROOT] 'slap (n.)'. When the root is longer than one syllable, the stress preferably falls: (i) on the first syllable of the root: *a-káaññ.i* [PREF.ROOT.SUF] 's/he dares', *a.lápac* [PREF.ROOT] 'gnat', *déegen* 'yesterday', *fébbi* 'goat', *gu.láamak* [PREF.ROOT] 'oar'; (ii) otherwise on the heaviest syllable (e.g. consonantal coda): *a.ymíñ* [PREF.ROOT] 'caterpillar', *ba.tilimbón* [PREF.ROOT] 'flute'. When many suffixes are added to a root, the stress may fall on one of these: *gu.saf.undín.ah* [PREF.ROOT.SUF.SUF] 'whining (=whine.DVN)'. The stress seems to only have a demarcative function and no lexical minimal pairs based on stress have been found.

### 13.3.1.4 Syllabic structure

The following syllabic structures are attested: V: *edíg* 'ant sp.', VV: *úutut* [HPX] 'very (red)', CV: *gudék* 'travel', CVV: *sikáaral* 'shrub sp.', CVC: *sibák* 'baobab', CVVC: *buyáan* 'heifer', CVCC: *gukélk* 'mangrove'.

From a strictly syllabic point of view, it seems advisable to consider prenasalized plosives /NC/ as /CC/ sequences (i.e. occupying two skeletal positions), as no \*CVVNC syllable has been recorded in JFG, although CVVC syllables do exist (see *buyáan* above). This being so, *gumb* 'today' is better analysed as exemplifying the CVCC syllabic structure and *lermp* 'cattle egret' (see Section 13.3.1.2) is the unique known case of a CVCCC syllable in JFG.

### 13.3.1.5 Word structure

Most JFG lexical roots and function words are mono- or disyllabic. However, actual Nyun nouns and verbs are often produced through the addition of various prefixes and suffixes to the lexical root, which can give rise to words of many syllables (when identified, the root is indicated in bold in the following words): *di.boo.bat* [3 syll.] 'brain', *gu.soo.pá.ham* [4 syll.] 'hoe sp.', *a-dúp.pa.la.hi* [5 syll.] 's/he moved', *muj.kaa.ná.ho.moy* [5 syll.] 'granaries', *ju.muk.ku.li.ná.hum* [6 syll.] 'end (n.)'. Be that as it may, except for a few nouns and

<sup>3</sup> Note that, from a phonological point of view /rmp/ is a diconsonantal cluster: vibrant /r/ + prenasalized plosive /mp/.

some inflected forms of derived verbs, the huge majority of JFG attested words do not have more than four syllables.

## 13.3.2 Morphology

### 13.3.2.1 Noun phrase

#### 13.3.2.1.1 The noun

##### 13.3.2.1.1.1 NOUN-CLASS MORPHOLOGY AND AGREEMENT

Like all neighbouring Atlantic languages (Joola, Balant, Mankanya) and many other Niger-Congo languages, JFG nouns have a rich noun class morphology. In fact, JFG and the other Nyun varieties may well hold the absolute record in Niger-Congo as concerns the number of different agreement patterns in their noun-class system: JFG for example exhibits twenty-nine such patterns, the details of which are provided in Appendix 13.6.1. The various agreement markers can be subsumed by the general formula  $(C_c)V_c(N_c)$  with:

- $C_c$  = class consonant (14 values: Ø, P, T, K, B, D, J, G, F, S, H, M, Ñ, R).
- $V_c$  = class vowel (4 values<sup>4</sup>: I, A, U, O).
- $N_c$  = class nasal (2 values<sup>5</sup>: Ø, N).

In most JFG nouns, a class prefix closely reflecting the archetypical class agreement form is attached to the nominal root: *bajáj* 'palm tree' (class BA), *guhóon* 'bone' (class GU), *kompán* 'honey' (class KUN). However, in two cases at least, there is no correlation between the initial part of the noun and the agreement pattern observed on its dependents: (i) in classes A and U, some nouns have a zero prefix. Thus there is no morphological clue allowing to predict why the nouns *kobór* 'hare' and *dihen* 'man' control respectively agreement patterns belonging to class A and U (see Appendix 13.6.1); (ii) in class ÑAN-IN, there is a conflict between (a) typical morphologically based agreement, e.g. *ñannáaf* *ñannák* 'two farmers', where the class-marker *ñan* associated with the numeral root -nak 'two' is identical to the prefix found in the noun *ñannáaf* 'farmers', and (b) semantically based agreement, e.g. *ñannáaf mnák* 'two farmers' where the marker associated with the numeral root -nak 'two' is identical to the

<sup>4</sup> The many different vowel qualities attested in the class-agreement patterns given in Appendix 13.6.1 are mainly due to vowel harmony (see Section 13.3.1.1.3 above).

<sup>5</sup> For noun classes where  $N_c = N$ , the class nasal is not realized in all agreement patterns (see Appendix 13.6.1), e.g. *sibák* 'baobab' (class SI) and *simknd* 'rope' (class SIN) control different agreement forms for the 'which' interrogative, i.e. *sibéede* vs. *simbeede* respectively, but both classes control the same form for the affirmative locative copula, namely *nsey*.

archetype of class IN, due to the fact that *ñannáaf* 'farmers' encode a |HUMAN| referent (see more details in next section and in Section 13.4.2.1).

#### 13.3.2.1.1.2 NUMBER AND NOUN-CLASS SEMANTICS

In JFG, nouns can be inflected for number by means of three different processes:

- (i) class prefix alternation (73% of pluralizable nouns). For this type, number can be inflected for (a) two values (singular (SG) vs. plural (PL)): *busúmol* 'snake sp.' (SG, bu<sup>6</sup>) vs. *isúmol* (PL, i); *sidih* 'foot' (SG, si) vs. *hedih* (PL, ha) or (b) three values (singular (SG) vs. calculable plural (PLC) vs. incalculable plural (PLI)<sup>7</sup>): *ayón* 'tsetse fly' (SG, a) vs. *iyón* (PLC, i) vs. *buyón* (PLI, bi); *gusáh* 'bean' (SG, gu) vs. *hasáh* (PLC, ha) vs. *basáh* (PLI, ba).

For (i), most (or all) of the nouns which share the same prefix pairing (SG/PL) or triad (SG/PLC/PLI) also share a common semantic feature: e.g. (a) all nouns having a u (SG)/ña(n) (PL) prefix pairing encode |HUMAN BEINGS|: *ugnaal* (SG)/ñaygnaal (PL) 'foreigner', *usáanum* (SG)/ñansáanum (PL) 'rich person'; (b) all nouns having an a (SG)/i (PLC)/bi (PLI) prefix triad encode |INSECTS| or |SMALL INVERTEBRATES|: *añvñ* (SG)/iñvñ (PLC)/buñvñ (PLI) 'small black ant'; *øywón* (SG)/øywón (PLC)/buøywón (PLI) 'leech'. Therefore, the different prefix pairings and triads observed in JFG generally correspond each to a specific semantic class<sup>8</sup>.

- (ii) suffixed plural marker -(y)oŋ/ŋŋ/uŋ (27% of pluralizable nouns): *béndey* 'needle' (SG, A<sup>9</sup>) > *bendéyoŋ* (PL, A); *jerég* 'crocodile' (SG, A) > *jerégoŋ* (PL, I). The

<sup>6</sup> In this paragraph, for each inflected noun, I indicate in bold lowercase letters, after the number value, the basic form of the class prefix (CLPF, see second column ('prefix') of Appendix 13.6.1) associated with the inflected noun. Bold lowercase letters will be used throughout this chapter to refer to nominal class prefixes borne by the noun.

<sup>7</sup> The calculable plural is used when the noun is combined with a numeral bigger than one (e.g. from two onwards). The incalculable plural is used for all other plural contexts. The contrast calculable vs. incalculable plural seems to be a typological rarity. It is also found in several other Nyun varieties (Sauvageot 1967a, b; Bao Diop 2013: 140–1, 2015: 400; Cobbinah 2013a: 23, 125–35, 270–92, 303–5; Cobbinah and Lüpke 2014; Lüpke 2016c), as well as in some Joola languages (probably due to Nyun influence), e.g. Keerak (Chapter 11, this volume) and Kujieraray (Chapter 10, this volume).

<sup>8</sup> For more details on those classes, see also Appendix 13.6.2 and Quint (2015, 2022).

<sup>9</sup> In this paragraph, for each inflected noun, I indicate in bold small uppercase letters, after the number value, the archetypical form of the agreement class (CI, see third column ('archetype') of Appendix 13.6.1) controlled by this inflected noun. Bold small uppercase letters will be used throughout this chapter to refer to agreement classes controlled by the noun.

plural suffix is often repeated on several types of dependents of the nouns, such as indefinites (1) and numerals (2) from one to four:

- (1) *ha-ñj-oŋ* hu-duk-oy  
CLPF.hu-thing-PL CL.HU-thing-PL  
'other things'

- (2) *ken-tédah-oŋ* kan-nák-oy  
CLPF.kan-kitchen-PL CL.KAN-two-PL  
'two kitchens'

A majority of the nouns which resort to a plural suffix have a zero prefix (see Section 13.3.2.1.1.1). Furthermore, the (SG/PL) agreement class pairings controlled by these nouns often depend on the semantics of their referents: (a) most identified borrowings in JFG (e.g. from CC, French, or Wolof) do have a plural suffix and control a A (SG)/ A (PL) class agreement, e.g. *gérísiya* 'church' (< CC *girísiya*) > *gérísiya amma* 'this church' > *gérísiyayoy amma* 'these churches'; *káyet* 'notebook' (< FR *cahier*) > *káyet amma* 'this notebook' > *káyetoy amma* 'these notebooks'; (b) most nouns having a plural suffix and controlling an A (SG)/ I (PL) class agreement encode |HIGHER VERTEBRATES| such as mammals, birds, or reptiles, e.g. *fáli amma* 'this donkey' > *fályoy immi* 'these donkeys'; *soróyk amma* 'this stork' > *soróykoy immi* 'these storks'; (c) nouns having a plural suffix and encoding |HUMANS| often control a u (SG)/ I (PL) class agreement, e.g. *gibés ummu* 'this lover' > *gibésøy immi* 'these lovers'.

- (iii) root suppletion. Only three such cases have been documented: (a) *keláamta* (SG) 'adult/elder' vs. *jekéelej* (PL) 'adults/elders'; (b) *wol* (SG) 'child' vs. *ñjaráh* (PL) 'children'; (c) *wur* (SG) 'person' vs. *ñjamán* (PL) 'people' (< Mdka jamáa 'crowd' (Creissels 2011)).

Some nouns (ca. 10% of the total) are not inflected for number. In most cases, this lack of inflection seems to depend on semantic factors, as the referents encoded are generally abstract or mass nouns, thus less prone to be inflected for number, e.g. *ahár* 'meat' (A), *bajór* 'trickery/craftiness' (BA), *kung* 'hunger' (KUN), *muhós* 'oil' (MUN?), *tullóm* 'wax' (TIN).

#### 13.3.2.1.1.3 NOUN DERIVATION

Noun derivation is widespread and resorts to two main devices:

- (i) class prefixes: (a) noun > noun: *uñúun* ('Djifanghor') Nyun person' > *guñúun* 'Nyun language' (use of the prefix *gu* (no plural) to derive language names); *bənáppi* 'bull' > *kənáppi* (SG)/ñenáppi (PLC)/janáppi (PLI) 'bull-calf' (use of the prefix triad *kə* (SG)/ña

(PLC)/ja (PLI) to derive diminutives); *begid* 'girl' > *degid* (SG)/*dmgid* (PL) (use of the prefix pairing *da* (SG)/*di* (PL) to derive 'big, tall girl' augmentatives); (b) verb > noun<sup>10</sup>: *footən* 'blow (wind)' > *bafotən* 'wind'.

