

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

This study is an attempt to analyze the Chamling verb morphology from the formal and functional perspectives.

Chamling is one of the Rai Kiranti languages of the Himalayish sub-group within Tibeto-Burman group of Sino-Tibetan language family. The term 'Chamling' refers to the people as well as the language they speak. According to the CBS report of Nepal (2012), the population of Chamling native speakers is 76, 800 which is about 0.3% of the total population (See: NPHC 2012, Volume 01).

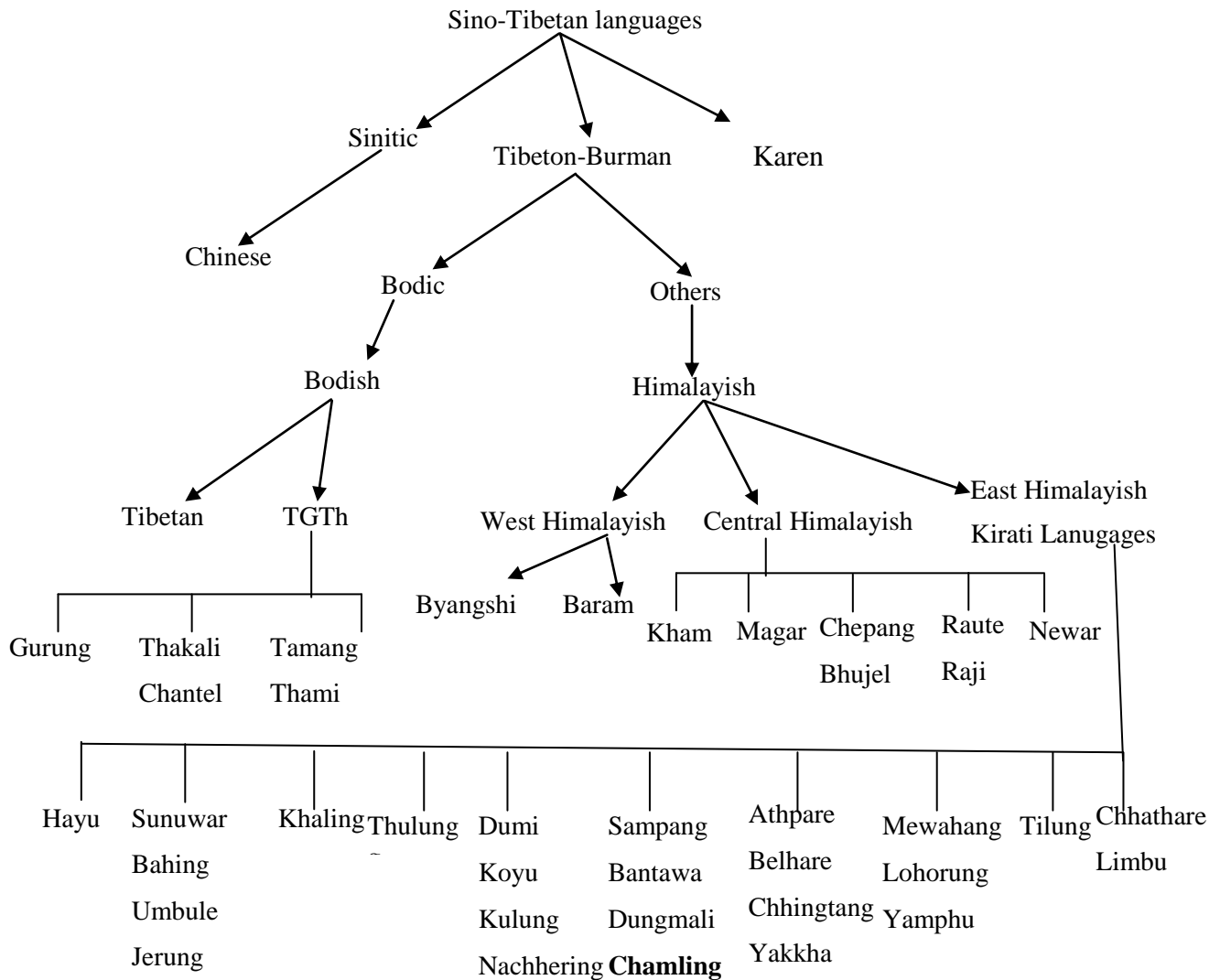
Driem (2001:708) notes that Chamling is spoken in Khotang and Udayapur districts, south of the Dumi and Sampang language areas, south of the Rava Khola and east of the Dudhkoshi, and to the west of Bantawa territory. Chamling is spoken on both the banks of the Sunkoshi, especially to the north-east of the river, though language retention amongst the younger generation is reported to be high in communities on the south-west bank such as Balamta, across the Sunkoshi from Rajapani and the Sapsukhola. The Balamta dialect has no honorific system. Children and even other caste people residing there speak Chamling alike.

According to Grierson (1909), the languages of Nepal under the Himalayan group are divided as pronominal and non pronominal. Chamling as a pronominal language is classified as Khambu sub-dialect under the eastern sub division.

Ebert (1997:6) classifies Chamling into two major dialects-North-West (NW) and South-East (SE) dialects.

Voegelin and Voegelin (1964-5) have classified Chamling as a pronominal Khambu-dialect in Eastern Nepal sub-division under Sino-Tibetan, which resembles Bantawa. Benedict (1972) has classified Chamling in Khambu division under the Tibeto-Burman sub-division of Bahing-Hayu Kiranti.

The genetic affiliation of the Chamling language can be shown through the figure given below.



Source: Bradeley (2002) as cited in Yadava (2002: 146).

1.2 Statement of the problem

Till the date, no attempt has been made to analyze the verb morphology of Chamling from the formal and functional perspectives. Thus, the main problem of this study is to analyze the verb morphology from these perspectives. The specific problems of the study are as follows:

- (a) What is the system in inflectional morphology?
- (b) What is the system in the derivational morphology?

