

3.5. Numbers

3.5.1. The cardinal numbers

The cardinal numbers from 1 to 10 are:

1 pàrcí

2 éddí

3 táasí

4 èejí

5 téccí

6 kórcí

7 òlòttì

8 ídíyí

9 úkúdí *var* úfúdí

10 tímmíjí

3.5.2. Ordinals

Although in Midob there is no complete set of ordinals (unlike Nobiin cf. Werner 1987: 110ff, and Kunuz cf. von Massenbach 1933:114), there are some traces of ordinals. One such isolated trace is the lexeme:

órédór 'first'

Note: The origin of this lexeme is obscure. A possible connection would be with òr 'head'.

A substitutional set of ordinals can be formed by combining the demonstrative pronoun àn with the cardinals:

àn pàrcí 'first'

3.5.3. Other expressions for quantities

In addition to the numerals there is a number of general expressions of quantity, e.g.:

tùmmànicí	'all'
pòccící	'all'
éenyé	'many'
téká	'both'
ééré	'many'

The adverb áagéár 'really' sometimes functions almost as if it were an expression for quantities:

tìdn órár pèesir áagéár irûm 'There are many goats on **Jebel Midob.**' (lit. ...really goats).

All numerals and other expressions for quantities are positioned **after** the noun they qualify.

Examples:

nèn táə kóccí áddí ònûm 'This cow has two calves.'

nèn iddir úccí éenyé úkkídánònûm 'This woman has given birth to **many** children.'

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