- (ii) class prefixes + suffix: verb > noun: *dufah* 'draw (from a well)' > *gudufáhom* 'bucket', lit. 'drawing stuff'.

Several JFG nouns are obviously built with reduplicated roots: *alinálin* 'spider', *korendárend* 'dragonfly', *smláklak* 'uvula'. However, there does not seem to be any productive derivational use of reduplication in synchrony.

### 13.3.2.1.2 Articles and demonstratives

There is a **definite article**, -ɔ<sup>11</sup>. It is suffixed to the last syllable of the noun (either singular or plural): *siyán* 'medicine' > *siyáñɔ* 'the medicine'; *begid* 'girl' > *begidoñɔ* 'the girls'. Although the definite article is frequently used, contextually definite nouns may be used without it: see below (29, 30) the behaviour of *bukor(ɔn)* 'hen(s)'. There is no **indefinite article**.

**Adnominal demonstratives** (see forms in Appendix 13.6.1) encode two notions: (i) spatial deixis, in which case the demonstrative follows the noun: *kunñɔ ykɔñhɔn* 'this wine' (proximal) vs. *kunñɔ ykɔñhɔn* 'that wine' (distal); (ii) discourse reference, in which case the demonstrative precedes the noun *kum* *kunñɔ* 'this/that wine' (which was previously mentioned). Pronominal demonstratives seem to be identical to the adnominal forms: *immi bəriɔ* 'those (people) of ancient times' (as opposed to 'us').

### 13.3.2.1.3 Numerals

The numeral system resorts to several bases: it is biquinary (using 5 and 2 as sub-bases) for lower numbers, vigesimal (base-20) for the tens, and decimal for the hundreds. Its primary components are 1 = -*mundíka*, 2 = -*nák*, 3 = -*lál*, 4 = -*rénnek*, which all agree in class with the noun (see Appendix 13.6.1).

5 is *kildáh* (a term certainly linked with *sildáh* 'hand'), which serves as a basis for the second pentad: 6 = *kiláh ñga mundíka* 'five with one' (i.e. 5+1), 7 = *kiláh ñga inák* (5+2), 8 = *kiláh ñga ilál* (5+3), 9 = *kiláh ñga irénnék* (5+4).

10 is *háala* (probably linked with *haláh* 'hands') and the teens are analytically derived from the first two pentads: 11 = *háala ñga mundíka* 'ten with one', etc.

<sup>10</sup> For more details about deverbal nouns, see also Section 13.3.2.2.

<sup>11</sup> This definite article is probably borrowed from Mandinka. A similar article is also found in Niamone/Guñaamolo (Bao Diop 2013: 145–6). However, the Nyun varieties spoken in Djibonker (Chapter 12, this volume), Djibeler (Cobbinah p.c.), and Agnack (Chapter 14, this volume) have no definite article.

From 20 to 90, the names for tens are built on the term *undám/ñiannám* 'king/s'<sup>12</sup>; 20 = *unám* ['one] king', 30 = *undám ñga háala* ['one] king with ten', 40 = *ñiannám innák* 'two kings', 50 = *ñiannám innák ñga háala* (i.e. 20x2+10), 60 = *ñiannám ilál* (20x3), 70 = *ñiannám ilál ñga háala* (20x3+10), 80 = *ñiannám irénnék* (20x4), 90 = *ñiannám irénnék ñga háala* (20x4+10).

Hundreds are produced using the term *kemé*: 100 = *kemé*, 200 = *kemé anákoj* (with *a-nák-ɔj* = CL-two-PL), etc.

Numerals always follow the nouns they refer to: *ndíhen inák* 'two men'.

Also, from 2 on, the noun always agrees in number (plural) with the numeral. For these nouns which have a calculable plural (see Section 13.3.2.1.2 above), this form is compulsorily used (to the exclusion of the incalculable plural) when the noun is combined with any numeral (3a):

(3) a. *ha-sáh*                  *ha-lál*  
    CLPF.ha.PL-bean CL.HA-three

'three beans'

\*b. *ba-sáh*                  *ba-lál*  
    CLPF.ba.PLI-bean CL.BA-three

'three beans'

JFG, like many other West African languages (including Casamance Creole and Wolof), has an additional numeral system only used to count money (officially expressed in Senegal in CFA [Franc], i.e. the standard currency unit). The units are segmentally either similar or identical to those of the standard numeral system (SNS) but they are given other values: (i) *háala* (=50CFA); (ii) *undám* 'king' (=100CFA); (iii) *kemé* (=500CFA); and (iv) *wili* (=5,000CFA). Those units combine with numerals according to a set of specific rules which can differ from the standard numeral system (SNS, used to count anything other than money): compare *kemé anákoj* (500 x 2) = 1,000CFA, with [*ndíhen*] *kemé anákoj* (100 x 2) = 200 [men] (SNS).

### 13.3.2.1.4 Other determiners of the noun

**Attributive** (4) and **indefinite adjectives** (5) always show class agreement (see Appendix 13.6.1) and invariably follow the noun:

(4) *kɔ-fek*                  *kɔ-fer*  
    CLPF.kɔ.DIM-pig CL.Kɔ-white

'a white piglet'

Table 13.5 Personal pronouns and possessives

Person	Pronouns		Possessives		
	independent	VSI	object	attributive	predicative
1SG	<i>me</i>		-om/um	-X.um	CL-naam or -Y.um
2SG	<i>éfi</i>		-ɔ	-X.en	-Y.en
3SG	<i>mor</i>	a-	-em/om	-X.unoy	-Y.unoy
1PL.EXCL	<i>min</i>	n- + -min	-min	-X.untry	-Y.untry
1PL.INCL	<i>mínoj</i>	n- + -(mín)oj	-mínoj	-X.untonj	-Y.untonj
2PL	<i>niykináanoy</i>	-uj	-noj	-X.undanoy	-Y.undanoy
3PL	<i>merej</i>	arj-	-nij	-X.onímuj	-Y.onímuj

(5) *bu-nóm*                  *bu-duk*  
    CLPF.bu-day/time CL.BU-other

'another day/time'

**Relative clauses** follow the noun. They are introduced by a **relative pronoun** which also agrees in class with the noun it refers to:

(6) *be-gid-ɔj-ɔ*                  *mbay*<sup>13</sup>                  *me*                  *feg-ni*  
    CLPF.ba-girl-PL-DEF                  CL.BA.REL.PR                  S1SG                  SEE.PFV-REL

RELATIVE CLAUSE

'The girls (that) I saw'.

**Genitive constructions** follow the pattern [possessor + PREP + possessor]. The genitive preposition (PREP) has three values: (i) *kɔ*: *kunñɔ kɔ Maríya* 'wine of/from Mary', i.e. 'Mary's wine', *drníiley* (< *drníílen*) *kɔ jakáam* 'snot from sea', i.e. 'jellyfish'; (ii) *nsi*: *súhon nsi Maríya* 'Mary's fan palm'; and (iii) zero: *kɔsós Maríya*, 'Mary's chick'. Actually, this morphological pattern is quite unique in JFG: (a) the alternation *kɔ*/zero seems to depend on the last phoneme of the possessor, as words ending in V or nasal consonant favor *kɔ*; (b) the use of *nsi* seems to be linked with noun class agreement as it only occurs with nouns controlling the SI class-agreement.

### 13.3.2.1.5 Personal pronouns and possessives

Five different series at least can be distinguished (Table 13.5).

For **first plural persons**, JFG consistently distinguishes between inclusive and exclusive forms. Note that, for pronouns, the inclusive marker is morphologically derived from the exclusive: *mínoj* (1PL.INCL) < *min* (1PL.EXCL) + -oj (plural suffix, see Section 13.3.2.1.2).

Independent pronouns assume two main types of functions:

- (i) they indicate the subject of the verb: *me fégi*, 'I saw'. Independent pronouns are not always compulsory as subject markers when the overall context allows the hearer to retrieve the identity of the subject: *nend-ém?* [give-O3SG.PFV] 'did you give [it (= the bottle) to] him?' Out of context, this form could also mean 'did I give [it to] him?' but, in current speech, the intonation suffices to understand that the person who utters the sentence is speaking to someone else, i.e. 'you' (S2SG). Furthermore, when the subject is semantically empty, JFG uses no independent pronoun: *a-múkki* [V3SG-finish.PFV] '(it's) finished', *a-lmi* [V3SG-rain.PFV] 'it rained'.
- (ii) they also are used after a preposition (only 3<sup>rd</sup> person forms are attested in the corpus), in which case they agree in class with the noun they refer to:

(7) *E-dek-i*                  *ñga*                  *kɔ-mór*  
    V3SG-go-PFV                  with                  CL.kɔ-INDEP.3SG

'S/he went with it', i.e. 's/he took it away with her/him' (= *kötáhal* 'small basket').

**Verb subject indices (VSI)** are personal clitics coding for the subject of the action. They are found in several aspects of the JFG verb and can be: (i) prefixal: *e-fégi* 's/he saw'; (ii) suffixal: *niykináanoy fegomuj* 'you (PL) saw him/her'; or (iii) consist of a combination of a prefix and a suffix: *n-fégi-min*

'we (excl) saw'. The VSIs associated with a given verbal form belong to the domain of bound morphology and are compulsory.

**Object pronominal markers** (or object pronouns) are all post-verbal clitics directly attached to the verb: *me fegem*, 'I saw him/her'. There is a certain degree of interaction between VSIs and object pronouns (see Appendices 13.6.3–6), which accounts for the variations observed on these object pronouns according to the verbal subject: compare *éfi feg-om* [S2SG see.PFV-O1SG] 'you (sg) saw me' and *nijinkánanoy feg-um-uy* [S2PL see.PFV-O1SG-VSI.2PL] 'you (pl) saw me'. Note also that, as illustrated by the later verb form, object markers attach to the verb before suffixal VSIs. Third person object pronouns can never code for an inanimate referent, thus *me fegem*, 'I saw him/her' can only refer to an animate object (human, mammal, even insect) while the JFG equivalent of English 'I saw it [this bench]' is either *me fegi* 'I saw' (where the context allows the hearer to identify the object) or (8), where the object is expressed as a full noun phrase:

- (8) *Me feg-i bu-náhom mbu*  
S1SG see-PFV CLPF.bu-bench CL.BU.DEM.PROX  
'I saw this bench'.

**Attributive possessives** are all nominal clitics. Each attributive possessive comprises two parts: a personal marker (PM), whose forms are found in Table 13.5, and a linking element (LE, mentioned as X in Table 13.5). Attributive possessives attach to the noun following several morphological rules: (i) if the last phoneme of the possessed noun is /p, b, f, r, h/ the final consonant is dropped and LE = /k/, e.g. *buhóof* 'head' > *buhóo-k-um* [head-LE-PM.1SG] 'my head'; (ii) if the last phoneme is /m, n/, the nasal consonant becomes velar and LE = /k/, e.g. *gukónom* 'finger' > *gukónoy-k-um* 'my finger'; (iii) if the last phoneme is /ŋ/ or a vowel, this phoneme is maintained and LE = /k/, e.g. *ónne* 'snake' > *ónne-k-um* 'my snake'; (iv), in all remaining cases, LE = /u/h/ (1SG), /i(j)/ (2SG), or zero (other persons), e.g. *gubíil* 'lower lip' > *gubíil-h-um* 'my lower lip', *gugend* 'hair' > *gugend-uh-um* 'my hair', *bukúnd* 'fence' > *bukúnd-iy-en* 'your (2SG) fence', *bukúnd-unoy* 'his/her fence'.

**Predicative possessives** are formally very close to attributive possessives. The personal markers (PM) for predicative possessives are given in Table 13.5. The linking element (LE, mentioned as Y in Table 13.5) is /h/ and the sequence LE-PM regularly attaches to the proximal demonstrative (9):

- (9) *Ko-fék ykɔ*  
CLPF.ko.DIM-pig CL.KO.DEM.PROX  
*ykɔ-h-um.*  
CL.KO.DEM.PROX-LE-PM.1SG  
'This piglet is mine.'

