

# Lesson 18

## Connectivity (II)

**or ==> wri (weri)**

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There are three ways of connecting alternative words or sentences to mean "or".

**wri (weri) ==> or**  
**wri .. wri ==> either ... or**  
**-ma .... ima ... ==> or?**  
**wri** and **wri** are interchangeable, they have the same meaning: **or**

**18.1 wri (weri) ==> or.**  
When **wri (weri)** is used in between two or more words or sentences it means "or".

### Example

**Gabrti wri Hailet shngi**  
Gabr or Haile call  
(you) call Haile or Gabr.

**genji wri Gwi**  
(you) sleep or rise up.

**mehersi wri bari**  
study (learn) or leave.

**Ku Ikrd Duwi wri ku genasi**  
Your father (to) or your mother (to) tell  
Tell (to) your father or your mother.

**Ertra feri wri Sudan**  
Go to Eritrea or Sudan.

**18.2. wri ... wri ==> either ... or**

When we use the two words **wri .... wri**, the meaning is either ... or

### Example

**wri Gabrti wri Hailet shngi**  
Either Gabr or Haile call  
Call either Gabr or Haile.

**wri genji wri Gwi**  
either sleep or rise up.

**Ku Ik'rd duwi wri ku genasi**  
Your father (to) tell or your mother (to)  
Tell either (to) your father or (to) your mother.

**wri Ertra feri wri Sudan**  
Either Eritrea go or Sudan  
Go to Eritrea or to (the) Sudan.

**18.3 -ma .... ima .... (this) ... (the other)?**

In questions, we can connect two or more words or sentences by using **-ma .. ima ==> to one or mean one or the other., this or that etc. ma** is a question tag.

### Example 18.3

ku mada Awkama ima Afyet?

your friend Awka is or Afyet

(Who) is your friend Awka or Afyet?

ku mada awni gn Awkama ima Afyet

your friend who is Awka or Afyet

Who is your friend, Awka or Afyet?

### Vocabulary

shngna	call	(remember the sound nge, as in lenga, two)
genjna	to sleep;	
Gwna	to rise up	
mehersna	to study, learn	
barna	to leave	
duna	to tell	
ferna	to go	