

## NUMERALS:

The numerals 'one' through 'five' are pronominal forms. The PPx for cl. 1 is u-. The PPx of a numeral always has a High tone. Special forms without a PPx (but with a prefixed floating High tone) are used for counting without reference to specific objects (see column 3). The use of cl. 11 forms has a multiplicative meaning ('once' - 'twice' - 'three times' etc., see column 4).

| (1)           | (2)     | (3)   | (4)     |
|---------------|---------|-------|---------|
| -mosí one :   | címosí  | mósi  | lúmosí  |
| -valí two :   | vívalí  | váli  | lúvalí  |
| -tátu three : | vítatu  | tátu  | lútatu  |
| -kwaíá four : | víkwaíá | kwáíá | lúkwaíá |
| -taíò five :  | vítaíò  | táíò  | lútaíò  |

Nouns qualified by a numeral may stand in the CC in any syntactic environment. When such a phrase is used as a direct object the noun may also stand in the OC, but in this case a downstep in the noun is realized as a step from High to (almost?) Low. A numeral which qualifies a predicative noun is preceded by a downstep. (No principled explanations are known for these tonal complications.)

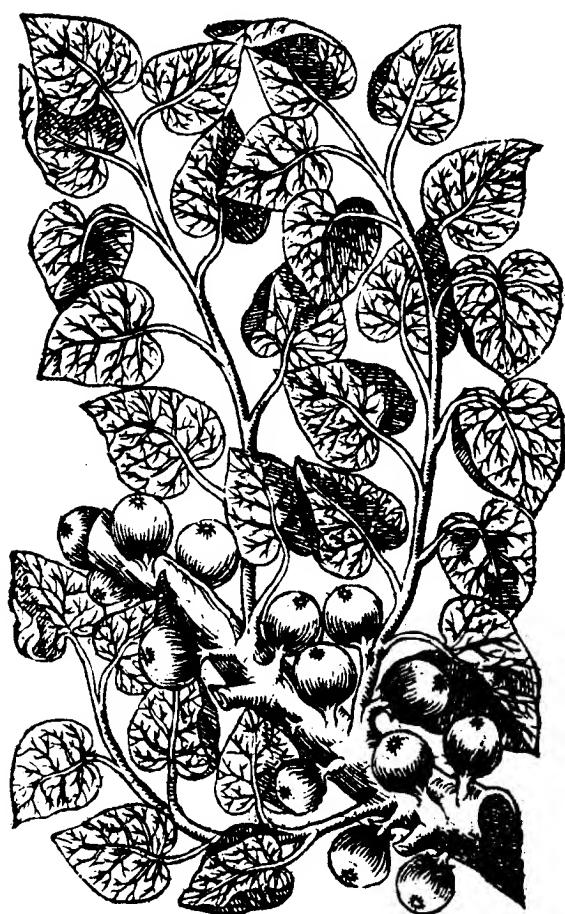
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|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>omunu úmosí wéyá</b>                            | one person has come                               |
| <b>wálandá átémo átatu or: wálandá átémo átatu</b> | she bought three hoes                             |
| <b>átémo 'átatu</b>                                | they are three hoes                               |
| <b>cf. átémo átatu</b>                             | three hoes                                        |
|                                                    | (as an answer to the question: what did she buy?) |

The words for the numbers 'six' and higher are nouns (or noun phrases):

|                  |       |                    |              |
|------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------|
| ébandú cl. 5     | six   | akwí ávalí         | twenty       |
| ébandúvalí cl. 5 | seven | ócíta cl. 7/4      | hundred      |
| éceíáíá cl. 5    | eight | ovíta vívalí       | two hundred  |
| écíyá cl. 5      | nine  | óhúíukayí cl. 9/10 | thousand     |
| ékwí cl. 5/6     | ten   | olohúíukayí vívalí | two thousand |

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