The 1SG predicative possessive has an optional form *-naam* 'be mine', which shows class agreement with the noun and is unparalleled for other persons:

- (10) *Ko-fék ykɔ*  
CLPF.ko.DIM-pig CL.KO.DEM.PROX  
*ko-náam.*  
CL.KO.POSS.PRED.1SG  
'This piglet is mine.'

### 13.3.2.1.6 Structure of the noun phrase

The basic word order of JFG noun phrases is as follows:  
(CLPF)-NOUN-(PL)-DEF + DEPENDENT (=Adjective, Genitive, Numeral, or Relative Clause)

This formula (illustrated in (6)) above clearly shows that, as regards noun phrases, JFG is a head-initial language.

### 13.3.2.1.7 The oblique noun phrase

JFG uses prepositions to indicate oblique noun phrases (coding for diverse types of adjuncts). Some of the most common prepositions are *a* 'at/in', *biríy/birimán* 'since', *fó* 'until', *ykɔ* 'with', *raaf* 'over/near', *rejku*, 'under'.

- (11) *Jet n-dekə-min*  
HAB1 VSI.1PL.EXCL-go.HAB2?-VSI.1PL.EXCL  
*gu-saw ykɔ jihi-yoy*  
CLPF.gu-hunt with dog-PL

'We would go hunting with dogs (when we were children).'

### 13.3.2.2 Verb phrase

#### 13.3.2.2.1 The verb root

All JFG basic (or underived) verb roots begin with a consonant and over 95% are monosyllabic. Of these, the huge majority (ca. 95% too) fits into one of the three following syllabic formulae: (i) CVC: *ñeñ* 'wash'; (ii) CVCC: *bopp* 'roll (a sleeve) up'; (iii) CVVC: *leeñ* 'bleed'.

#### 13.3.2.2.2 Inflections

For **indicative verbs**, the simplest inflectional pattern is the **perfective aspect** (see Appendix 13.6.3): (i) if the verb is not followed by an object clitic (see Table 13.5), the perfective marker is /i:/: *feg-see* > *me feg-i* [Pidru] 'I saw [Peter]'; (ii) if the verb is followed by an object clitic, the perfective marker is zero: *me feg-em* [S1SG + see.PFV-O3SG] 'I saw him/her'. When combined with a dynamic verb (such as *feg* 'see'), the perfective generally has a past reading. However, as happens in many neighbouring Atlantic and Mande languages, stative

verbs inflected for perfective often have a present reading: *mín* 'can, be able to' > *me míni* 'I can'; *fer* 'be white' > *e-féri* 's/he is white'.

JFG also has two **imperfective** forms, which apparently share similar future values:

- (i) a synthetic imperfective (IPFV1, see Appendix 13.6.4), generally marked either (a) with a suffix -*(i)ne/(i)ne/(i)ni* (mostly when not followed by an object clitic): *me feg-iné* [Pidru], 'I will see [Peter]', or (b) by /Vj/ (in a majority of combinations with an object clitic): *me feg-inj-k-eem* [S1SG see-IPFV1-LE-O3SG] 'I will see him/her'.
- (ii) an analytic imperfective (IPFV2), produced by means of the preposition *fó* 'until': *fó me feg* [IPFV2 S1SG see] 'I will see'. When combined with object clitics, the imperfective forms which follow *fó* seem to be the same as those observed for perfective (see Appendix 13.6.3): compare *me feg-em* 'I saw him/her' and *fó me feg-em* 'I will see him/her'.

The **habitual aspect** is also rendered through two different inflectional patterns:

- (i) a **typical habitual**, characterized by the preverbal marker *jet~get* (see (11) above) and some specific habitual verb suffixes, such as -*o* for singular subjects (12):

- (12) *Nay get yik-o*  
There HAB1 get-HAB2  
*ko-pesu-k-um*  
CLPF.KO.DIM-penny-LE-POSS.1SG  
'That way I (manage to) earn my living', lit. 'there I get my small penny'.

- (ii) a **frequentative**, which resorts to the reduplication of the verb root: *mal* 'hit' > *ga-mal-e-mal* [HAB-hit-VSI.3SG?-hit.RED] 'he frequently hits'. When a verb inflected for frequentative combines with an object clitic, the latter is inserted after the first verb root: *me gi-fegi-em-feg* [S1SG HAB-see.?-O3SG-see.RED] 'I see him/her (everyday)'.

Both habituals have not exactly the same value: the frequentative lays the stress on the high number of repetitions and/or the frequency of the verbal action, while the analytic habitual strictly expresses habituality (without any particular emphasis). The initial /g/ observed in frequentative forms is probably related to the initial /g/ of *get*.

**Progressive aspect** may be expressed in two ways at least:

- (i) through an inflected form of the deverbal noun (= DVN, see below): *feg* 'see' > *bifeg* 'fact of seeing' > *me bifeg* [Pidru] 'I am seeing [Peter], I can see [Peter]'. This form also has a value of near future: *me bifeg* 'I am going to see, I am about to see'.

- (ii) through an auxiliary construction making use of one of the two JFG copulas + the deverbal noun: (a) locative copula (see Appendix 13.6.1): *me móy*<sup>14</sup> *bi-feg* [Pidru] [S1SG COP.LOC CLPF.bi?-see.DVN] 'I am seeing (Peter)'; (b) descriptive copula (see also Section 13.3.2.2.5):

- (13) *Pidru a-gui-i bu-wər*  
Peter VSI.3SG-COP.DESCRIPTIVE.PFV CLPF.bu-cast.DVN  
*rédiya.*  
net  
'Peter is casting [his] net'.

There is one **past tense** marker *yeet*. It always follows the verb and can combine with the perfective aspect: *míi* 'be (there)' > *a-míi* [VSI.3SG-be.there.PFV] 'there is' > *a-míi-yeet* 'there was'; *pemb* 'take' > *e-pémb-i* [VSI.3SG-take-PFV] 's/he took, s/he has taken' > *e-pémbi-yeet* 's/he had taken'.

Several other modal and aspectual values are expressed by (i) suffixes: *me kobbi* 'I ate' > *me kobbari* 'I have already eaten (once sth.)'; (ii) various auxiliaries: *bat* 'be about to', *boh* 'be still doing' (14), *mukkun* 'finish' (completive (15)):

- (14) *Boh-i be-yeg-o*  
be.still.doing-PFV CLPF.bu/bi?-understand.DVN-Q  
*gu-núun?*  
CLPF.gu-Nyun  
'Are you still understanding Nyun?' (to the linguist returning to the field)

- (15) *A-kobb-i a-mukkun.*  
VSI.3SG-eat-PFV VSI.3SG-finish.NFIN  
'S/he ate everything, s/he finished to eat', lit. 's/he ate, s/he finished'.

**Verb negation** is expressed synthetically by means of several suffixes according to the aspect the verb inflects for:

- (i) for perfective, the negative suffix always contains the sequences /ir/~ur/ (see Appendix 13.6.5): *me fegí*, 'I saw' > *me fegíri* 'I didn't see'; *e-fegí* 's/he saw' > *egúroy* 's/he didn't see'.

- (ii) for the two imperfectives as well as for synthetic progressive, there is one common negative form

<sup>14</sup> The form *móy* of the locative copula is used with a singular pronoun. It obviously is a shortened form of *ommóy* (see Appendix 13.6.1), the form of that copula which corresponds to class U, whose nominal referents generally code for [HUMAN BEINGS].

(see Appendix 13.6.6) which includes both a prefix /bV/- (V changes according to the person of the subject) and a suffix, which generally contains the sequence /ɔ/ or /i(j)/: *fō me dek*, 'I will go' or *me bidék/gudék*, 'I am going' > *me bi-dék-ə* [S1SG NEG1-go-NEG2] 'I won't go, I am not going'; *mor bi-feg-unoy* [S3SG CLPF.bi?-see.DVN-POSS.ATTR.3SG] 's/he is going to see him/her' > *mor be-feg-i-em* [S3SG NEG1-see-NEG2-O3SG] 's/he is not going to see him/her'. Note that, at least in synchrony the negative prefix /bV/- is clearly different from the class prefixes of deverbal nouns, as (a) its vowel changes according to the subject, (b) it always begin with /b/ (independently from the prefix of the deverbal noun), and (c) in transitive constructions, the negative forms in /bV/- combine with object clitics, NOT attributive possessives as deverbal nouns do: compare the glosses of *mor bifeq-unoy* and *mor be-feg-i-em* above.

- (iii) for habitual, the negative form is produced by means of a negative copula combined with the suffixes of the typical habitual: *me gedek-e-dek* 'I frequently go' > *me g-uroj dek-ə* [S1SG COP.DESC-NEG go-HAB] 'I don't frequently go'.
- (iv) for analytic (auxiliary-based) progressives, the formula of the negative form is negative copula + deverbal noun: *me mɔŋ gu-rooh* [S1SG COP.LOC CLPF.gu-drink.DVN] 'I am drinking' > *me guy-ir-i-gu-rooh* [S1SG COP.DESC-NEG-PFV CLPF.gu-drink.DVN] 'I am not drinking'.

The paradigm of the **imperative** and **prohibitive** of the verb *pemb* 'take' is set out in Table 13.6. This is applicable to most JFG verbs.

**Table 13.6** Imperative and prohibitive of the JFG verb *pemb* 'take'

Person	Imperative	Translation	Prohibitive	Translation
2SG	<i>pembé!</i>	take!	<i>bəkə pemb!</i>	don't take!
1PL.INCL	<i>mpémboj!</i>	let's take!	<i>bəkə</i>	let's not
			<i>mpémboj!</i>	take!
2PL	<i>pembəten!</i>	take (you all)!	<i>bəkə</i>	don't take
			<i>pembəŋ!</i>	(you all)!

Other inflectional characteristics of JFG verbs include: (i) a **subjunctive mood** characterized by a zero ending and used inter alia in jussive contexts as in (16) (see also (15)); and (ii) a series of centripetal (ctp) suffixes which combine in particular with motion verbs: (a) imperative: *dek* 'go' > *dék-et!* [go-IMP.2SG] 'go!' vs. *duk-ulə!* [go-IMP.2SG.CTP] 'come!'; (b) perfective: *dóoh* 'carry, take away' > *me dóoh-i* [S1SG

bring-PFV] 'I took away' vs. *me dóoh-ət-i* [S1SG bring-CTP-PFV] 'I brought'.

- (16) *Diin a-kaan manférma*  
God VSI.3SG-do/make.NFIN success  
'May God give (you) success', lit. 'God do success'.

### 13.3.2.2.3 Deverbal nouns

All JFG verbs have a **deverbal noun** (= DVN) or infinitive, which is used in progressive constructions (see Section 13.3.2.2 above) and is produced through the adjunction of a class prefix to the verb root: e.g. *feg* 'see' > *bifeq* 'fact of seeing, see.DVN'. Various class prefixes are used to form the deverbal noun: *kaf* 'kill' > *bukaf* 'kill.DVN'; *hund* 'snore' > *guhünd* 'snore.DVN'; *saf* 'neigh' > *hasaf* 'neigh.DVN'; for 'cover (house)' > *kanfor* 'cover.DVN'; *sal* 'urinate' > *mmsal* 'urinate.DVN'; *kuuj* 'wrestle' > *sijkuuj* 'wrestle.DVN'. However, the vast majority of deverbal nouns have either a **bu** or a **gu** class prefix (85% and 7% of non-derived verbs respectively). In some cases, the choice of the DVN class prefix most likely depends on the semantics of the verb it attaches to, e.g. the class prefix **si(n)** is mainly associated with verbs conveying either: (i) a notion of |RECIPROCITY~INTERACTION|: *simbótai* 'be.each.other's.rival.DVN (love affairs)'; *sinféghai* 'meet.each.other.DVN'; *sifit* 'have.sex.DVN'; *sijkuuj* 'wrestle.DVN'; or (ii) |LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS|: *sijkánh* 'get.drunk.DVN'; *sijkéem* 'sleep.DVN'. Furthermore, several deverbal nouns (with different class prefixes) may be available for one and the same verb root, e.g. *yaf* 'go up' > *jayaf* 'go.up.DVN' and *bayaf* 'serve/cover.DVN (animals)'; *dek* 'go' > *bidék* 'go.DVN' or *gudék* 'go.DVN'; both of these forms can be used in progressive constructions, however *gudék* also has the specific meaning of 'time, occurrence' which does not seem to be attested for *bidék*. Therefore, many of these deverbal doublets are not real synonyms and the class prefix obviously contributes to, or is linked with, the semantics of the resulting deverbal noun. When the deverbal noun is used predicatively and combines with a pronominal object argument, this object argument has the form of the attributive possessive (see Table 13.5) in affirmative sentences<sup>15</sup>: *mor bi-feg Pidru* [S3SG CLPF.bi?-see.DVN Peter] 'he is going to see Peter' > *mor bi-feg-unoy* [S3SG CLPF.bi?-see.DVN-POSS.ATTR.3SG] 'he is going to see him', lit. 'he<sub>i</sub> his<sub>j</sub> seeing'.