1.3 Objectives of the study

The main objective of this study is to analyze the verb morphology in Chamling from the formal and functional perspectives. The specific objectives of the study are as follows:

- (a) To find out inflectional morphemes in verb morphology in Chamling; and
- (b) To find out the system in derivational morphology.

1.4 Review of literature

There are very few works on the Chamling verb morphology.

Ebert (1997) states that the majority of Chamling verbs constitute stem final consonants /t/, /d/ and /s/ which are elided before a consonant and if the stem vowels /a/ and /e/ remain, they are diphthongised. The stem final /k/ leaves the trace in the preconsonantal stem, the combination of *a* and *k* (*a+k*) yields /o/ before a consonantal suffix whereas (*i/e+k*) results in a glide *u/o*. The stem final /p/ optionally changes to /m/ before a consonant. The variation *p/m* applies also to the verbs which drop /t/, /d/ and /s/ and she states that there is no change in open stems. She says that many verbs are used transitively and intransitively without any change in the stem. The augment <-t> after vowel and <-d> after consonant (without consonant elision) make intransitive verb transitive. She states the prefixes <ta->, <mi-> and <pa->, the suffixes <-i>, <-i(m)>, <-m>, <-ka>, <-na>, <-u> <-ci> and also infix <-n-> she shows the inverse configurations of North-West (NW) and South-West (SW) dialects of Chamling spoken in Khotang district. She lists eleven post verbs-*chud*(arrive), *chungs/chod*(send), *da/dyo*, (meaningful in combination only), *dha/dhas*(fall/descend), *khat/khaid*(go/take) *kas*(throw), *pak*(put), *si/set*(die/kill), *ṅas/ṅaid*(stay/remain/keep), *lond/lais*(come out/take out) and *pid*(give). She lists three non-finite verb forms: simultaneous converb <-sa>, purposive <-si> and infinitive <-ma>.

Rai (2001) describes that the root ending in <-m-> gets deleted and <-p->, <-s-> and <-pd-> or <-w> in her examples to form a stem, she lists the stems formed by the addition of <-d->, <-dh->, <-t-> and <-s-> to the roots. She classifies the verbs into seven groups- intransitive, transitive, bitransitive, complement, finite, non-finite and complex verbs.

Rai (2009) lists transitive and intransitive changing of verbs. He shows their positive and negative forms in sentence making. He uses the verbs '*ruŋma* (to say), '*ləima* (to keep/put), '*hiŋma* (to say) and '*ŋəima* (to keep/put) to show situation and conditions in sentences. He lists the verbal suffixes <-*si*>, <-*sa*>, <-*ŋa*> and <-*ce*> and prefixes <*mi*->, <*ta*->, and <*pa*->.

Rai (2012 a) states that a Chamling verb can end on any vowel except /ə /. He says that the verbal stem may be suffixed with inflectional (tense) suffixes, pronominal prefixes, infinitive suffix and negative affixes. He lists eight rules for stem alternation in Chamling. He says that the verb stems ending on the consonants <*t*>, <*s*> and <*k*> do not show the stem alternation. The verb stems ending on the vowel phoneme <*i*>, the phoneme <*i*> is replaced by the glide /y/ before inflection. The stem final consonants /d/ and /s/ elide when followed by another consonant. In some cases, the stem final /s/ is replaced by the consonant /ŋ/. The consonant clusters /ps/ and /pt/ are replaced by bilabial nasal /m/. In the clusters /rs/ and /ŋs/, the syllable final /s/ is elided. The verb stems ending on <-*at*>, the stem-final cluster is replaced by the diphthong vowel phoneme <*əi*>. In the verbs stems ending on <-*ak*>, <-*ok*> and <-*yok*>, the stem final consonant /k/ elides entirely as the vowel value changes and if they end on the phoneme /n/ or /ŋ/, the final consonant phoneme elides and the preceding vowel phoneme is either diphthongised and nasalised or backed raised and nasalised. He points out four intransitive and five transitive configurations of Chamling verbs. He states that prefixes and suffixes are added to the verb to mark person and number. He uses three prefixes <*ta*->, <*mi*-> and <*pa*-> and the rest are suffixes. He finds <- *əĩc*> and <-*ũc*> to mark reflexive. He says that the prefix <*mi*-> and suffix <-*da*> to the stem to mark negative imperatives. He states the verb '*hiŋe* /*hĩye*' in non-past tense and '*hiŋe ko thio*' in the past tense.

He finds compound verbs made with the help of vector verbs *kas* (to throw) and *pak* (to put), emotive verbs with '*lama*'. He mentions three non-finite verb forms : infinitive <-*ma*>, purposive <-*si*> and simultaneous converb <-*sa*>.

1.5 Significance of the study

From the review of literature above mentioned, it is easily noted that the extensive study of Chamling is a must. In order to understand sociological, anthropological and

cultural background of Chamling, it is inevitable to understand their language and its situation. A better understanding of the situation of the Chamling language will enhance any language development efforts. The analysis of the Chamling verb morphology is of great significance for the following different points of view:

- a. This study will be useful in academic purposes.
- b. This study will be a resource for promoting endangered languages.

1.6 Research methodology

The researcher employed both primary and secondary sources of data. For primary data collection, the researcher prepared questionnaires, interview schedule, two hundred ten word list and personal query as the research tool. After preparing them, the researcher visited Balamta VDC where native speakers of the Chamling people reside. Then, the researcher built rapport with the native speakers. The researcher made them clear about the objectives of the research. The researcher selected ten males and two females from Majha Gaun, Lankatala, Chhata gaun, Rumphutu, Danda Tole, Deurali, Laku and Tirala of Balamata VDC, Udayapur. The researcher selected informants from the age group 15 to 54. The secondary data were taken from dictionaries, grammars, theses, and other reading materials. Interview schedule was the main tool of collecting primary data for this research study. The frequent discussions were held in order to verify the reliability of the data. The researcher selected twelve Chamling native speakers for data elicitation and five native speakers to verify the collected data. After collecting, transcribing and translating the data, the researcher described them.

