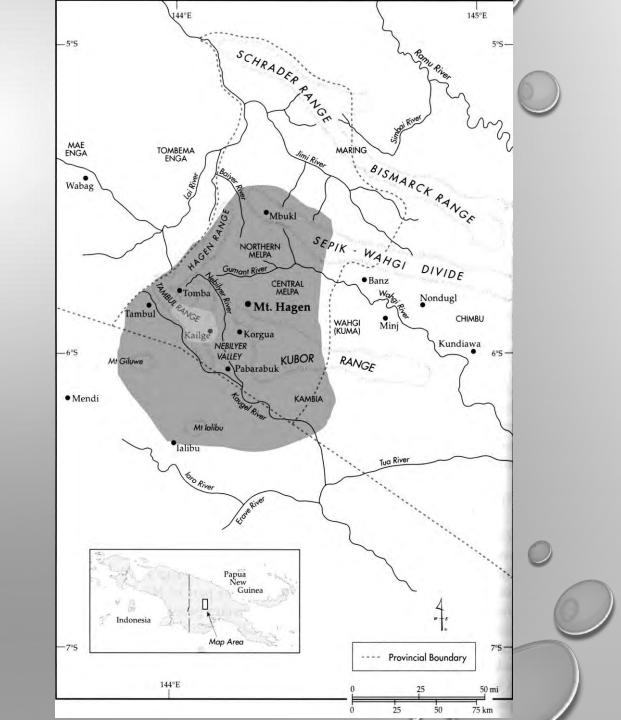
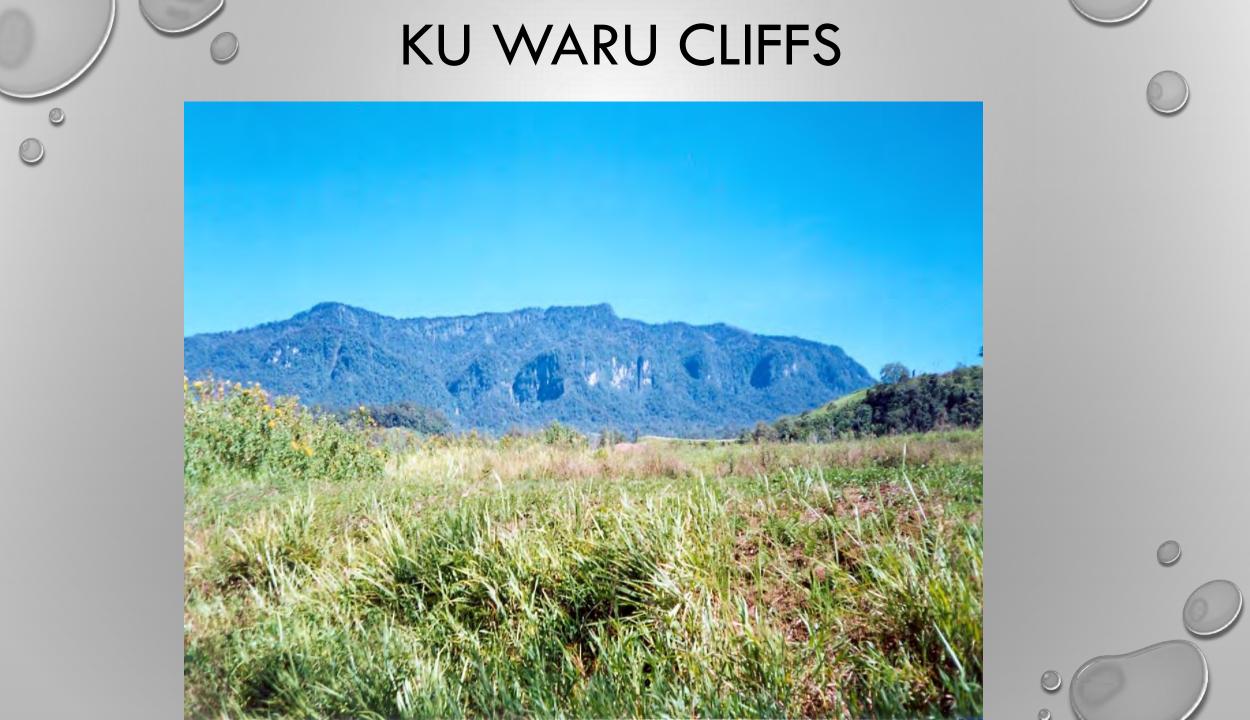


BILINGUAL LANGUAGE LEARNING IN THE PNG HIGHLANDS

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KU WARU AND CLOSELY RELATED DIALECTS