### 13.3.2.2.4 Derivation

**Verb derivation** is a highly productive phenomenon (55% of a corpus of ca. 750 JFG verbal items are derived forms). It seems to be exclusively a verb > verb morphological process and essentially resorts to suffixation. The main verb extensions are:

<sup>15</sup> For negative polarity, see Section 13.3.2.2 above.

- (i) causative (mark -/Vn/): *fókk* 'be fat' > *fókkən* 'fatten (an animal)'; *tann* 'sell sth.' > *tánnum* 'sell sth. to s.o.';
- (ii) reversible (mark -/Vl/): *bind* 'close' > *bíndil* 'open';
- (iii) reflexive/middle voice (mark -/ah/): *guur* 'anoint (v.)' > *guúrah* 'anoint oneself'. The mark -/ah/ is also used to produce a passive extension: *bind* 'open (v.)' > *bindah* 'be opened'. The passive extension behaves differently from the reflexive at two respects at least: (a) it cannot combine with the -i perfective marker (17); and (b) it can be used attributively, in which case it agrees in class with the noun (18):

- (17) *Gu-boyöt-ə e-bind-ah.*  
CLPF.gu-door-DEF VSI.3SG-close-PASS

'The door is closed', lit. 'has been closed' (perfective).

- (18) *kə-kat kə-rúdd-ah.*  
CLPF.ko.DIM-fish CL.KO-smoke-PASS

'Smoked fish'.

- (iv) applicative (two forms, marked by -/Vr/ and -/Vm/ respectively): *dóoh* 'carry/bring sth. (v.)' > *dóohor* 'bring sth. to s.o.'; *joon* 'be nice' > *jónim* 'benefit to s.o.' Although the semantic difference between the two applicative extensions is not totally clear-cut, the -/Vr/ form seems to be favoured with a human object encoding the RECIPIENT of the action while the -/Vm/ form is most typically used with a human object coding for the EXPERIENCER: this difference is illustrated by the examples adduced above.
- (v) reciprocal (mark -/ai/): *wul* 'see' > *wúlar* 'see each other, meet'.
- (vi) pluraclional (mark -/ain/): *gus* 'stir (dough. . . )' > *gúsam* 'stir several ingredients together'.

Two of these basic verb extensions can frequently be combined with one and the same verb root: (i) CAUS + REFL: *mukk* 'end (v.), come to an end' [intr.] > *múkk-ən* [end-CAUS] 'finish sth.' [tr.] > *múkk-ən-ah* [end-CAUS-REFL] 'finish/be finished (with sth.)/stop (doing sth.)' [intr.]; (ii) REV+CAUS: *bokk* 'get tired' [intr.] > *bokk-ul-in* [get.tired-REV-CAUS] lit. 'make get untired', i.e. 'make s.o. rest' [tr.]; and (iii) REV+REFL: *ñapp* 'walk slowly' [intr.] > *ñápp-al* [walk-REV] lit. 'unwalk', i.e. 'to trample on sth. (rice to remove the husk)' [tr.] > *ñápp-al-ah* [walk-REV-REFL] 'trample the rice to remove the husk' [intr.]

In addition to suffixed verb extensions, JFG also displays some cases of **verb reduplications** (ca. 1-2% of attested verb items). Two types of reduplication can be distinguished:

- (i) **iconic reduplication**, which underlines a salient sensorial (acoustic, gustative...) semantic

component of the reduplicated verb: *mél-mel* 'be sweet', *wák-wak* 'cackle (hen)'. Iconic reduplication seems to be mostly a lexical phenomenon, as the corresponding simple (i.e. non-reduplicated) forms (\*mel, \*wak) are not attested for this type.

- (ii) **pluraclional reduplication**, in which the reduplication entails the idea of a multiplicity of actions. This type seems to be a clearer case of morphological derivation, as the reduplicated verb can sometimes be contrasted with a simple(r) form: *tak* 'cut sth.' > *ták-ták-in* [cut-cut.RED-CAUS] 'cut sth. into several pieces (a log)'; *wuul* 'be hot' > *wuul-wuul-in* [be.hot-be.hot.RED-CAUS] 'singe (a poultry) to burn off the down'.

### 13.3.2.2.5 Qualifying verbs

The lexical bases used as attributive adjectives (see Section 13.3.2.1.4) can also be used predicatively as stative qualifying verbs, e.g. *fer* '(be) white':

- (19) = (4) *kə-fék kə-fer*  
CLPF.ko.DIM-pig CL.KO-white  
'a white piglet' [attributive use of fer]

- (20) *e-fer-i*  
VSI.3SG-be.white-PFV  
'it is white (the piglet...)' [predicative use of fer]

In at least one case, the qualifying verb has a slightly different root from the corresponding attributive base: compare *tilit* 'small/little' (attributive) and *tilet* 'be small/little' (qualifying verb).

Comparative constructions are particularly frequent with qualifying verbs. They involve the auxiliary *fatt* 'surpass' combined with a specific deverbal noun (prefix *ba-*):

- (21) *A-fátt-i* *Pidru ba-lékk.*  
VSI.3SG-surpass-PFV Peter CLPF.BA-be.tall/high  
'He is taller than Peter', lit. 'he surpasses Peter [as regards] height'.

### 13.3.2.2.6 Various types of copulas and equative constructions

Two predicative copulas are frequently used in JFG:

- (i) the **locative copula** is obviously derived from a demonstrative (i.e. non-verbal) paradigm (see Appendix 13.6.1). It agrees in class with the subject (22) and cannot be inflected for aspect, tense, or polarity. There also exists an interrogative form of the locative copula (see Appendix 13.6.1 and Section 13.3.3.4 below).

- (22) *bu-jɔŋka-yo* *mboŋ* *reŋku*  
CLPF.bu.cassava-DEF CL.BU.COP.LOC under  
*bunshom-o*  
bench-DEF  
'The cassava tuber is under the bench'.

- (ii) the **descriptive copula** *gui* behaves morphologically like a verb (it can be inflected for tense, aspect, and polarity) and has three main types of usage: (a) **descriptive constructions**, corresponding roughly to English 'it's/this is/these are + noun' (23); (b) **progressive** (see (13) in Section 13.3.2.2.2); and (c) as a suppletive form used instead of the locative copula in presence of verb morphemes which cannot be combined with the locative copula<sup>16</sup>: compare (24), where the locative copula is used without any verb morphology with (25), where the descriptive copula is combined with verb focus morphology.

- (23) *əŋ-gui-i* *ñan-ráafə*  
VSI.3PL-COP.DESCRIPTIVE-PFV CLPF.ñan-human.being  
'These are (nice/good) people'.

- (24) *ummáy* *Dákár*  
CL.U-COP.LOC Dakar  
'S/he is in Dakar'.

- (25) *biim* *Dákár* *ga-gui-ni*  
there Dakar FOC1-COP.DESCRIPTIVE-FOC2  
'It's in Dakar that s/he is' or 'S/he is in Dakar'.

JFG also has a **presentational** copula-like predicative element which, like the locative copula, agrees in class with the noun (see Appendix 13.6.1) and cannot combine with any verbal morphological marker: *dihen ummoma!* [man CL.U.PREST] 'here is a man!'

**Equative constructions** (X=Y) are usually produced with a zero copula:

- (26) 

<i>Me</i>	<i>u-líy</i>	<i>ka</i>	<i>ha-táhal.</i>
S1SG	CLPF.u-weave	PREP.of	CLPF.ha.PL-basket
X	Y		

'I am a basket-weaver', lit. 'I weaver of baskets'.

- (27) 

<i>Éfi</i>	<i>hánde?</i>
S2SG	who
X	Y

'Who are you?', lit. 'you who'.

<sup>16</sup> The presence of verbal morphemes expressing polarity is the reason why only *gui* can be used for the negative analytic progressive (see Section 13.3.2.2.2).

### 13.3.2.2.7 Structure of the verb phrase

For JFG verb phrases other than imperatives/prohibitives (see Table 13.6 above), the basic word order is as follows:

S + (VSI)-V-NEG-O-(VSI) + PST

This formula does not take aspect markers into account, as these occupy diverse syntactic slots in the verb phrase.

When an auxiliary verb is used, the order is invariably: S + AUX + V (see (13)).

### 13.3.2.3 Adverbials

#### 13.3.2.3.1 Spatial reference

JFG has a complex deictic spatial system, with four degrees at least, presented here from closest to most remote: *najká/mbi* 'here' (1<sup>st</sup> degree) < *nay* 'there' (2<sup>nd</sup> degree, close to the addressee) < *biim* 'over there' (3<sup>rd</sup> degree) < *mbéhen* 'far away' (4<sup>th</sup> degree).

#### 13.3.2.3.2 Time reference

As regards days and years (Table 13.7), JFG possesses simple forms for the reference time (RT) and the immediately neighbouring time-units ( $\pm 1$ ). Most other time-units are compound or derived items: (i) in the day series,  $+2$  derives from  $+1$  (*júkum*) and the *-aan* ending (indicating remoteness?) of  $-2$  is probably akin to the final sequence of *guddíyaan* (-3 of the year series); (ii) in the year series,  $+2$  seems to be related to the distal demonstrative of class BU (*mbóhón*, see Appendix 13.6.1) followed by a 3SG possessive marker (see Table 13.5), while  $-3$  and  $-2$  are obviously derived from *gúddi* 'year'.

#### 13.3.2.3.3 Intensifiers or 'ideophones'

Like many other Niger-Congo languages, JFG possesses intensifying adverbs or **ideophones**, each of which specifically intensifies or nuances the meaning of one (or a few) verb(s) or adjective(s) (28):

- (28) *ko-fék* *ko-ráhi* *ñototót*  
CLPF.ko.DIM-pig CL.KO-black IDEO

'A piglet as black as coal', lit. 'intensively/very black'.

### 13.3.3 Sentence structure

#### 13.3.3.1 Nuclear sentence

In JFG, the nuclear sentence follows a strict SV(0) order.

- (29) *Bu-kór* *a-kéepəl-i*  
CLPF.ba-hen VSI.3SG-hatch.REV-PFV

S	V
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Table 13.7 Adverbials coding for temporal reference (days and years)

Unit	-3	-2	-1	RT	+1	+2
Day (day)	?	<i>dandáan</i> '3 days ago'	<i>déegen</i> '2 days ago'	<i>gumb</i> 'yesterday'	<i>júkum</i> 'today'	<i>topuku júkum</i> 'in 2 days'
Year (year)	<i>guddíyaan</i> '3 years ago'	<i>guddíyo</i> '2 years ago'	<i>fáaro</i> 'last year'	<i>jing</i> 'this year'	<i>jomman</i> 'next year'	<i>mbóhón-kunoy</i> 'in 2 years'

- ja-sós.*  
CLPF.ja.DIM.PLI-chick  

O
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'The hen hatched the chicks'.