1.7 Organization of the study

This study has been organized into four chapters. Chapter 1 deals with the Chamling language, statement of the problem, objectives of the study, review of literature, significance of the study, research methodology and organization of the study. Chapter 2 focuses on inflectional morphology. Here, we explore verb stem classes: stem alternation, affixes, agreement system in terms of person, number, case and directionality. Chapter 3 deals with derivational morphology and the last chapter deals with summary and conclusion.

CHAPTER 2

INFLECTIONAL MORPHOLOGY

2.0 Outline

This chapter deals with inflectional morphology of Chamling verbs. It consists of six different sections. In section 2.1 we classify the verbs and analyze their functions. In section 2.2, we present a brief overview of verb stem classification and inflections that occur in Chamling verbs. In section 2.3, we focus on agreement with number and person affixes found in this language. In section 2.4, we discuss tense-aspect system and their marking suffixes about past and non-past tense. In section 2.5, we discuss mood and modality with their types. The last section presents summary of this chapter.

2.1 The verbs

Verbs form an open class of words that code the core of propositions. In contrast with the prototypical noun, the prototypical verb codes temporally instable notions, i.e. actions, events and states (Givón 2001:52). Syntactically, verbs stand out as the core constituent of clauses. Verbs are the grammatical heads of clauses. Verbs project the grammatical roles and govern case on the nominal constituents. (Doornenbal, 2009:117). Verbs in Chamling are characterized by highly complex verb morphology. Eleven persons with duals, plurals, inclusive, exclusive are marked on the verb in actor and undergoer function (Ebert, 1997b).

2.1.1. Verbs ‘to be’

In Chamling, the verb *‘hiŋe’* ‘to be’ is used in the affirmative and *‘paina’* ‘not to be’ is used in the negative for both the animate and inanimate and also for singular and non-singular without any infection. The verb *‘hiŋe’* is used to state the locational and existential functions. They are described in the following ways.

i. Locational function of *‘hiŋe’*

The verb *‘hiŋe’* is used to state the location of somebody or something in the present context as in (1).

(1) a. *mina k^himɔa hiŋe*
 mina k^him-ɔa hiŋ-e
 man house-LOC be- NPST
 'The man is in the house.'

b. *minaci k^himɔahiŋe*
 mina-ci k^him-ɔa hiŋ-e
 men-NSG house-LOC be- NPST
 'The men are in the house.'

In the data given in (1a-b), the verb '*hiŋ-e*' states the location of '*mina*' and '*minaci*' and it does not inflect for number.

The verb '*paina*' is used as the suppletive derivation of the verb '*hiŋe*' states the unavailability of somebody or something in the location in the present context as in (2).

(2) a. *mina k^himɔa paina*
 mina k^him-ɔa paina
 man house-LOC NOT
 'The man is not in the house'

b. *minacik^himɔa paina*
 mina-ci k^him-ɔa paina
 man-PL house-LOC NOT
 'The man is not in the house'

In the data given in (2a-b), the verb '*paina*' states the unavailability of '*mina*' and '*minaci*' and it does not inflect for number.

The suffix <-*koθhio*> is added to the verb '*hiŋe*' to state the location of somebody something in the past and to the verb '*paina*' to state the unavailability of somebody or something in the location in the past as in (3).

(3) a. *ase mina k^himɔa hiŋekoθhio*
 ase mina k^him-ɔa hiŋe-koθhio
 yesterday man house-LOC be-PST
 'The man was in the house yesterday.'

b. *ase mina k^himda painakoθio*
 ase mina k^him-ɖa paina-koθio
 yesterday man house-LOC be.NEG-PST

‘The man was not in the house yesterday.’

In the data given in (3 a-b), the addition of the suffix <-koθio> to the verb ‘*hiye*’ and ‘*paina*’ show the unavailability of ‘*mina*’ in the past.

ii. Existential function of ‘*hiye*’

The verb ‘*hiye*’ states the belonging of somebody or something as existential function as in (4).

(4) a. *k^humo k^him hiye*
 k^hu-mo k^him hiɲ-e
 3SG-POSS house be-NPST
 ‘He/she has his/her house.’

b. *acha hiye*
 a - cha hiɲ-e
 1SG.POSS-child be-NPST
 ‘I have my child.’

In the data given in (4 a-b), the verb ‘*hiye*’ shows the existential function.

The verb ‘*hiye*’ states the universally accepted assumptions and facts as existential function as in (5).

(5) a. *hi hipaci hiye*
 hi hipaci hiɲ-e
 blood red be-NPST
 ‘Blood is red.’

b. *nam bok^him naka mhəipa hiye*
 nam bok^him naka mhəipa hiɲ-e
 sun earth COM big be-NPST
 ‘The sun is bigger than the earth.’

c.	<i>əmpayuma</i>	<i>ōpaci</i>	<i>hiŋe</i>
	<i>əmpayuma</i>	<i>ōpaci</i>	<i>hiŋ-e</i>
	silver	white	be-NPST
	'Silver is white.'		

In the data given in (5 a and c), the verb '*hiŋe*' states the colour of '*hi*' and '*əmpayuma*' and in data (5b), it states the comparison of size between '*nam*' and '*bok^him*'.

2.1.2 Complement verb

'An element of clause or sentence structure traditionally associated with 'completing' the meaning specified by the verb (Crystal, 1992). In Chamling, the complement verb is '*tir*' 'to become'. In the sentences, such verbs make up subject complement as in (6).

