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Georgian Verbal Morphology

(Introduction)

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“Screeves”

Series I Present/Imperfect/Future Indicative
Present/Future Subjunctive
Conditional

Series II Aorist Indicative/Subjunctive

Series III Perfect, Pluperfect, Illrd Subjunctive

(SUB)SERIES	SCREEVE	TIME REFERENCE	MOOD	ASPECT
(Present)	Present	non-past	indicative	imperfective
	Imperfect	past	indicative	
	Present Subjunctive	non-past	subjunctive	
(Future)	Future	future	indicative	perfective
	Conditional	past	indicative	
	Future Subjunctive	future	subjunctive	
Aorist	Aorist	past	indicative	perfective (or, less commonly, imperfective)
	Optative	present or future	subjunctive	
Perfect	Perfect	past	indicative	
	Pluperfect	past	indicative	
	Perfect Subjunctive	past or future	subjunctive	

Polypersonal agreement

Verbs with subject agreement

c'a-vid-a [წა-ვიდ-ა]

PREV-go-S.3(AOR)

's/he went'

v-dg-eb-I [ვ-დგ-ებ-ი]

S1-get up-THM-INDI(PRES)

'I get up'

Verbs with subject and direct object

(∅)-xat'-av-en [ხატ-ავ-ენ]

(O3)-draw-THM-S.3PL

'they draw it'

v-i-(∅)-q'id-e [ვ-ი-ყიდ-ე]

S1-SV-(O3)-buy-AOR

'I bought them'

Verbs with subject, direct object and indirect object

mo-m-i-t'an-a (მომ-მ-ი-ტან-ა)

PREV-O1-OV-bring-S3(AOR)

's/he brought it for me '

h-k'itx-a (ჰ-კითხ-ა)

O3-ask-S3(AOR)

's/he Asked him/her that'

morphological template of Georgian verbs

Preverb	Person	Version vowel	ROOT	Causative	Voice	Theme	Perfect/Stative	Imperfect	Mood vowel	Person
<i>da</i>	∅-∅-m	<i>a</i>	<i>xat'</i>	<i>in</i>		<i>eb</i>				
PREV	O-O-S1	NV	draw	CAUS		THM				

da-(∅-∅)-m-a-xat'-in-eb (და-(∅-∅)-მ-ა-ხატ'-ინ-ებ)

PREV-(O-O)-S1-NV-draw-CAUS-THM(FUT)

'you will get me to draw it/them'

morphological template of Georgian verbs

Preverb	Person	Version vowel	ROOT	Causative	Voice	Theme	Perfect/Stative	Imperfect	Mood vowel	Person
<i>da</i>	∅	u	<i>xat'</i>			<i>av</i>				<i>t</i>
PREV	O3	OV	draw			THM				S3.PL

da-(∅)-u-xat'-av-t (და-(∅)-უ-ხატ'-ავ-თ)

PREV-(O3)-OV-draw-THM-S3.PL

'they have drawn it/them'

morphological template of Georgian verbs

Preverb	Person	Version vowel	ROOT	Causative	Voice	Theme	Perfect/Stative	Imperfect	Mood vowel	Person
<i>da</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>rek'</i>			<i>av</i>				<i>en</i>
PREV	O3	OV	call(FUT)			THM				S3.PL

da-g-i-rek'-av-en (და-გ-ი-რეკ-ავ-ენ)

PREV-O3-OV-call(FUT)-THMS-S3PL

'they will call you'

morphological template of Georgian verbs

Preverb	Person	Version vowel	ROOT	Causative	Voice	Theme	Perfect/Stative	Imperfect	Mood vowel	Person
<i>ga</i>	∅-g	<i>i</i>	<i>k'et</i>							<i>es</i>
PREV	O3-O2	OV	do							S3.PL(AOR)

ga-(∅)-g-i-k'et-es (გა-გ-ი-კეთ-ეს)

PREV-(O3)-O2-OV-do-S3.PL(AOR)

'they did it for you'

exercises

You may insert the following examples to the morphological template:

Da-(Ø)-g-i-xat'-es (და-გ-ი-ხატ-ეს)

PREV-(O3)-O2-OV-draw-S3.PL

'they drew it for you'

(Ø)-i-geb-av-d-a (ი-ღებ-ავ-და)

(O3)-SV-colour-THMS-IMPERF-S3

'S/he was coloring it/them'

references

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