

Lesson 21

Some Adjectives

An adjective says something about a noun. In Blin an adjective comes after the noun it describes. All adjectives have the same forms in plural, but they can be different for singular masculine and feminine. 21.1 Most Blin adjective stand alone, some have a verb form, and still some others have verb and noun forms.

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| grwa beher | = great man, big man |
| krnga Harfaf | = rough stone |
| nan lawuKw | = right hand |
| anqi shKardi | = a beautiful girl (literally, a girl of beauty, who possesses beauty). |
| adam tkyakw | = a good man (person) |
| kew tkyew | = good people |
| qren tkyreri | = a good country |
| gena bekiti | = a kind mother |
| grwa Hasd | = a cruel man |
| qura shKarukw | = handsome boy (literally, a boy of beauty, who possesses beauty). |

Some adjectives that do not have verb/noun forms

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| beher | = big |
| gnay | = small, little |
| uQtu | = few |
| belnga | = some |
| gemaI | = old, aged (for people) |

Some adjectives that have noun and verb forms are 21.2 Some singular adjectives are different for male and female singular but plurals are always the same for both genders. Some adjectives that are the same for singular masculine and feminine are: Examples: The examples below listed in the following order: verb infinitive (v), noun (n), and adjectives.

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| Adjective: | bungwa | = liar | |
| Verb: | bungwitna | = to lie | |
| Noun: | bn | = lie | |
| | grwa bunga | = a liar (man) | |
| | anqi bungwa | = a liar (girl) | |
| Adjective: | shKarukw | = handsome, beautiful | |
| Verb: | shKartna | = to be handsome, to be beautiful | |
| Noun: | shKar | = beauty | |
| suwana | = thief; (plural: sukwan) | | |
| bunGwa | = liar; (plural: bungut) | | |
| shKartna (v) | = to be beautiful, to be good, | | |
| shKar (n) | = beauty | | |
| qura shKarukw | = a handsome boy | | |
| anqi shKardi | = a beautiful girl | | |
| quraqur shKaru | = handsome boys | | |
| enqaq shKaru | = beautiful girls | | |
| sererna (v) | = to be red, | serenta (n) | = redness |
| grwa seraKw | = a red man, | grw serew | = red men |
| IKwina sereri | = a red woman, | Ikwin serew | = red women |
| arebitna (v) | = to be black, | arebnar (n) | = blackness |

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| grwa areba | = a black man, | grw aref | = black men |
| iKwina areba | = a black woman, | ikwin aref | = black women |
| shirna (v) | = to be long, | shirng (n) | = length |
| qura shiraKw | = a tall boy | quraqur shirew | = tall boys |
| anqi shireri | = a tall girl | enqaq shirew | = tall girls |
| kuna | = to kill (v), | kuwn (n) | = killing |
| kuwaKw | = one who kills (he) | | |
| kureri | = one who kills (she) | | |
| kuwow | = those who kill | | |
| TeAmbna (v) | = to beat, | TeAmba (n) | = beating |
| TeAmbaKw | = one who beats (he) | | |
| TeAmbreri | = one who beats (she) | | |
| TeAmbew | = those who beat | | |
| enkelna (v) | = to love, | enkeli (n) | = love |
| enkelaKw | = one who loves (he) | | |
| enkelderi | = one who loves (she) | | |
| enkelew | = those who love | | |
| beketna (v) | = to be kind, | beket (n) | kindness |
| sim bekit | = a kind chief | | |
| seyem bekait | = kind chieives | | |