(6) a.	<i>k^hu nəc^huŋ</i>	<i>tira</i>	
	<i>k^hu</i>	<i>nəc^huŋ</i>	<i>tir-a</i>
	3SG	shaman	become -PST
	'He/she became a shaman.'		

b.	<i>k^hana</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>mhəipa</i>	<i>taŋira</i>
	<i>k^hana</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>mhəipa</i>	<i>ta-tir-a</i>
	2SG	PART	big	2-become-PST
	'You became big.'			

The data given in (6 a-b) show that *khu* and, *khana* are subjects *nəchuŋ* and *mhəipa* are subject complements.

The verb '*mu*' means 'to do' which makes object complement as in (7)

(7) a.	<i>k^hu k^hanaləi nəc^huŋ</i>	<i>mu</i>		
	<i>k^hu</i>	<i>k^hana-ləi</i>	<i>nəc^huŋ</i>	<i>mu</i>
	3SG	2SG-DAT	shaman	do -PST
	'He/she made you a shaman.'			

In the data given in (7 a), the verb '*mu*' is the object complement

2.1.3 Identificational verb

In Chamling, the verb '*əina* or *aina* (perhaps derived from *paina* /p/)' in isolation means 'not to be' which is used in indentifying a person, place or thing in general and it is realized only in the negative sentences as in (8).

- (8) a. *aŋa nuŋ ram*
 aŋa nuŋ ram
 1 SG. POSS name ram
 'My name is Ram.'
- b. *aŋa nuŋ ram əina.*
 aŋa nuŋ ram əina.
 1 SG. POSS name ram NEG
 'My name is not Ram.'
- c. *oko anicho əina*
 oko a-nicho əina
 this 1SG. POSS-brother NEG
 'This is not my brother.'

In the data given in (8a-c), it is clear that the verb '*əina* or *aina*' negates the identity of 'Ram' and my 'brother'

2.2 The verb stem classification

Most of the verb stems alternate between vocalic initial and consonantal initial suffixes in the Chamling language. Variable and invariable stems are found in the Chamling language which are discussed as follows:

a. Variable stem classes: Verb stem variation is a common feature of Kiranti languages. Chamling exhibits this feature of stem variation caused by final cluster ending and elision of stem-final consonants.

A number of Chamling verb stems end with a consonant cluster. The consonant cluster exists if it is followed by a vowel initial suffix and last consonant if it is

followed by a consonant initial suffix is deleted due to restrictions of syllable structure as in (9).

- (9) a. *k^hors-i* followed
k^hor-ma follow
- b. *tims-a* ‘ripen’
tim-ma ‘to ripe’
- c. *chərs-a* ‘urinated’
chər-ma ‘to urinate’
- d. *hors-i* ‘threw’
hor-ma ‘to throw’

From the data given in (9a-d), it is clear that stems with final cluster ending with <*s*> is deleted without any change to form the infinitive verb.

In some verb-stems, the final consonant clusters undergo morphophonemic change as in (10).

- (10)a. *hupc-i* ‘bathed’
hum-ma ‘to bathe’
- b. *hups-i* ‘wrapped’
hum-ma ‘to wrap’
- c. *k^hrubq-yi* ‘chewed’
k^hrum-ma ‘to chew’
- d. *k^hrups-a* ‘woke up’
k^hrumma ‘to wake up’
- e. *kaps-i* ‘stiched’
kam-ma ‘to stich’

From the data given in (10a-e), verb stems with final consonant clusters <-*pc*>, <-*ps*> and <-*bq*> undergo morphophonemic change and the clusters are replaced with <-*m*>.

(ii) Elision of stem final consonant before a consonantal suffix as in (11).

- (11) a. *huiq-a* ‘burned’
 hui-ma ‘to burn’
- b. *puq-i* ‘taken away’
 pu-ma ‘to take away’
- c. *baiq-i* ‘brought’
 bai-ma ‘to bring’
- d. *caiq-i* ‘taught’
 cai-ma ‘to teach’
- e. *iq-i* ‘gave’
 i-ma ‘to give’

From the data given in (11a-e), it is clear the final single consonant <-q> in verb stems get elided in infinitive verb forms.

iii. Elision of the stem final consonant /t/ and insertion of the default vowel as in (12).

- (12) *tət* *tai-ma* to bring
 ot *oi-ma* to break
 qhət *qhəi-ma* to find time
 but *bui-ma* to ring (time)
 tət *tui-ma* to drip

The data given in (12) show that verb stems with <-t> preceded by a single vowel get <-i> in diphthongization in infinitive verb forms.

iv. Stem final <-p> optionally changes to <-m> before a consonant as in (13).

- (13) *lhap* *ham-ma* ‘to catch’
 k^hrap *k^hram-ma* ‘to cry/weep’
 cap *cam-ma* ‘to be able’
 kup *kum-ma* ‘to pick up’
 qip *qim-ma* ‘to milk’
 r^hep *r^hem-ma* to stand

The data given in (13) show that stem final <-p> changes to <-m> in infinitive verb form.

v. Deletion of the stem final consonant <-ŋ> and rounding of /a/ = <-ō> is motivated by the labial feature of /m/ as in (14).

(14)	<i>raŋ</i>	<i>rō-ma</i>	‘to use’
	<i>waŋ</i>	<i>wō-ma</i>	‘to go inside’
	<i>k^haŋ</i>	<i>k^hō-ma</i>	‘to look’

The data given in (14) show that verb stems with the final consonant <-ŋ> are deleted and the vowel /a/ is rounded as <-ō> in infinitive verb forms.

vi. Deletion of stem final <-k> and rounding of /a/ as in (15)

(15)	<i>pak</i>	<i>po-ma</i>	‘to put’
	<i>ŋak</i>	<i>ŋo-ma</i>	‘to beg’

The data given in (15) show that verb stem final <-k> is deleted and the vowel /a/ is rounded as <o> in infinitive verb forms.

b. Invariable stem classes: Some verb stems in Chamling remain unchanged before vocalic and consonantal suffix. The suffix <-u> functions as a transitive marker and the suffix <-a> functions as an intransitive object marker. They come under invariable stem class as in (16).

