

GENERAL CONTENTS.

FOREWORD: Especially for the student of language. I-VI  
A WORD TO THE BEGINNER. VI - VIII.

PART ONE. PRONUNCIATION.

- SECTION 1. THE ALPHABET. 1
- SECTION 2. THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE SOUNDS. 3  
A. SOUNDS HAVING ENGLISH EQUIVALENTS.  
B. SOUNDS WITHOUT ENGLISH EQUIVALENTS.
- SECTION 3. STRESS or ACCENT. 8  
A. SYLLABLE STRESS.  
B. SENTENCE STRESS.
- SECTION 4. INTONATION. 9  
A. SIGNIFICANCE OF INTONATION.  
B. DESCRIPTION OF THE NINE CONTOURS.  
C. SUMMARY OF PUNCTUATION.  
D. SUMMARY OF INTONATION CONTOURS.
- SECTION 5. SOME PRONUNCIATION PITFALLS. 14
- SECTION 6. USEFUL EXPRESSIONS FOR PRACTICE. 15  
SUMMARY OF PRONUNCIATION.

PART TWO. PUTTING THE WORDS TOGETHER.

- SECTION 7. A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE GRAMMAR. 17
- SECTION 8. ONE-WORD SENTENCES. A STUDY OF THE VERBS. 21  
A. THE INTRANSITIVE COMMAND.  
B. THE TRANSITIVE COMMAND.  
C. ANALYSIS OF THE SIMPLE COMMAND.  
1. COMMAND SUFFIXES REVEAL 4 VERB CLASSES.  
2. THE VERB STEMS: SIMPLE AND COMPOUND.  
D. TWO COMMAND ASPECTS: Initiative/Continuative.  
E. SIMPLE RESPONSES TO COMMANDS.
- SECTION 9. INTRANSITIVE STATEMENT TYPE SENTENCES. 30  
A. EXAMPLE FOR ANALYSIS.

B. ANALYSIS OF THE VERB.

30

C. ANALYSIS OF THE SUBJECT.

1. THE NOUN SUBJECT.

2. THE PRONOUN SUBJECT.

D. INTR. SENTENCES HAVING BOUND SUBJECTS.

E. POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO INTR. SENTENCES.

F. SIMPLE NEGATIVE FOR INTR. SENTENCES.

G. EXERCISES.

SECTION 10. TRANSITIVE STATEMENT TYPE SENTENCES.

42

A. EXAMPLES IN FRAME.

B. ANALYSIS OF TRANSITIVE SENTENCE.

1. THE VERB. Comparison of Trans./Intr. Verbs

2. THE SUBJECT. Transitive Subject Indicator

3. THE OBJECT. The Object Indicators.

C. NEGATIVE FORM OF THE TRANSITIVE SENTENCE.

D. SHORTENED FORMS OF THE TRANSITIVE SENTENCE.

E. LIST OF NOUNS FOR MEMORIZATION.

F. PRACTICE SENTENCES.

G. POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO TRANSITIVE SENTENCES.

H. EXERCISES ON TRANSITIVE SENTENCES.

SECTION 11. EXPANSION OF TRANSITIVE COMMAND.

53

A. SUBSTITUTION OF OBJECTS IN COMMAND FRAME.

B. SUBSTITUTION OF SUBJECTS.

C. SHORTENED FORMS INVOLVING THE USE OF  
PRONOMINAL SUFFIXES.

SECTION 12. EQUATIONAL SENTENCES.

55

A. INTRODUCTORY EXAMPLES AND DEFINITIONS.

B. THE CONSTRUCTION OF EQUATIONAL SENTENCES.

C. EQUATIONAL SENTENCE TYPES IN DETAIL.

1. NOUN / PRONOUN + NON-DERIVED ADJECTIVE.

2. NOUN / PRONOUN + DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVE.

3. NOUN + POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVE.

4. NOUN / PRONOUN + QUANTITATIVE ADJECTIVE.

5. NOUN / PRONOUN + ADVERB OF PLACE.

6. NOUN / PRONOUN + ~~ADVERB OF PLACE.~~

63

7. LINGUISTIC FORMS IN APPPOSITION.

D. SUMMARY OF MINIMAL EQUATIONAL SENTENCES.

E. EQUATIONAL SENTENCES RELATED TO TRANSITIVE  
AND INTRANSITIVE SENTENCES.SECTION 13. EXPANSION OF SUBJECT IN TRANS./INTR. SENTENCES. 70

A. EXPANSION OF SUBJECT IN INTRANSITIVE SENT.S.

1. EXAMPLES OF NOUN SUBJECT EXPANSIONS.

2. ANALYSIS OF EXPANDED SUBJECT.

3. PREFERENTIAL ORDER OF DESCRIPTIVES.

B. EXPANSION OF SUBJECT OF TRANSITIVE SENTENCE.

C. EXPANSIONS OF SUBJECT INVOLVING OPEN  
APPPOSITION.SECTION 14. EXPANSION OF DIRECT OBJECT IN TRANS. SENTENCES. 74SECTION 15. ADJECTIVES FUNCTIONING AS SUBJECTS / OBJECTS.SECTION 16. EXPANSION OF EQUATIONAL SENTENCES. 76