With ditransitive verbs, the recipient (R) regularly follows the theme ( $T_H$ ).

- (30) *Maríya a-wódd-ər-i* *bu-kvr-oy-o*  
Mary VSI.3SG-throw-APPL-PFV CLPF.ba-hen-PL-DEF

S	V	R
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*máana.*

rice

T <sub>H</sub>
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'Mary threw rice to the hens' [, lit. 'Mary threw the hens rice'].

#### 13.3.3.2 Topic and focus

##### 13.3.3.2.1 Topic

In JFG, topicalization is mainly expressed by means of left-dislocation. An instance of topic subject is illustrated in (31).

- (31) *gu-kebəlah-o*, *mor*  
CLPF.gu- remove.palm. DVN-DEF S3SG

S.TOP	S
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- ə-gui-ni* *bə-bindəl*  
VSI.3SG-COP. DESCRIPTIVE CLPF.bu-open.DVN

COP	CPLT
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- i-noəl-o* *ba-jaj-o*  
CLPF.i.PL-flower. stalk-DEF CLPF.ba-palm. tree-DEF

'As for removing palms, this operation consists in opening the flower stalks of the palm tree', lit. 'removing palms, it is what is opening of the flower stalks of the palm tree'.

##### 13.3.3.2.2 Focus

Focus constructions are marked by (i) the focus clitic *-ni* (which attaches to the verbal form following the focus) and (ii) for non-subject focus only, a *g-* verbal prefix, which seems compulsory when the verb is inflected for 3<sup>rd</sup> person.

The focus can be a subject (31, 32), an object (33), an adjunct (25), or an adverb (34).

- (32) *Me* *gui-ni* *Pidru*  
Peter COP.DESCRIPTIVE-FOC Peter

S.FOC	COP	CPLT
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'I am Peter', lit. 'I who is Peter'.

- (33) (...) *hatáhal* *get-ni* *lim-o*  
CLPF.ha.PL-basket HAB1-FOC weave-HAB2

O.FOC	V
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'It is baskets that I weave', lit. 'baskets that (I)<sup>17</sup> use to weave'.

- (34) a. *Dek-et-i* *gumb*.  
go-CTP-PFV.S1/2SG today

V+S	ADV
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'I arrived today'.

- b. *Gumb* *ge-dek-et-ni*.  
today FOC1-go-CTP-FOC2.S1/2SG

ADV.FOC	V+S
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'It is today that I arrived'.

#### 13.3.3.3 Complex sentence

##### 13.3.3.3.1 Coordination

The use of coordinating conjunctions is attested (35). However, no case of open additive clause coordination has been recorded.

- (35) *Me* *kaan-i* *kánda* *maj-re*.  
S1SG do-PFV but want-NEG.S1SG

'I did it, though unwillingly', lit. 'I did but did not want'.

##### 13.3.3.3.2 Subordination

The three main types of subordinate clauses are represented in JFG: (i) adverbial clauses (36); (ii) complement clauses (37); and (iii) relative clauses (see (6) in Section 13.3.2.1.4), the

<sup>17</sup> The person of the subject is not openly expressed in this excerpt of spoken corpus, but it is retrievable from previous sentences of the same text.

latter being characterized by a relative pronoun and a *-ni* verbal suffix (identical to the focus marker). All three types of subordinates are introduced by clause-initial markers.

- (36) **Day gi-yika-min festa, get**  
**DAY SUB-have-1PL.EXCL party HAB1**  
**ADVERBIAL CLAUSE**  
*n-dekə-min* *gupiskah.*  
*VSI.1PL.EXCL-go.HAB2?-1PL.EXCL fish(v.).DVN*  
 'When (lit. 'day when') we had a party, we would go fishing' (to sell the fish and get money for the party).

- (37) **Éfi laam-i mata lekk-i.**  
**S2SG forget-PFV COMPL be.tall-PFV**  
**COMPLEMENT CLAUSE**

'You forgot that you were (so) tall.' (to a woman that nearly bumped into the door frame when she entered carrying a pot on her head).

#### 13.3.3.4 Interrogative sentence

**Yes-no questions** are optionally marked by an *-ə* suffix (38), which attaches to the verb and may also appear in open-ended questions (40).

- (38) a. **Boh-i bu-hun-ə?**  
 still.be.doing-PFV.S1/2SG CLPF.bu-grind.DVN-Q  
 'Are you still grinding?'  
 b. **-Oój, boh-i bu-hun.**  
 yes still.be.doing-PFV.S1/2SG CLPF.bu-grind.DVN  
 'Yes I am', lit. 'yes still grinding'.

For **open-ended questions**, there are two types of question words: (i) invariable (pronouns or adverbs), which are generally sentence initial (see exception for predicative use in (27, 39)): *dahade* 'which day', *hánde* 'who(se)' (27, 39), *hóde* 'what', *hóde kaan* 'what for', *kende* 'where' (40), *niygede* 'how'; and (ii) variable, which show class agreement with the questioned noun (see Appendix 13.6.1) which they follow: (a) adjectives: *-béede* 'which' (41), *-luede* 'how many'; and (b) the interrogative locative copula 'be where' (42). All those elements have in common a morphological interrogative marker, *-de/de*.

- (39) **Je-fek (ñja) hández?**  
 CLPF.ja.DIM.PLI-pig DEM.PROX.CL.JA INTERR  
 'Whose piglets are these?'

- (40) **Kende dek-ə?**  
 INTERR go-Q  
 'Where are you going?'

- (41) **A-hay e-beede gi-liddah-ni?**  
 CLPF.a-cow CL.A-INTERR FOC1-want-FOC2  
 'Which cow do you want?', lit. 'cow which is it that you want'.  
 (42) **Ken-teddah ykánde?**  
 CLPF.kan-kitchen COP.INTERR.CL.KAN  
 'Where is the kitchen?'

### 13.4 History of the language: its origins and relationships with the other varieties of Nyun and neighbouring languages

#### 13.4.1 The origins of Djifanghor Nyun community

Insofar as I am aware, few elements are available as regards the ancient history of the Djifanghor Nyun community. The elders (i.e. people born in the 1940s or 1950s) say that their forefathers came from Tobor at least two generations before themselves (i.e. at the beginning of the twentieth century): the village is mentioned by Esvan (1993: 34) in 1903. In older times, Djifanghor Nyuns were living on the left side of the road (when coming from Ziguinchor), in a place close to the Casamance river and the rice fields and whose population was nearly exclusively Nyun. Roughly a half-century ago, this older location was abandoned and the entire community moved along the road, in order to have easier access to modern facilities (such as transport and schooling). It was at that time that the five present-day Nyun districts of Djifanghor, situated on both sides of the road N°6, were founded. Note also that Djifanghor Nyuns seem to have settled Djifanghor before the other two main communities represented in the village, i.e. the Joolas and Mankanyas.

#### 13.4.2 Some characteristic features of Djifanghor Nyun with respect to the neighbouring Nyun varieties

##### 13.4.2.1 Djifanghor Nyun vs. other Southwestern Nyun varieties

The available documentation clearly shows that JFG clusters quite closely with the other two Southwestern Nyun varieties of Djibelor (JBL) and Djibonker (JBK). However, in addition to lexical differences (see Table 13.1), some specific features draw a sharp dividing line between JFG and its sister varieties (as well as with other Nyun languages):

Table 13.8 Reflexes of pan-Nyun intervocalic \*/g/ in different Nyun varieties<sup>a</sup>

Group	Southwestern			Northwestern		Eastern
	Meaning	JFG	JBL	JBK	NYM	TBR
'head'	buhóf	bogof	bu-gof /bugof/	bigof	bugof(ə) <sup>b</sup>	bugof
'man'	dihen	udi:gen	u-digeen /udi:ge:n/	udi:ge:n	udige:n(o)	udigeen

<sup>a</sup> For Tables 13.8 to 13.10, the sources are Bünen (1988) for Djibelor, Tobor (TBR), and North-Eastern (NE) Nyun; Lüpke (2016c, p.c.) for Agnack; Biagui (2012a) and Cobbinah (2013a) for Djibonker (JBK); Bao-Diop (2013, 2015) for Niamone/Guñaamolo (NYM).

<sup>b</sup> For some Nyun nouns, the available data obviously include a suffixed definite article *-o/o* similar to the one observed in JFG (see Section 13.3.2.1.2). In such cases, I have bracketed the article in order to allow the reader to retrieve more easily the form of the bare noun.

Table 13.9 Presence/absence of a *u-* prefix for nouns with human referents in different Nyun varieties

Group	Southwestern			Northwestern		Eastern
	Meaning	JFG	JBL	JBK	NYM	TBR
'child (descendant)'	bo(r)	ubø/ubær	u-bér /ubér/	über	NA/U <sup>a</sup>	bøk
'friend'	(u)din	NA/U	u-diin /udi:n/	udiin	NA/U	udin
'human being'	(u)ráafø	ura:fio	u-raaf /ura:f/	ura:goføng(o)	raguf(ə)	uragøf
'man'	dihen	udi:gen	u-digeen /udi:ge:n/	udi:ge:n	(u)dige:n(o)	udigeen
'woman'	dikam	ødika:m	u-dikaam /udika:m/	ødika:m	dika:m(o)	udikaam

<sup>a</sup> Unattested or unrelated form.

- (i) phonology: pan-Nyun internal /g/ vs. JFG /h/. To this respect, JFG's behaviour seems to be unique among the whole Nyun grouping (see Table 13.8).
- (ii) noun-class morphology: in JFG, some frequent nouns with human referents have a zero prefix and control a class *U* agreement, while the cognate nouns do have a *u-* prefix in JBL and JBK (see Table 13.9). However, Tobor Nyun also seems to have some prefixless nouns comparable to the JFG ones. This could be an argument in favour of the connection mentioned by Djifanghor's elders (see Section 13.4.1 above).

##### 13.4.2.2 Djifanghor Nyun vs. Eastern Nyun varieties

The fact that JFG belongs to the Western varieties of Nyun can be illustrated by the reflexes of JFG nouns bearing the nominal class prefixes *si* and *si(n)* (see Appendix 13.6.1) in other Nyun varieties (see Table 13.10). One clearly observes that all western varieties generally have noun class prefixes in /sV(n)/ for the cognates of JFG items whereas Eastern

varieties have /CV(n)/ or /kV(n)/ corresponding prefixes. However, the item 'ear' illustrates another interesting characteristic of the taxonomic situation of JFG: here, JFG clusters with Eastern Nyun and Tobor against all other Western varieties. This figure-case underlines: (i) the specific proximity between JFG and TBR (see also Sections 13.4.1 and 13.4.2.1 above); and (ii) the fact that JFG is actually the easternmost variety of Western Nyun, which probably explains why it can sometimes cluster with Eastern Nyun.