(16) i. a.	<i>ik-u</i>	‘ground’
	<i>ik-ma</i>	‘to grind’
b.	<i>uk-u</i>	‘peeled off’
	<i>uk-ma</i>	‘to peel off’
c.	<i>kol-a</i>	‘became enough’
	<i>kol-ma</i>	‘to become enough’
d.	<i>bil-i</i>	‘squeezed’
	<i>bil-ma</i>	‘to squeeze’
e.	<i>hol-a</i>	‘got mixed’
	<i>hol-ma</i>	‘to get mixed’

- f. *phel-a* 'slipped'
phel-ma 'to slip'
- g. *min-a* 'thought'
min-ma 'to think'
- h. *yor-i* 'picked out grains of maize'
yor-ma 'to pick out grains of maize'
- i. *lam-u* 'searched'
lam-ma 'to search'
- j. *yuy-a* 'sat'
yuy-ma 'to sit'

In the data given in (16a-j), it is clear that final single consonants /k/l/m/ŋ/n/r etc remain constant in infinitive verb forms.

ii. In open stems, there are no changes as in (17).

- (17) *ŋu* *ŋu-ma* 'to fry'
syu *syu-ma* 'to wash'
mu *mu-ma* 'to build'
ri *ri-ma* 'to laugh'
si *si-ma* 'to die'
ŋhi *ŋhi-ma* 'to cook vegetable'

In the data given in (17), it is clear that verb stems with final vowel ending remain constant in infinitive forms.

Table 2.1: Stem final alternation

Stem 1	Stem 2	Stem 1	Gloss	Stem 2	Gloss
Ante-vocalic	Ante-consonantal	Ante-vocalic	In English.	Ante-consonantal	In English
-ps-	-m	<i>k^huwa borko hupsi</i>	He wrapped himself with a shawl.	<i>hum-ma</i>	'to wrap'
-bɔ̄-	-m	<i>k^hwa lapɔ̄tikho</i> <i>k^hrobɔ̄ɔ̄yu</i>	He closed the door.	<i>k^hrom-ma</i>	'to close'
-ɔ̄h-	-mh-	<i>k^huwa mi muidɔ̄hyi</i>	He blew the fire.	<i>mui-mha</i>	'to blow'

-pʈ-	-m	<i>k^huwa yachaləi huɸti</i>	He/she bathed a baby.	<i>hum-ma</i>	‘to bathe sb’
‘ɲs-	-ŋ	<i>k^hu tʃoɖa</i> <i>k^h əmahɲsa</i>	He/she thought to go there.	<i>hiŋ-ma</i>	‘to think’
-rs-	-r	<i>k^huwa luŋto horsyu</i>	He/she threw a stone.	<i>hor-ma</i>	‘to throw’
-ms	-m	<i>k^hu imsa</i>	He/she slept.	<i>im-ma</i>	‘to sleep’
-p-	-m	<i>k^huwa wasa lhapu</i>	He/she caught a bird.	<i>lham-ma</i>	‘to catch’
-t-	ϕ	<i>cabha praɸa</i>	Tiger roared.	<i>prəi-ma</i>	‘to roar’
-k-	-k	<i>məisi puka</i>	Buffalo gave birth to a young baby.	<i>puk-ma</i>	‘to give brith’
-l-	-l-	<i>k^hu p^hela</i>	He/she slipped.	<i>p^hel-ma</i>	‘to slip’
-ŋ-	-ŋ	<i>k^hu tʃoɖa hiŋa</i>	He/she sat there.	<i>hiŋ-ma</i>	‘to sit’
-g-	ϕ	<i>wa-rōga</i>	The rain stopped.	<i>rō-ma</i>	‘to stop’
-s-	ϕ	<i>k^hu mɸō k^hisi</i>	He/she combed his/her hair.	<i>k^hi-ma</i>	‘to comb’
-ɖ-	ϕ	<i>k^huwa kāləi buildi</i>	He/she called me.	<i>bui-ma</i>	‘to call’

Table (2.1) presents that most of the verbs alternate between vocalic and consonantal suffixes. The final dental stop is deleted and compensated by /i/ insertion. A few of them remain unchanged.

2.3 Agreement

The verb agrees with the person (agent and patient) in number in a sentence. Chamling is characterized by complex verb paradigms in which person is marked partly by suffixes, partly by prefixes and sometimes independently of role and number. Person number marking is described as follows:

a. The second person object morpheme

Basic morph: <-na>

Label: 1→2

The morpheme <-na> indicates second person object in a 1→2 transitive configuration. In 1 SG →2SG form, the agent and its number are unmarked. However, in 1SG →2DU

and 1SG →2 PL forms, the person of agent is marked but its singularity of agency is unmarked. On the other hand, the object and its number are marked as in (18)

(18) a. *p^hlona*

p^hlo - na
help -1→2 . PST
'I helped you'

b. *p^hlonaci*

p^hlo - na - ci
help-1→2 -DU-PST
'I helped you two'

c. *p^hlonani*

P^hlo - na - ni
help-1→2 - 2PL. PST
'I helped you all'.

The data given in (18 a-c), show that the morpheme <-na> indicates second person object and suffixes <-ci> and <-ni> represent singular, dual and plural respectively.

However, the suffix <-na> changes to <-n> in non-past form of first person singular agent and second person singular object configuration as in (19).

(19) a. *p^hlone*

p^hlo - n-e
help-1SG→2SG-NPST
'I help/will help you.'