A. EXPANSION OF SUBJECT.

1. TYPES OF SUBJECTS.

2. THE NOUN SUBJECT.

3. EXPANDED SUBJECTS INVOLVING OPEN APPOS-  
ITION.

B. EXPANSION OF EQUATION.

1. TYPES OF EQUATIONS.

2. ANALYSIS OF THE ADJECTIVAL EXPRESSION.

3. THE ADVERBIAL EXPRESSION AS EQUATION.

C. SHORTENED FORMS INVOLVING PRONOMINAL SUFFIXES.

SECTION 17. EXPANDED EQUATIONAL TYPE SUBJECT AS SUBJECT OR 83  
OBJECT OF VERBAL SENTENCE.SECTION 18. THE VERB EXPRESSION. 84

A. SUBSTITUTION OF OTHER TENSE / ASPECT SUFFIXES

1. THE PAST CONTINUATIVE.

2. THE DESIDERATIVE ASPECT.

3. THE INTENTIVE ASPECT.

B. NEGATIVE SUFFIXES TO VERBAL ASPECTS.

C. TABLE OF SUBSTITUTABLE VERB SUFFIXES.

SECTION 19. EXPANSION OF THE VERB EXPRESSION. ADVERBIAL. 88

A. VERB QUALIFIERS: ADVERBS & ADVERBIAL PHRASES

1. DIRECTIVES.
2. ADVERBS OF TIME.
3. ADVERBS OF MANNER.
4. ADVERBIAL PHRASES & VARIOUS ADVERBIALIZING SUFFIXES.
5. NEGATIVE ADVERBS.

SECTION 20. EXPANSION OF THE VERB EXPRESSION. VERBAL FORMS. 96

A. DEPENDENT CLAUSES.

1. SIMULTANEOUS ACTIONS.
  - a. Actions of One Subject.
  - b. Actions of Two Subjects.
  - c. Actions of Subject and Object.
2. CONSECUTIVE ACTIONS.
  - a. Actions of One Subject.
  - b. Actions of Two Subjects.

SECTION 21. INDEPENDENT BUT RELATED SENTENCES AND CLAUSES. 101

A. USE OF CONJUNCTIONS.

1. -ka. ACTION RELATION.
2. palunyangka, palunyatjanu. TIME RELATION.

SECTION 22. INDEPENDENT SENTENCES. 102

A. IN CONVERSATIONS.

B. IN NARRATIVES.

SECTION 23. SENTENCE MODIFIERS. INTERNAL. 104

- A. THE DUBITATIVE PARTICLE. tjinguru.
- B. THE INTERROGATIVE PARTICLE. munta.
- C. THE CERTIFYING PARTICLE. mularpa.
- D. THE SUGGESTIVE PARTICLE. puṭa.
- E. THE QUOTATIVE PARTICLE. -nyu.

SECTION 24. SENTENCE MODIFIERS. EXTERNAL. ("EMBELLISHERS"). 106

A. VOCATIVE FORMS.

B. EXCLAMATORY FORMS.

SECTION 25. FORMULA FOR THE COMPLETE LANGUAGE. 107

SECTION 26. SUNDRY TABLES FOR READY REFERENCE. (over) 108

- A. INTERROGATIVE SUBSTITUTES.
- B. PRONOMINAL SUFFIXES.
- C. SKIN GROUPS.
- D. KINSHIP TERMS.

SECTION 27. NATIVE TEXTS.

112

- A. KIṬI.
- B. THE PREPARATION OF KIṬI.
- C. A BROKEN NARRATIVE.
- D. A BOY'S HUNTING STORY.
- E. STORY BY A GIRL.
- F. EMU EGGS.
- G. TJUKURPA WATI KUTJARA. A SACRED NARRATIVE.

APPENDIX: COMPARISON OF SEVERAL DIALECTS.

120

Editors: A. Capell and S. Wurm

No. 4

---

**AN INTRODUCTION TO  
THE WESTERN DESERT LANGUAGE  
OF AUSTRALIA**

by

**W. H. DOUGLAS**

AN INTRODUCTION TO  
\*\*\*\*\*

THE WESTERN DESERT LANGUAGE.  
\*\*\*\*\*

A Pedagogical Description of  
The Western Desert Language,  
based on the dialect spoken at  
WARBURTON RANGES, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

By

W. H. DOUGLAS.

---

---

Published by the University of Sydney, Australia.

PRICE: Twelve Shillings & Sixpence

1958

University of Sydney, Australia.  
1957