#### 13.4.3 Borrowings and influences from other languages and their significance

The main identified sources for borrowings in JFG are CC, French, Mandinka, and Wolof:

- (i) The number of CC lexical borrowings is surprisingly limited (less than 2% among 1,500 items) if one takes into account the widespread use of CC by all JFG speakers (see Section 13.5 below). Most of these

**Table 13.10** Reflexes of JFG nouns bearing the nominal class prefixes *si-* and *si(n)-* in different Nyun varieties

Group	Southwestern			Northwestern		Eastern	
	Meaning	JFG	JBL	JBK	NYM	TBR	Agnack
'baobab tree'	sibök	sibök	siög /sio:g/	sibök:	sibök(o)	cibok /cibok/	[dibök(o)]
'kapok tree/canoe'	sidéen	side:n	sidéén /side:n/	side:n	side:n(o)	cidéén /cide:n/	kide:n(o)
'fan palm tree'	súhon	séhon	[bahon] /bahon/	NA/U <sup>a</sup>	súhon(o)	cixun /cixun/	NA/U
'rope'	smknd	NA/U	sincind /sincind/	sjknd	NA/U	cincind /cincind/	NA/U
'ear'	súnuf	[b(e)la:(x)]	[bulax] /bulax/	[bulax]	sinuf(o)	cinuf /cinuf/	kinif(o)

<sup>a</sup> Unattested or unrelated form.

borrowings are linked to objects, entities, or concepts which were probably brought to Lower Casamance by the Portuguese (and locally transmitted to other languages through CC), e.g. bapúur 'steaming boat' (< CC *bapor*), cúmbu 'sinker (for fishing)' (< CC *cumbu* 'lead (metal)'), góumah 'iron (v.)' (< CC *ygoma*), janéla 'window' (< CC *janela*), kelerej 'iron) cooking pot' (< CC *kaleroj*), kápu 'glass' (< CC *kopu*), wörjéra<sup>18</sup> 'earring' (< CC *worejera*). However, the borrowings between CC and Nyun are also structural (see Chapter 6, this volume, on CC) and semantic (lexical calques). In a case such as displayed in Table 13.11, in the absence of fine-grained comparative data from other Nyun varieties (or other Casamance languages), it may be hard to decide whether JFG (or Nyun) borrowed the 'touch/move' alternation from CC or the reverse.

**Table 13.11** A case of close lexicosemantic correspondence between JFG and CC: 'move' as a reduplicated form of 'touch'

Meaning	Lexical form	JFG	CC
'touch'	SIMPLE	máppən	bulí
'move'	REDUPERATED	mappə-mappinah	bul(i)-bulí

- (ii) French borrowings comprise especially words linked with the administrative or official domains, e.g. káyet 'notebook (school item)' (< FR *cahier* /ka'je:/).
- (iii) Wolof borrowings are perhaps more diversified, e.g. ndékkì 'breakfast', kumansé 'begin' (this second item

<sup>18</sup> Most probably, Nyuns already wore earrings before the arrival of Portuguese sailors to Lower Casamance, but the Portuguese may well have brought with them new types (metal-made...) of such ornaments, which helped the Portuguese-derived lexical item *wörjéra* to make its way into Nyun lexicon.

being itself borrowed by Wolof from French *commencer*). In practice, many French and Wolof words (be they integrated loanwords or circumstantial borrowings) pepper present-day speech productions in JFG.

- (iv) Mandinka (Mdka) also has left significant traces in JFG, including in the core vocabulary of the language, e.g. hambáani 'young man' (< Mdka *kambaane*). A Mandinka-derived word such as JFG tubi 'convert to Islam' (< Mdka *tuubi*) illustrates the fact that Mandinka is the main language of Islam east of Ziguinchor, i.e. in the region where Djifanghor Nyuns live. Mandinka also has exerted a structural influence on JFG, e.g. the postposed definite article -o (see Section 13.3.2.1.2) is clearly derived from Mandinka definite marker -o (Creissels 2011; Creissels & Sambou 2013: 172–7), as well as is the suppletive plural ñjamáy of wur 'person' (see Section 13.3.2.1.1.2 above).

Within the scope of this chapter, Joola influence shall not be dealt with, for lack of expertise on the topic. There surely are Joola lexical or structural borrowings in JFG. However, JFG speakers (most of whom can speak fluent Joola) do not seem to be quite aware of the extent of the Joola element present in their own Nyun variety and the study of this Joola element remains to be done.

### 13.5 Sociolinguistic information

#### 13.5.1 Djifanghor Nyun: the language of a multilingual community

Among Djifanghor Nyuns, hexalinguism is the standard: most members of the community are both fluent in (i) Djifanghor Nyun and (ii) Casamance Creole, these two

languages being favoured for in-group exchanges. They also are able to speak and chat in (iii) Joola and (iv) Mankanya, the other two main local languages of Djifanghor. Except for some elders, nearly all Djifanghor Nyuns are able to express themselves in (v) Wolof, the main Senegalese vehicular and in (vi) French, the official language of Senegal, learnt at school by all Djifanghor Nyun children and similarly used in church services in Djifanghor (virtually all local Nyuns are Roman Catholics). In addition to those six basic languages, some Djifanghor Nyuns have a good command of, or some notions in, other local languages (in particular Mandinka) as well as international languages (such as English or Portuguese, which many Nyun youngsters study because of its proximity with Casamance Creole).

This high level of multilingualism is a matter of pride among community members<sup>19</sup>, who often compare such and such peculiarity of the different languages of their repertoire, e.g. the fact that in Nyun and Casamance Creole, bees 'sting' (JFG *lob*, CC *fercá*) and mosquitoes 'bite' (JFG *kaj*, CC *mordé*), while other local languages use one and the same verb for both insects. Once even, I witnessed a Nyun speaker venture to challenge a member of another community (*Mankanya*) in his own language, trying to correct him.

In spite of the fact that both JFG and Casamance Creole are the strongest languages of many Djifanghor Nyuns, in some special occasions it is possible to ascertain that JFG is the language some community members feel most at ease in: (i) in 2010, while I was making a dialectal survey on Djifanghor Casamance Creole (CC, as spoken by Djifanghor Nyuns), I asked very precise questions of vocabulary to my informants. In order to answer some of these questions, these informants, with whom I had been exchanging exclusively in CC, set up to speak only in Nyun so that they could make more accurate metalinguistic comments about the meaning of the question, thereby revealing that, at least in some semantic domains, Nyun was for them a more powerful means of expression than CC; (ii) in 2011, a young man belonging to the Djifanghor Nyun community had a sudden crisis of epilepsy (?) and got delirious: while being out of mind, he spoke only Nyun, which seems to show that this language was in some way more deeply-rooted than others in his brain.

#### 13.5.2 Internal variations and stratifications

As the JFG speech community is so small and tight-knit, diatopic variation is almost nonexistent. Three main parameters

<sup>19</sup> Many contemporary Nyun communities are characterized by similar degrees of multilingualism: see Cobbinah (2010); Lüpke (2010, 2016b, c, 2017).

condition internal variation in JFG: (i) age. The older speakers master some typically Nyun items that the younger ones no longer use. Vowel harmony is also more developed in the speech of the elders (see Table 13.3 above); (ii) languages used at home. While in some homesteads Nyun and CC are the main spoken languages (it is the general case in Yøf), in others the use of Wolof and/or Joola is also developed, which gives different profiles of codeswitching and borrowings; and (iii) proficiency in Nyun, as some JFG speakers feel more at ease in another language (especially CC and/or Wolof) than in Djifanghor Nyun. For those speakers, Nyun is not a primary way of expression and they are sometimes mocked by native Nyuns who notice the oddities of their speech productions when they express themselves in JFG.

#### 13.5.3 Present-day vitality and perspectives

Today, JFG is clearly receding. Although its use remains vigorous in Yøf (seven houses), where children regularly use it with the adults and between themselves, in other Nyun sections of Djifanghor, some young people under twenty cannot speak JFG fluently and often have CC and Wolof as their first languages. In addition, in contrast with the uncommon virtuosity displayed by many Djifanghor Nyuns in the domain of multilingualism, JFG is seldom learnt by outsiders: in particular most CC-speaking Nyuns (generally coming from Sindone, a community which has strong links with Djifanghor) who settle in Djifanghor as adults do not learn JFG, of which they use to have a passive understanding, and resort only to CC for daily interactions, as all JFG speakers are also fluent in CC (see Section 13.5.1 above). Nevertheless, rare as they may be, there are indeed some non-Nyuns who endeavour to learn and speak JFG: (i) some young Djifanghor Jolas have partially acquired JFG through regular social interactions with their Nyun mates; (ii) in 2014 in Yøf, there was at least one Mandinka woman (married with a Nyun) who was able to speak fluent JFG and take part to any daily interactions in that language. It is striking that such non-Nyun JFG learners make a conscious effort to acquire the language (a) in order to be better integrated in the JFG-speaking community, and also (b) because they view JFG as a precious cultural heritage which can only be preserved with the active participation of all people living within or in close contact with the community. In other words, JFG is nowadays cherished and appreciated not only by Djifanghor Nyuns themselves but also by their neighbours: this positive feeling towards the language may help it be passed on to newer generations.