It remains the same suffix with the second person dual and plural as in (20)

(20) a. *p^hlonace*

p^hlo - na - c-e
help-1→2-DU-NPST
'I help/will help you two.'

b. *p^hlonaniye*

p^hlo - na - ni- ye
help-1→2-2PL.NPST
'I help/will help you all'.

b. The third person patient morpheme

Basic morph: <-u/ -i>

Label 3P

A third person object is marked by <-u/ -i> as in (21):

(21) a. *ta^hloqim*

ta-p^hloq - i-m (a)

2- help-3P - 2PL.A. PST

'You helped him/her.'

b. *p^hloqicuŋa*

p^hloq - i - c - uŋa

help-3P-DU- 1SG. PST

'I helped them'

c. *lhapu*

lhap-u

catch - 3P.PST

'He/She caught him/her.'

d. *lhapucimka*

lhapucimka

lhap - u - c - i - m - ka

catch-3P- DU-3P -1NSG.A - EXCL.PST

e. *ta^hloqyi*

ta - p^hloq-i

2-help-2SG- 3SG .PST

'You helped him/her'

f. *ta^hloqim*

ta-p^hloq - u - m

2-help-2PL-3P- 2PA. PST

'You all helped him/her.'

In the data given in (21 a-f), the suffix <-u> appears in the third person patient. The suffix <-i> plural object with the first person singular subject. For the case of other subjects, the suffix <-i> is used to mark the third person object.

In the third person ditransitive verb forms, the third person object <-u> marks only the indirect object as in (22):

- (22) a. *p^hloq̄i*
 p^hloq̄-i
 help-3P. PST
 'He helped him (with something).'
- b. *iq̄i*
 iq̄-i
 give-3P. PST
 'He gave her (something).'

In the verbs given in (22 a-b), it is clear that the verbs above are ditransitive verbs because they take three arguments in the sentence level. In 1→3, 2→3 and 3→3 structural series, <-u> occurs in the fourth suffixal slot with an identical phonetic form and a common semantic distinctiveness.

c. The first person exclusive

Basic morph <-ka>

Label: 1NSG.EXCL . S/P

The suffix <-ka> signals the first person subject or object non-singular exclusive meaning. It occurs as subject, agent and object in verb forms as in (23):

- (23) a. *taṭipsacka*
 ta-ṭipsa-c-ka
 2-meet-DU- EXCL
 'You met us two.'
- b. *taṭipsika*
 ta-ṭips- i -ka
 2- meet-1PL.P- EXCL PST
 'You met us all'.

c. *paʔipsacka*

pa-ʔipsa - c - ka

3-meet-DU- EXCL

'He/They met us two (he and me).'

d. *paʔipsi ka*

pa-ʔips-i – ka

3-meet-1PL.P- EXCL. PST

'He/they met us all (not you).'

In the data given in (23 a-d), the suffix <-ka> occurs as the first person non-singular exclusive subject or object.

d. The first person singular

Basic morph: <-uŋa>

Label: 1SG-S/P

The suffix <-uŋa> represents the first person singular subject or object in the past. It occurs as a subject, agent and object in verb forms. It has the allomorph <-uŋ> as in (24).

(24) a. *pusuŋa*

pus-uŋa

go-1SG.PST

'I went.'

b. *senuŋa*

sen-u-ŋa

ask-3P-1SG.PST

'I asked him/her.'

c. *pasenuŋa*

pa-sen-uŋa

3-ask-1SG.O.PST

'He asked me.'

d. *ʔa-sen-uŋa*

2-ask-1SG. O.PST

'You asked me.'

In the data given in (24a-d) show that the suffix *<-uŋa or uŋ>* is the first person singular subject or object patient.

e. The duality of subjects and patient and third person non-singular object

Basic morph: *<-ci~-c->*

Label: DU

Duality of the first person subject, object and agent are marked by *<-ci~-c>* as in (25).

(25) a. *k^hrapaci*

k^hrapa-ci

weep-DU.PST

'We two wept.'

b. *ʔakhrapaci*

ʔa-k^hrapa-ci

2-weep-DU.PST

'You two wept.'

c. *khrapacka*

k^hrapa-c-ka

weep-DU-EXCL.PST

'We two (not you) wept.'

d. *ʔabuiḍacka*

ʔa-buiḍa-c-ka

2-call-DU-EXCL.PST

'You called us two.'

e. *pa buiḍacka*

pa- buiḍa-c-ka

3- call-DU-EXCL. PST

'He/they called us two (he and me).'

In the data given in (25 a-d), the suffix <-ci> appears only the duality of first person subject or object inclusivity and the duality of the second person and the suffix <-c> appears only when the suffix <-ci> is followed by another suffix.

f. The duality of second person subject or object

The morpheme <-ci> marks duality of second person subject or object or agent as in (26).

(26) a. *ʔakhrupsaci*

ʔa - k^hrupsa - ci

2-wake up-DU.PST

'You two woke up.'

b. *ʔabuiɖaci*

ʔa-buiɖa-ci

2-call-2.DU.PST

'You two called him/them.'

c. *ʔabuiɖaci*

ʔa-buiɖa-ci

2-call-DU.PST

'He/they called you two.'

d. *buiñaci*

bui-na-ci

call-1→2 - DU.PST

'We/I called you two.'

In the data given in (26 a-d) show that the suffix <ci> marks the duality of second person subject or object.

g. Duality of third person subject and agent, and non-singularity of object.

Duality of the third person subject and agent and non-singularity of third person object are marked by the suffixes <-ci> and <-c> respectively as in (27)

(27) a. *khrapaci*

k^hrapa-ci

Weep-3DU. PST

'They two wept.'

b. *palhapaci*
pa-lhapa-ci
3-catch-DU. PST
'They both caught him/them.'

c. *lhapuŋ cuŋ*
lhap-uŋ-c-uŋ
catch-1SG-DU-1SG.PST
'I caught them.'

d. *ʔalhapu cim*
ʔa-lhap - u - c - i - m
2-catch-3P-DU-3P-2PLA.
'You all caught them.'

