

Exercise 3 - Categories

1. Consider the following data from Lummi (Straits Salish).

Assume that (a) t'iləm-lə-sxw is a verb. What part of speech are the (b) and (c) forms? Don't worry about all the unusual letters and diacritics; they are irrelevant to your answer. Pay attention to the meaning of the suffixes that are attached to each word (-lə, which means past, and -sxw, which means second person singular subject).

a) t'iləm-lə-sxw sing-
PAST-2SG.NOM
“ You sang.” *verb*

b) si'em-lə-sxw
chief-PAST-2SG.NOM
“ You were a chief.” _____

c) sey'si-lə-sxw
afraid-PAST-2SG.NOM
“ You were afraid.” _____