### 13.6 Appendices

#### 13.6.1 Main patterns of noun class agreement in Djifanghor Nyun

NOUNS		CLASSES		DEPENDENTS OF THE NOUN					
				Demonstratives			Indefinites		
Example	Prefix	Archetype	Number	proximal	distal	anaphoric	'other'	'which'	'how many'
<i>edíg</i> 'ant sp.'	<i>a</i>	<b>A</b>	SG	<i>amma</i>	<i>ámmahan</i>	<i>mam</i>	<i>ədúk</i>	<i>ebéede</i>	
<i>kobór</i> 'hare'	<i>ø</i>		SG/PL						
<i>begid</i> 'girl'	<i>ba</i>	<b>BA</b>	SG/PL	<i>mba</i>	<i>mbáhan</i>	<i>bam</i>	<i>bədúk</i>	<i>bebéede</i>	
<i>bíged</i> 'wasps'	<i>bi</i>	<b>BI</b>	PL	<i>mbi</i>	<i>mbéhen</i>	<i>bim</i>	<i>biduk</i>	<i>bubeede</i>	<i>buküede</i>
<i>buhóf</i> 'head'	<i>bu</i>	<b>BU</b>	SG	<i>mbu</i>	<i>mbóhən</i>	<i>bum</i>	<i>buðúk</i>	<i>bubeede</i>	
<i>dakát</i> 'big fish'	<i>da</i>	<b>DA</b>	SG	<i>nda</i>	<i>ndahan</i>	<i>dam</i>	<i>dədúk</i>	<i>debeede</i>	
<i>drñílen</i> 'snot'	<i>di</i>	<b>DI</b>	SG/PL	<i>ndi</i>	<i>ndehen</i>	<i>dm</i>	<i>duduk</i>	<i>dibeede</i>	
<i>dmkat</i> 'big fish.PL'	<i>din</i>	<b>DIN</b>	PL	<i>ndi</i>	<i>ndehen</i>	<i>dm</i>	<i>dundúk</i>	<i>dmbeede</i>	<i>dmlüede</i>
<i>fuñákat</i> 'water snail'	<i>fu(n)</i>	<b>FUN</b>	SG/PL	<i>nfo</i>	<i>nfóhən</i>	<i>fom</i>	<i>funduk</i>	<i>fumbeede</i>	<i>fullüede</i>
<i>gulúf</i> 'leaf'	<i>gu</i>	<b>GU</b>	SG	<i>ygú</i>	<i>ygóhən</i>	<i>gom</i>	<i>gudiúk</i>	<i>gubeede</i>	
<i>hajund</i> 'holes'	<i>ha</i>	<b>HA</b>	PL	<i>nha</i>	<i>nháhan</i>	<i>ham</i>	<i>hodúk</i>	<i>hebeede</i>	<i>halüede</i>
<i>hõñj</i> 'thing'	<i>h-[HPX]</i>	<b>HU</b>	SG/PL	<i>nho</i>	<i>nhóhən</i>	<i>hom</i>	<i>hudúk</i>	<i>hubeede</i>	<i>hulüede</i>
<i>idúgund</i> 'he-goats'	<i>i</i>	<b>I</b>	PL	<i>immu</i>	<i>méhen</i>	<i>mum</i>	<i>fiduk</i>	<i>ibéede</i>	<i>ilüede</i>
<i>ndíshen</i> 'men'	<i>n</i>	<b>IN</b>	PL	<i>immu</i>	<i>méhen</i>	<i>mum</i>	<i>undúk</i>	<i>mbéede</i>	<i>illüede</i>
<i>jasal</i> 'lizards'	<i>ja</i>	<b>JA</b>	PL	<i>ñja</i>	<i>ñjáhan</i>	<i>ñjam</i>	<i>jadiúk</i>	<i>jebeede</i>	<i>jahüede</i>
<i>júmund</i> 'waters'	<i>j-[HPX]</i>	<b>JI</b>	PL?	<i>ñji</i>	<i>ñjehen</i>	<i>ñjim</i>	<i>jiduk</i>	<i>jibéede</i>	
<i>kentédah</i> 'kitchen'	<i>kV(n)-</i>	<b>KAN</b>	SG/PL	<i>ŋka</i>	<i>ŋkahān</i>	<i>kam</i>	<i>künduk</i>	<i>kembeede</i>	<i>kanlüede</i>
<i>kosal</i> 'lizard'	<i>ko</i>	<b>KO</b>	SG	<i>ŋko</i>	<i>ŋkóhən</i>	<i>kom</i>	<i>kodúk</i>	<i>kobéede</i>	
<i>konnó</i> 'wine'	<i>ku(n)</i>	<b>KUN</b>	SG/PL	<i>ŋko</i>	<i>ŋkóhən</i>	<i>kom</i>	<i>künduk</i>	<i>kumbeede</i>	
<i>mumbók</i> 'baobabs'	<i>mu(n)</i>	<b>MUN</b>	PL	<i>ɔmmo</i>	<i>móhən</i>	<i>mum</i>	<i>mundúk</i>	<i>mumbéede</i>	<i>munlüede</i>
<i>ñaykmd</i> 'ropes'	<i>ña(n)</i>	<b>ÑAN</b>	PL	<i>ñña</i>	<i>ññáhan</i>	<i>ñam</i>	<i>ñunduk</i>	<i>ñembéede</i>	<i>ñanlüede</i>
<i>ñannáf</i> 'farmers'	<i>ña(n)</i>	<b>ÑAN-IN</b>	PL	<i>immu</i>	<i>méhen</i>	<i>mum</i>	<i>(ña)ndúk</i>	<i>mbéede</i>	<i>illüede</i>
<i>ñipáda</i> 'ducklings'	<i>ñi</i>	<b>ÑI</b>	PL	<i>ññu</i>	<i>ññéhen</i>	<i>ñum(oy)</i>	<i>ñiduk</i>	<i>ñibéede</i>	<i>ñilüede</i>
<i>pat-pat</i> 'rice bran'	<i>p-[HPX]</i>	<b>PAN</b>	SG	<i>mpa~mpo</i>	<i>mpahan~mpohən</i>	<i>pam</i>	<i>púnduk</i>	<i>pumbéede</i>	
<i>rágkond</i> 'scorpion'	<i>ra(n)</i>	<b>RAN</b>	SG	<i>nra</i>	<i>nrahan</i>	<i>ram</i>	<i>rúnduk</i>	<i>[ebéede]</i>	
<i>sibók</i> 'baobab'	<i>si</i>	<b>SI</b>	SG	<i>nsi</i>	<i>nséhen</i>	<i>sim</i>	<i>sidúk</i>	<i>sibéede</i>	
<i>smjknd</i> 'rope'	<i>si(n)</i>	<b>SIN</b>	SG	<i>nsi</i>	?	?	<i>sunduk</i>	<i>simbeede</i>	?
<i>tebén</i> 'pagne'	<i>t-[HPX]</i>	<b>TAN</b>	SG	<i>nta</i>	<i>ntahan</i>	<i>tam</i>	<i>tunduk</i>	<i>tembeede</i>	
<i>trykáral</i> 'bee-eater'	<i>tin</i>	<b>TIN</b>	SG/PL	<i>nti</i>	<i>ntéhen</i>	<i>tm</i>	<i>tunduk</i>	<i>timbeede</i>	<i>tunküede</i>
<i>unáaf</i> 'farmer'	<i>u</i>	<b>U</b>	SG	<i>ɔmmo</i>	<i>móhən</i>	<i>mum</i>	<i>udúk</i>	<i>ubéede</i>	
<i>dihen</i> 'man'	<i>ø</i>		SG						

Notational conventions: (brackets) = optional sequence; [square brackets] = sequence probably derived from another paradigm; bold = for each form, elements justifying the choice of the noun-class prototype; HPX = hapax; NA = non-attested; ? = missing form.

DEPENDENTS OF THE NOUN		PRONOUNS				PREDICATIVE ELEMENTS		
Adjective	Numerals			3 <sup>rd</sup> person pronoun	Relative	Affirmative	Interrogative	Presentational
	-mondiúka 'one'	-nak 'two'	-láal 'three'	rénnek 'four'		'be (some-where)'	'be where'	'here is/are'
<i>sid(d)</i> 'big'	-mondiúka 'one'	-nak 'two'	-láal 'three'	rénnek 'four'				
<i>esiddi</i>	<i>əmundika</i>				<i>əmor~əmor</i>	<i>marj</i>	<i>ammaj</i>	<i>ammande</i>
<i>besiddi</i>	<i>bəmundika</i>	<i>banákoj</i>	<i>balállor</i>	<i>berénnékoy</i>	<i>bomró</i>	<i>barj</i>	<i>mbaj</i>	<i>mbande</i>
<i>bisiddi</i>		?	?	?	<i>bumró</i>	<i>biy</i>	<i>mbey</i>	<i>mbende</i>
<i>bisiddi~bəsiddi</i>	<i>bumunduka</i>				<i>bumró</i>	<i>buŋ</i>	<i>mbəŋ</i>	<i>mbobbo</i>
<i>desiddi</i>	<i>dəmonduka</i>				<i>dəmor</i>	<i>daŋ</i>	<i>ndaj</i>	<i>ndande</i>
<i>disiddi</i>	<i>dimondika</i>	NA	NA	NA	<i>dumor</i>	<i>diŋ</i>	<i>ndeŋ</i>	<i>ndende</i>
<i>dinsiddi</i>		<i>dinnák</i>	<i>dilláal</i>	<i>darrénnék</i>	<i>dimmor</i>	<i>diŋ</i>	<i>ndeŋ</i>	<i>ndende</i>
<i>funsiddi</i>	<i>fumondika</i>	<i>funnákoj</i>	<i>fullállor</i>	<i>furrénnékoy</i>	<i>fummor</i>	<i>fuj</i>	<i>nfəŋj</i>	<i>nfónde</i>
<i>gusiddi</i>	<i>gumondika</i>				<i>gumró</i>	<i>guŋ</i>	<i>ŋgəŋj</i>	<i>ŋgoggo</i>
<i>hesiddi</i>		<i>hanak</i>	<i>haláal</i>	<i>herénnék</i>	<i>homró</i>	<i>haŋ</i>	<i>nhan</i>	<i>nhande</i>
<i>husiddi</i>	<i>humondíka</i>	<i>honak</i>	<i>holáal</i>	<i>horénnék</i>	<i>humró</i>	<i>huŋ</i>	<i>nhəŋj</i>	<i>nhənde</i>
<i>isiddi</i>		<i>mák</i>	<i>iláal</i>	<i>irénnék</i>	<i>imró</i>	<i>miŋ</i>	<i>mméŋj</i>	<i>mmende</i>
<i>nsiddi</i>		<i>mnák</i>	<i>iláal</i>	<i>irénnék</i>	<i>mereŋ</i>	<i>miŋ</i>	<i>mméŋj</i>	<i>mmende</i>
<i>jesiddi</i>		<i>janák</i>	<i>jaláal</i>	<i>jerénnék</i>	<i>jomró</i>	<i>(ñ)jaŋ</i>	<i>ñjaŋ</i>	<i>ñjande</i>
<i>jisiddi</i>					<i>jimró</i>	<i>jiŋ</i>	<i>ñjəŋj</i>	<i>ñjijji</i>
<i>kensiddi</i>	<i>komondíka</i>	<i>kannákoj</i>	<i>kallállor</i>	<i>kerrénnékoy</i>	<i>kommró</i>	<i>kaŋ</i>	<i>ŋkakj</i>	<i>ŋkakka</i>
<i>kosiddi</i>	<i>komondíka</i>				<i>komró</i>	<i>koŋ</i>	<i>ŋkɔŋj</i>	<i>ŋkakkɔ</i>
<i>kunsiddi</i>	NA	NA <sup>a</sup>	NA	NA	<i>kummró</i>	<i>kuŋ</i>	<i>ŋkɔŋj</i>	<i>ŋkokko</i>
<i>m̥nsiddi~m̥nsiddi</i>		<i>munnák</i>	<i>munlál</i>	<i>murrénnék</i>	<i>mummró</i>	<i>muŋ</i>	<i>məŋj</i>	<i>mənde</i>
<i>[esiddi]</i>		<i>ñannák</i>	<i>ñalláal</i>	<i>ñierrénnék</i>	<i>ñommró</i>	<i>ñaj</i>	<i>ññaj</i>	<i>ññande</i>
<i>ñensiddi</i>		<i>i(n)ñák~ñannák</i>	<i>iláal</i>	<i>irénnék</i>	<i>merenj</i>	<i>muŋ</i>	<i>mméŋj</i>	<i>mmende</i>
<i>[ensiddi]</i>		<i>ñenák</i>	<i>ñeláal</i>	<i>ñirénnék</i>	<i>ñimró</i>	<i>ñiŋ</i>	<i>ññej</i>	<i>ññende</i>
<i>pensiddi</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	<i>pommró</i>	<i>paŋ~puŋ</i>	<i>mpaŋj</i>	<i>mpánde~mpónde</i>
<i>rensiddi</i>	<i>[əmunduka]</i>				<i>rommró</i>	<i>raj</i>	<i>nraj</i>	<i>nrande</i>
<i>sisiddi</i>	<i>simondíka</i>				<i>simór~səmór</i>	<i>siŋ</i>	<i>nseŋj</i>	<i>nsende</i>
<i>suŋfɔkki<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>summunduka</i>				<i>summor</i>	?	<i>nseŋj</i>	?
<i>tensiddi</i>	<i>tomondíka</i>				<i>tommor</i>	<i>taj</i>	<i>ntaj</i>	<i>ntande</i>
<i>tensiddi</i> </								