In the data given in (27 a-d), the suffixes <-ci> and <-c> show third person non-singular subject or object.

h. Plurality of subject and object

Basic morph: <-i>

Label: PL.S/O

The suffix <-i> represents the plurality of subject and object in the first and second person verb forms as in (28)

(28) a. *pusi*
pus - i
go-1PL. S.PST.
'We all (and you) went.'

b. *ʔapusi*
ʔa-pus-i
2-go-2PL.S.PST
'You all went.'

c. *palhapi*
pa - lhap - i
3-catch-1PL.P.PST
'He/they caught us all.'

- d. *talhapi*
 ʈa - lhap - i
 2-catch-2PL.P.PST
 'He/they caught you all.'

In the data given in (28 a-d), the suffix <-i> represents the plurality of subject and object in the first and second person verb forms

i. ʈa-

The prefix <ʈa- > stands for the second person in all configurations as in (29)

(29) a. *ʈakhrapa*

ʈa-khrap-a
 2- weep - PST
 'You wept.'

b. *ʈacuĩḍa*

ʈa - cuiḍ - a
 2 - ʈeach- PST
 'She/he taught you.'

In the data given in (29 a-b), the prefix <-ʈa-> stands for the second person in all configurations.

j. mi-

The prefix <mi-> represents the third person plural agent in affirmative intransitive forms as in (30).

(30) a. *mi-bul-a*

3PL-be angry- PST
 'They all became angry.'

b. *mi-sy-a*

3PL- die-PST
 'They all died.'

The data given in (30 a-b) show that the prefix <mi-> represents the third person plural agent in affirmative intransitive forms.

k. *pa-*

The prefix <*pa-*> functions as an inverse marker (3→1) and also (3DU/PL→3). The third person plural transitive form have the inverse marker <*pa-*> as in (31).

(31) 3DU→3 *paṭekaci*

pa-ṭeka-ci

3- see - DU. PST

'They both saw him/them'

3PL→3 *paṭeka*

pa-ṭek-a

3- see - PST

'They all saw him/them'

3→1SG *pa^hapuṇa*

pa-l^hap-uṇa

3-catch 1SG. PST

'He/they caught me.'

3→ 1DU.INCL *palhapaci*

pa-lhapa-ci

3- catch - DL

'He/they caught us two (you and me)'

3→1DU. EXCL *palhapacka*

pa-lhapa-c-ka

3- catch - DU- EXCL.PST

'He/they caught us two (him and me)'

3→1PL. INCL *palhapi*

pa-lhap-i

3-catch-1PL.PST

'He/they caught us all. (and you)'

3→1PL.EXCL *palhapika*

pa-lhap - i-ka

3- catch- 1PL.P-EXCL.PST

'He/they caught us all (not you)'

The data given in (31) show that the prefix <pa-> represents the inverse configuration 3→1 and also 3DU/PL→3.

m. -əĩc

In Chamling, the suffix <-əĩc> is added to the verb stem to form reflexive verbs. It is realized in the sentences as in (32)

(32) a. *kã tekəĩcəĩ*

kã tek-əĩc-əĩ

1SG see-REF-1SG.NPST

'I see myself.'

b. *kã hupṭəĩcəĩ*

kã hupṭ-əĩc-əĩ

1SG bathe-REF-1SG.NPST

'I bathe myself.'

c. *khana ṭaṭhuḍəĩce*

khana ṭa-ṭ^huḍ-əĩc-e

2SG spit-REF-NPST

'You spit yourself.'

Chamling person and number affixes can be tentatively assigned to affix slots. It should be kept in mind that elements in different slots do not necessarily combine. The organization of verbal affixes slots can be presented in the following way.

Table 2.2: Verb suffixes slots in Chamling verbs

Suffix						
S1	S2-	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7
<i>-na</i>	<i>-i</i>					
	<i>-ci</i>					
<i>-ŋa</i>						
<i>-i</i>						
<i>-ci</i>		<i>-u</i>		<i>-c</i>	<i>-yu</i>	<i>-ka</i>
		<i>-u</i>	<i>-m</i>	<i>-c</i>	<i>-um</i>	
			<i>-ŋ</i>		<i>-uŋ</i>	

Source: Ebert, 1997 a.

Table : 2.3: Intransitive agreement-past form

Agent	Prefix	Stem	Suffix
1 SG	-	Σ	<i>-uŋa</i>
1 DU.EXCL	-	Σ	<i>-cka</i>
1 DU.INCL	-	Σ	<i>-ci</i>
1 PL.EXCL	-	Σ	<i>-i(m)ka</i>
1 PL.INCL	-	Σ	<i>-i</i>
2 SG	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-a</i>
2 DU	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-ci</i>
2 PL	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-i</i>
3 SG	-	Σ	<i>-a</i>
3 DU	-	Σ	<i>-ci</i>
3 PL	<i>mi-</i>	Σ	<i>-a</i>

Table (2.3) presents the prefixes and suffixes corresponding number and person in past tense. The prefix <mi-> and all the suffixes are added to the stem of intransitive verbs. The suffix <-ka> is the exclusive marker.

Table : 2.4: First person agent suffixes

Configuration	Stem	Suffix
1 SG → 2SG	Σ	<i>-na</i>
1 SG → 2DU	Σ	<i>-naci</i>
1 SG → 2PL	Σ	<i>-nani</i>
1 DU.EXCL → 2	Σ	<i>-acka</i>
1 PL.EXCL → 2	Σ	<i>-ika</i>
1 SG → 3SG	Σ	<i>-uŋ(a)</i>
1 SG → 3NSG	Σ	<i>-cuŋ(a)</i>
1 DU. INCL → 3SG	Σ	<i>-aci</i>
1 DU. INCL → 3NSG	Σ	<i>-acka</i>
1 PL. INCL → 3SG	Σ	<i>-um</i>
1 PL. INCL → 3NSG	Σ	<i>-ucim</i>
1 PL. EXCL → 3SG	Σ	<i>-umka</i>
1 PL. EXCL → 3NSG	Σ	<i>-ucimka</i>

Table (2.4) presents the suffixes corresponding number and person in 1→2 or 1→3 configuration of transitive verbs in the past tense. The suffix <-na> is a second object marker. The suffixes <-ci> and <-ni> are dual and plural markers.