KAILGE SCHOOL GROUND 1981



KAILGE SCHOOL GROUND AND CHURCH 1997





ROAD TO HIGHLANDS HIGHWAY





KAILGE SINGSING GROUND, 1983













AMOUNTS OF TOK PISIN AND KU WARU IN CONVERSATIONS WITH FOUR KU WARU CHILDREN

Child a	ind age	Ku Waru > Ku Waru	Ku Waru > Tok Pisin	Tok Pisin > Tok Pisin	Tok Pisin > Ku Waru	Ku Waru / Tok Pisin mix
Philip	2;04.01	249 (94%)	11 (4%)	0	0	5 (2%)
Philip	2;05.02	236 (94%)	7 (3%)	1 (<1%)	1 (<1%)	7 (3%)
Philip	2;06.05	171 (94%)	9 (5%)	0	0	2 (1%)
Jakelin	2;10.29	298 (72%)	93 (23%)	13 (3%)	1 (<1%)	7 (2%)
Jakelin	2;11.27	105 (68%)	34 (22%)	9 (6%)	1 (<1%)	7 (4%)
Jakelin	3;00.27	136 (84%)	21 (13%)	1 (<1%)	0	4 (2%)
Sylvia	3;02.22	225 (75%)	20 (7%)	44 (15%)	0	10 (3%)
Sylvia	3;03.12	252 (67%)	8 (2%)	110 (30%)	1 (<1%)	4 (1%)
Sylvia	3;04.21	407 (76%)	12 (2%)	115 (21%)	0	2 (<1%)
Sylvia	3;05.21	340 (91%)	26 (7%)	5 (1%)	0	4 (1%)
Ken	3;08.11	441 (>99%)	1 (<1%)	0	0	0
Ken	3;09.26	421 (>99%)	1 (<1%)	0	0	0
Ken	3;10.27	420 (100%)	0	0	0	0
Ken	3;11.23	564 (99%)	3 (1%)	0	0	0

1. PHILIP AT 2 YEARS AND 4 MONTHS

a. Philip [to the recorder]: <u>ko</u> go Go away!

d. Father:

e. Philip:

f. Father:

g. Philip:

h. Father:

Philip:

- b. Father: <u>ko</u> meglayl pa go thing go Go away, thing, go!
- c. Philip: <u>ko</u> Go away!
 - pa Go away!
 - <u>ko</u> Go away!
 - melayl pa thing go Thing, go away!
 - <u>ko</u> Go away!
 - pa Go away!
 - pa Go away!

2. PHILIP AT 2 YEARS AND 5 MONTHS

Father: ilyi. nabolka **8**. . this what What's this? Philip: b., walam [777] Father: mi 110 \mathbf{r}_{i} 0 belonging to water me

My water

d. Philip: wa to mi [???] belonging to me

e. Father: no <u>to</u> mi nu no water belonging to me you drink My water, you drink it!



3. SYLVIA AT 3 YEARS AND 2 MONTHS

a. Sylvia: yu go <u>lo aus</u> you go to house You go home.

b. Mother: ws noken tok pisin mipeta tok [expression of disgust] don't talk Pisin we say/said Come on now, as we said, don't speak Tok Pisin.

c. Sylvia: mi mi <u>tai to</u> pisin I I like talk pisin I like to speak Tok Pisin

d. Mother: ws tok piain nun tek moglun moglun olyo pumulu tekemul [disgust] Tok Pisin you doing stay stay we will go are doing All right then, you can keep speaking Tok Pisin but we are leaving. Jakelin at age two years eleven months and her mother Saina.

a. Mother: wapi gai bo lyim-o nya [woman's name] sweet potato cutting got say (imperative) Say 'Wapi went to get sweet potato cuttings [to plant]."

 b. Jakelin: api kai ki lip o [Jakelin's approximation the above]

c. Mother: uj sugla meba wood split will bring She will split firewood and bring it.

d. Jakelin: us suk [Jakelin's approximation the above]

e. Mother: ep gai kagluba tekim-o nya (imperative) now sweet potato will cook is doing say Say 'Now she is about to cook sweet potatoes'

f. Jakelin: om <u>lak</u> kukim <u>kaka</u> He/she like cook sweet potatoes She wants to cook sweet potatoes



5. Jakelin at age two years eleven months and her mother Saina (a few minutes later)

a Mother: na nunga Nu udo nya I your house came say (imperative) Say 'I came to your house.'

b. Jakelin: mi kam <u>to</u> <u>as</u> <u>po</u> yu He/she to house belonging to you 'I came to your house.' 7. Excerpt from a tom yoya kange sung tale by Paulus Konts. na buai lyibu ud a "Tve come to get bet

eni lyi naa lyibu e eni a molai nyirim e nanga buai kenginsai nyirim a "Twe come to get betel" he said "I haven't come to get you" "You all can stay" he said "Just bring me my bags of betel"

8. A similar pair of lines often used in other tom yaya kange sung tales. kung koily kiulu lelym e We've an oven for roasting pigs. yabu koily kiulu naa lelym e We've no oven for roasting people. 9. Another pair of lines often used in other tom yaya kange sung tales na nu lyibu ui naa udiy!
I haven't come to get you.

nunga laikiyi nyikin akiyi-ya

You're doing what you've chosen to do.