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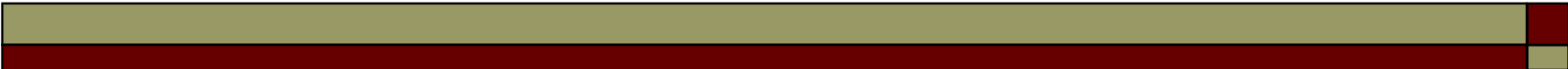
More Grammar

Pro-Nouns: dependent, independent,
demonstrative, interrogative

Hieroglyphs Beginners

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Pronouns in Middle Egyptian

- Personal pronouns
 - Suffix
 - Dependent
 - Independent
 - Subject pronouns
- Demonstrative pronouns
- Interrogative pronouns

Dependent pronouns

separate words, but normally used after some other word = dependent

1s *wj* , , , , etc.

The essential part of this pronoun is the first consonant *w* ( or ), which is always written. The second consonant *j* is written like the 1s suffix pronoun: it is often omitted in writing; when shown it can be written with any of the ideograms used for the suffix pronoun (for example,  for a god,  for the king, and so forth).

2MS *tw* ; also ,  *tw* (see § 2.8.3)

2FS *tn* ; also  *tn* (see § 2.8.3)

3MS *sw* , 

3FS *sj* , , , 

1PL *n* , 

2PL *tn* , ; also ,  *.tn* (see § 2.8.3)

3PL *sn* , , , 

3N *st* , 

Independent pronouns

Separate words, can stand on their own in a sentence

1s *jnk* 

The signs  and  are determinatives and can be replaced by the other signs that are used as ideograms in writings of the 1s suffix and dependent pronouns: for example,  or  when the speaker is a god or king.

2MS *ntk* 

2FS *ntt* ; also  *ntt* (see § 2.8.3)

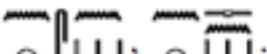
3MS *ntf* 

3FS *nts* 

1PL *jnn* 

These are later spellings. This pronoun has not been found in any texts earlier than the New Kingdom, but it certainly existed in Middle Egyptian.

2PL *nttn* ; also  *nttn* (see § 2.8.3)

3PL *ntsn* 

2S *twt* ; also ,  (from *twt* “image”) *twt* (see § 2.8.3)

3S *swt* 

Summary personal pronouns

	SUFFIX	DEPENDENT	INDEPENDENT	TRANSLATIONS
1S	<i>.j</i>	<i>wj</i>	<i>jnk</i>	“I, me, my”
2MS	<i>.k</i>	<i>tw, tw</i>	<i>ntk</i>	“you, your”
2FS	<i>.t, .t</i>	<i>tn, tn</i>	<i>ntt, ntt</i>	“you, your”
3MS	<i>.f</i>	<i>sw</i>	<i>ntf</i>	“he, him, his, it, its”
3FS	<i>.s</i>	<i>sj, st</i>	<i>nts</i>	“she, her, it, its”
1PL	<i>.n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>jnn</i>	“we, us, our”
2PL	<i>.tn, tn</i>	<i>tn, tn</i>	<i>nttn, ntt</i>	“you, your”
3PL	<i>.sn</i>	<i>sn, st</i>	<i>ntsn</i>	“they, them, their.”

Demonstrative pronouns

- English: this / these; that / those – Egyptian = 4

MASCULINE SINGULAR

pn 

pf ; also  *pf3*

pw , 

p3 , , , 

FEMININE SINGULAR

tn 

tf ; also  *tf3*

tw , 

t3 

NEUTRAL

nn , 

nf ; also  *nf3*

nw , 

n3 

- pn, tn, nn* – this/that; these/those – most common
- pf, tf, nf* – this/that; these/those – contrasted with *pn, tn, nn* – this; these, then translated as that;those
- pw, tw, nw* – that; those – older version to *pn, tn, nn*, but still used
- p3, t3, n3* - this/that; these/those – colloquial (spoken) version, become later the definite articles, continue into Late Egyptian (only ones to continue)

- Masculine with masculine nouns, feminine with feminine nouns; neutral with plural and dual nouns

Demonstrative pronouns

MASCULINE SINGULAR

pn 

pf ; also    *pf3*

pw , 

p3 ,  ,  

FEMININE SINGULAR

tn 

tf ; also    *tf3*

tw , 

t3 

NEUTRAL

nn , 

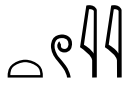
nf ; also    *nf3*

nw  

n3 

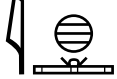
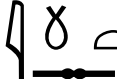
- *pn, tn, pw, tw* – this/that – **after** noun
- *pf, tf* – this/that – **before or after** noun
- *p3, t3* – this/that – **before** noun
- *nn, nf/nf3, nw, n3* – demonstrative pronoun **n** noun

Demonstrative pronouns – special cases

- Invocation – addressing of gods / person
 - *pw, tw* used after name
 - *h3 Mrrj pw* – Oh, (this) Mereri
- When used with nouns *pw, tw* sometimes written
 - *pw*  *tw* 
 
- Religious texts – older versions for those, these:
 - M – *jpn, jpw* 
 - F – *jptn, jptw* 

Interrogative pronouns

□ Used in questions

- *mj*    who, what? – most common, will be answered with dependent pronoun, stands after another word
- *ptr*     who, what? - answered with independent pronoun, stands at the beginning of the sentence
- *jh*  what? – when asked about things
- *jšjh*   what? – things, but can stand at the beginning of the sentence
- *sj*     which, which one, which ones? – used with noun or independent (first indirect genitive)