13.6.2 Main prefix pairings and triads in Djifanghor Nyun, alongside with their respective semantic cores

	Prefixes	Semantic core	Examples
Pairings	<b>bu</b> (SG)/ <b>i</b> (PL)	ROUND(ED)/DOMED THING; INTERNAL ORGAN	<b>butót</b> (SG)/ <b>itót</b> (PL) 'cooking-pot' <b>bəriip</b> (SG)/ <b>iríip</b> (PL) 'stomach'
	<b>da</b> (SG)/ <b>din</b> (PL)	AUGMENTATIVE	<b>dakát</b> (SG)/ <b>dinkat</b> (PL) 'big fish'
	<b>gu</b> (SG)/ <b>ha</b> (PL)	TRIDIMENSIONAL APPENDAGE OR OUTGROWTH; HOLLOW THING	<b>gufil</b> (SG)/ <b>hafil</b> (PL) 'penis' <b>gukít</b> (SG)/ <b>hakít</b> (PL) 'vagina' <b>gujénd</b> (SG)/ <b>hejénd</b> (PL) 'branch (tree)' <b>guhómb</b> (SG)/ <b>hohómb</b> (PL) 'hole (in a tree)'
	<b>si</b> (SG)/ <b>ha</b> (PL)	PAIRED ORGAN: EAR, FOOT, HAND	<b>sidih</b> (SG)/ <b>hedih</b> (PL) 'foot'
	<b>si</b> (SG)/ <b>mun</b> (PL)	TREE	<b>sibók</b> (SG)/ <b>mumbók</b> (PL) 'baobab'
	<b>sin</b> (SG)/ <b>ñian</b> (PL)	LONG+THICK THING	<b>sinjknd</b> (SG)/ <b>ñanjknd</b> (PL) 'rope'
	<b>u</b> (SG)/ <b>ñian</b> (PL)	HUMAN BEING	<b>ujáhar</b> (SG)/ <b>ñatiújáhar</b> (PL) 'Eastern Nyun'
	<b>a</b> (SG)/ <b>i</b> (PLC)/ <b>bi</b> (PLI)	INSECT; SMALL INVERTEBRATE	<b>emméh</b> (SG)/ <b>imméh</b> (PLC)/ <b>bəmméh</b> (PLI) 'termite'
Triads	<b>bu</b> (SG)/ <b>i</b> (PLC)/ <b>ba</b> (PLI)	ROUND(ED) VEGETABLE; EGG	<b>bulúuh</b> (SG)/ <b>ilúuh</b> (PLC)/ <b>bəlúuh</b> (PLI) 'squash' <b>bənlín</b> (SG)/ <b>inlín</b> (PLC)/ <b>banlín</b> (PLI) 'egg'
	<b>bu</b> (SG)/ <b>i</b> (PLC)/ <b>di</b> (PLI)	FRUIT	<b>bubók</b> (SG)/ <b>ibók</b> (PLC)/ <b>dubók</b> (PLI) 'monkey bread' <b>bulímoy</b> (SG)/ <b>ilímoy</b> (PLC)/ <b>dilímoy</b> (PLI) 'orange'
	<b>gu</b> (SG)/ <b>ha</b> (PLC)/ <b>ba</b> (PLI)	GRAIN/SEED-LIKE THING	<b>gusáh</b> (SG)/ <b>hasáh</b> (PLC)/ <b>basáh</b> (PLI) 'bean'
	<b>gu</b> (SG)/ <b>ha</b> (PLC)/ <b>ja</b> (PLI)	THIN/FLAT/DRY APPENDAGE OR OUTGROWTH	<b>gugend</b> (SG)/ <b>hegénd</b> (PLC)/ <b>jegend</b> (PLI) 'hair (head)' <b>gulúf</b> (SG)/ <b>halúf</b> (PLC)/ <b>jalúf</b> (PLI) 'leaf (tree)'
	<b>kə</b> (SG)/ <b>ñii</b> (PLC)/ <b>ja</b> (PLI)	SMALL ANIMAL/THING; DIMINUTIVE	<b>kəpéet</b> (SG)/ <b>ñepéet</b> (PLC)/ <b>jepéet</b> (PLI) 'piece (bread/meat)' <b>kəjíhi</b> (SG)/ <b>ñejíhi</b> (PLC)/ <b>jajíhi</b> (PLI) 'puppet'
	<b>sin</b> (SG)/ <b>ñian</b> (PLC)/ <b>ja</b> (PLI)	LONG+THIN THING	<b>sumót</b> (SG)/ <b>ñiamót</b> (PLC)/ <b>jəmót</b> (PLI) '(sewing) thread'

13.6.3 Subject–verb–object morphology in Djifanghor Nyun: full perfective paradigm of *feg* 'see'

Subject		Subject–verb–object complex							
		Object: person/type							
Person	Preverbal pronoun	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL.EXCL	1PL.INCL	2PL	3PL	NP
1SG	<i>me</i>		<i>fegən</i>	<i>fegem</i>			<i>fegó-nøy</i>	<i>fegé-nij</i>	<i>fégi</i>
2SG	<i>efi</i>	<i>fegom</i>		<i>fegem</i>	<i>feg-min</i>			<i>fegé-nij</i>	<i>fégi</i>
3SG	<i>mor</i>	<i>e-fegom</i>	<i>e-fegən</i>	<i>e-fegem</i>	<i>e-feg-min</i>	<i>e-feg-mínøy</i>	<i>e-fegó-nøy</i>	<i>e-fegé-nij</i>	<i>e-fégi</i>
1PL.EXCL	<i>min</i>		<i>nfege-min</i>	<i>nfege-min</i>			<i>nsegó-nøy-(min)</i>	<i>nsegé-nij-(min)</i>	<i>nfégi-min</i>
1PL.INCL	<i>mínøy</i>				<i>nsegomøy</i>			<i>nsegé-nij</i>	?
2PL	<i>nijkináanøy</i>	<i>fegumøy</i>		<i>fegomøy</i>	<i>fegé-min</i>			<i>fegé-nij</i>	<i>fégi</i>
3PL	<i>merenj</i>	<i>ey-fegom</i>	<i>ey-fegən</i>	<i>ey-fegem</i>	<i>ey-fegé-min</i>	<i>ey-feg-mínøy</i>	<i>ey-fegó-nøy</i>	<i>ey-fegé-nij</i>	<i>ey-fégi</i>

13.6.4 Subject–verb–object morphology in Djifanghor Nyun: full synthetic imperfective paradigm of *feg* ‘see’

Subject		Subject–verb–object complex							
Person	Preverbal pronoun	Object: person/type							
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL.EXCL	1PL.INCL	2PL	3PL	NP
1SG	<i>me</i>		<i>fegunjkoh</i>	<i>fegijkeem</i>			<i>fegunjkáo-nøj</i>	<i>fegijkee-nij</i>	<i>fegine</i>
2SG	<i>efi</i>	<i>fegunjkum</i>		<i>fegijkeem</i>	<i>feginée-min</i>			<i>fegijkee-nij</i>	<i>fegine</i>
3SG	<i>mor</i>	<i>e-fegunjkum</i>	<i>e-fegunjkoh</i>	<i>e-fegijkeem</i>	<i>e-feginée-min</i>	<i>e-fégine-minoy</i>	<i>e-fegóo-nøj</i>	<i>e-fegijkee-nij</i>	<i>e-fegine</i>
1PL.EXCL	<i>min</i>		<i>nfegunjkó-min</i>	<i>nfegijkee-min</i>			<i>nfegunjkáo-nøj-min</i>	<i>nfegijkee-nij-min</i>	<i>nseginee-min</i>
1PL.INCL	<i>mínoj</i>			<i>nfegunjkomu</i>				<i>nfegijkee-nij</i>	<i>nsegunkon</i>
2PL	<i>nijkinánoj</i>	<i>fegunjkómuj</i>		<i>fegunjkomúj</i>	<i>fegijkee-min</i>			<i>fegijkee-nij</i>	<i>fegijkeen</i>
3PL	<i>merej</i>	<i>en-fegunjkum</i>	<i>en-fegunjko</i>	<i>en-fegijkeem</i>	<i>en-feginée-min</i>	<i>en-fégine-mínoy</i>	<i>en-fegóo-nøj~en-fégine-náanoy</i>	<i>en-fegijkee-nij</i>	<i>en-fegine</i>

13.6.5 Subject–verb–object morphology in Djifanghor Nyun: full negative perfective paradigm of *feg* ‘see’

Subject		Subject–verb–object complex							
Person	Preverbal pronoun	Object: person/type							
		1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL.EXCL	1PL.INCL	2PL	3PL	NP
1SG	<i>me</i>		<i>fegirioh</i>	<i>fejiirem</i>			<i>fegiro-nuj</i>	<i>fejiire-nij</i>	<i>fegíri ~ fegiron</i>
2SG	<i>efi</i>	<i>feguruhum</i>		<i>fegiriohm</i>	<i>fejiire-min</i>			<i>fejiire-nij</i>	<i>féguruh</i>
3SG	<i>mor</i>	<i>feguruhum</i>	<i>fegirioh</i>	<i>fejiiróm</i>	<i>fejiroy-min</i>		<i>fejiroy-mínoy</i>	<i>fejiro-nuj</i>	<i>fejiroy</i>
1PL.EXCL	<i>min</i>		<i>fegirioy-min</i>	<i>fejiire-min</i>			<i>fejiroy-nuj-(min)</i>	<i>fejiire-nij-(min)</i>	<i>fejiroy-min</i>
1PL.INCL	<i>mínoj</i>			<i>fejiromuj</i>				<i>fejiroy-nij</i>	<i>fejiroy</i>
2PL	<i>nijkinánoj</i>	<i>feguruhum-muj</i>		<i>fejiromuj</i>	<i>fejiroy-min</i>			<i>fejiroy-nij</i>	<i>fejiroy</i>
3PL	<i>merej</i>	<i>feguruhum</i>	<i>fegirioh</i>	<i>fejiirem</i>	<i>en-fejiroy-min</i>	<i>fejiroy-mínoy</i>	<i>fejiro-nuj</i>	<i>fejiroy-nij</i>	<i>féguron</i>

### 13.6.6 Subject–verb–object morphology in Djifanghor Nyun: full negative imperfective/progressive paradigm of *feg* ‘see’

Subject		Subject–verb–object complex							
Person	Preverbal pronoun	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL.EXCL	1PL.INCL	2PL	3PL	NP
1SG	<i>me</i>		<b>bifegiyəh</b>	<b>bifegiem</b>			<b>bifegiyə-noj</b>	<b>bifegiye-níj</b>	<b>bifego</b>
2SG	<i>efi</i>	<b>bifeg(u)hum</b>		<b>bifegiem</b>	<b>bifego-min</b>			<b>bifegiye-níj</b>	<b>bifego</b>
3SG	<i>mor</i>	<b>befeg(u)hum</b>	<b>befegiyəh</b>	<b>befegiem</b>	<b>befego-min</b>	<b>befeg-(u)ntəŋ</b>	<b>befegiyə-noj</b>	<b>befegiye-níj</b>	<b>befego</b>
1PL.EXCL	<i>min</i>			<b>binfegiyə-min</b>	<b>binfegiem</b>			<b>bimfegiyə-noj</b>	<b>bimfegie-níj</b>
1PL.INCL	<i>mínøj</i>				<b>bimfegiyomurj</b>				<b>bimfegie-níj</b>
2PL	<i>nijkinánoj</i>	<b>bifeg(u)húmunj</b>		<b>bifegiyomúj</b>	<b>bifegiye-y-mín</b>			<b>bifegiye-níj</b>	<b>binfegienj</b>
3PL	<i>merenj</i>	<b>benféguhum</b>	<b>benfegiyəh</b>	<b>benfegiem</b>	<b>benfego-min</b>	<b>benfego-mínøj</b>	<b>benfegiyə-noj</b>	<b>benfegiye-níj</b>	<b>benfego</b>

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13.6.6 Subject–verb–object morphology in Djifanghor Nyun: full negative imperfective/progressive paradigm of *feg* ‘see’

Subject	Object: person/type								
	Subject–verb–object complex								
Person	Preverbal pronoun	1SG	2SG	3SG	1PL.EXCL	1PL.INCL	2PL	3PL	NP
1SG <i>me</i>		<b>bifegiyəh</b>	<b>bifegiem</b>			<b>bifegiyə-nəŋ</b>	<b>bifegiyə-nəŋj</b>	<b>bifegə</b>	
2SG <i>ɛfi</i>		<b>bifeg(u)hum</b>	<b>bifegiem</b>	<b>bifegə-min</b>			<b>bifegiyə-nəŋj</b>	<b>bifegə</b>	
3SG <i>mor</i>		<b>bifeg(u)hum</b>	<b>bifegiem</b>	<b>bifegə-min</b>	<b>bifeg-(u)nəŋ</b>	<b>bifegiyə-nəŋj</b>	<b>bifegiyə-nəŋj</b>	<b>bifegə</b>	
1PL.EXCL <i>min</i>			<b>bifegiyə-min</b>			<b>bimfegiyəs-nəŋ</b>		<b>bimfegə</b>	
1PL.INCL <i>mínəŋ</i>				<b>bimfegiyomuy</b>				<b>bimfegie-nij</b>	<b>bimfegiyə</b>
2PL <i>míjkináanəŋ</i>		<b>bifeg(u)hámuy</b>	<b>bifegiyomuŋj</b>				<b>bifegiyə-nəŋj</b>		<b>bifegiyə</b>
3PL <i>merəŋ</i>		<b>bifeguhum</b>	<b>bifegiyəh</b>	<b>bifegiem</b>	<b>bifegə-min</b>	<b>bifegə-minəŋ</b>	<b>bifegiyə-nəŋj</b>	<b>bifegiyə-nəŋj</b>	<b>bifegə</b>

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