Table 2.5: Second person agent affixes

Configuration	Prefix	Stem	Suffix
2SG→3SG	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-u</i>
2SG→3NSG	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-uci</i>
2DU→3SG/NSG	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-aci</i>
2PL→3SG	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-um</i>
2PL→3NSG	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-ucim</i>
2SG→1SG	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-uŋ(a)</i>
2NSG→1SG	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-cuŋ</i>
2→1DU. EXCL	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-acka</i>
2→1PL. EXCL	<i>ʔa-</i>	Σ	<i>-ika</i>

Table (2.5) presents the prefix <ʔa-> corresponding to the second person subject or agent and the suffixes are added to the verb stems to mark the first person or third person object.

Table 2.6: Third person agent (Inverse markings)

Configuration	Prefix	Stem	Suffix
3SG→1SG	<i>pa-</i>	Σ	<i>-uŋ(a)</i>
3NSG→1SG	<i>pa-</i>	Σ	<i>-cuŋ</i>
3→1DU. INCL	<i>pa-</i>	Σ	<i>-aci</i>
3→1DU. EXCL	<i>pa-</i>	Σ	<i>-acka</i>
3→1PL. INCL	<i>pa-</i>	Σ	<i>-i</i>
3→1PL. EXCL	<i>pa-</i>	Σ	<i>-ika</i>
3→2SG	<i>ta-</i>	Σ	<i>-a</i>
3→2DU	<i>ta-</i>	Σ	<i>-aci</i>
3→2PL	<i>ta-</i>	Σ	<i>-i</i>
3SG→3SG	-	Σ	<i>-u</i>
3SG→3NSG	-	Σ	<i>-uci</i>
3DU →3SG/NSG	<i>pa-</i>	Σ	<i>-aci</i>
3PL→3SG	<i>pa-</i>	Σ	<i>-a</i>
3PL→3NSG	<i>mi-</i>	Σ	<i>-uci</i>

Table (2.6) presents the prefixes and suffixes used in inverse configuration 3→1, 3→2 and 3→3.

Table 2.7 : Person number affixes

Marker	Gloss	Function
<-uŋ(a)>	1SG. PST	First person singular marker in past.
<-əĩ/õ >	1SG. NPST	First person singular marker in non-past.
<-ci>	1 DU. INCL	First person dual inclusive marker.
<-cka>	1 DU. EXCL	First person dual exclusive marker.
<-i>	1 PL. P/s	First person plural patient or subject to intransitive verb
<-ika>	1 PL.EXCL	First person plural exclusive marker.
<-m>	1NSG.A	First person non singular actor.
<-u>	1SG.P	First person singular patient.
<ʈa>	2	Second person subject and patient.
<-i>	2PL. P/S	Second person plural patient and subject to intransitive verb.
<-m>	2PL.A	First and second person plural actor.
<-ni>	1PL.P	Second person plural marker
<-ci>	2 DU	Second person dual.
<-u>	2SG.IMP	Second person singular imperative
<mi->	3PL.A	Third person plural intransitive
<-u>/<-i>	3P	Third person patient.
<pa->	3 S	Third person subject to transitive verb.
<-ci>	3NSG. P	Third person non-singular patient.

Table (2.7) presents all the prefixes and suffixes used in marking all the persons with respect to number, person and grammatical category.

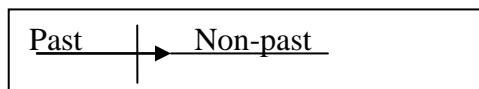
2.4 Tense -aspect

Tense is a grammatical category which refers to the way the grammar marks the time at which the action denoted by the verb takes place (Payne, 2003:236).

Chamling language possesses a morphological distinction between past and non-past tenses. Chamling verbs are inflected to indicate those two tenses by means of different tense marking morphemes. The past tense refers to the situation prior to the present moment and non-past and future both. The tense system in Chamling is as follows.

2.4.1 Tense

In Chamling, there is a two-way distinction of tense: past/ non-past as in the diagram below:



a) Non-past tense

Non past tense refers to a specific present situation only with the stative verbs or the stative meaning component of two phase verbs (Ebert, 1997a:46). The non-past tense combines temporal and aspectual imperfective features. It is used with future time reference and in general statements independent of time reference (Ebert, 1997a:46).

The suffix <- əĩ/ ǝ /yo/e> is used as a non- past tense marker which is described as follows:

a. The non-past tense marker <-əĩ>

The non-past tense morpheme is marked by the suffix <-əĩ> in the verb if the first person singular appears as the subject and the patient as in (33).

- (33) a. *kaŋa tui huɖəĩ*
kaŋa tui huɖ-əĩ
I clothes buy-1SG. NPST
'I buy/will buy clothes.'

- b. *k^hanawa kālai ɬaɬekəĩ*
k^hana-wa kã-lai ɬa-ɬek-əĩ
2SG.-ERG 1SG-DAT 2 - see-1SG. NPST
'You see/will see me'

- c. *k^huwa kālai paɬekəĩ*
k^hu-wa kã-lai pa-ɬek-əĩ
3SG 1SG-DAT 3-see-1SG. NPST
'He sees/will see me.'

- d. *kaŋa hiŋəĩ*
 kaŋa hiŋ - əĩ
 1SG sit - 1SG.NPST
 'I sit/will sit.'

In the data given in (33 a- d), the suffix < -əĩ > marks the first person singular patient in the non-past tense.

b. The non-past tense marker < -ō >

The non-past tense is also marked by the suffix < -ō > in the first person singular subject and the patient in the transitive constructions in some cases as in (34).

- (34) a. *kā k^huləi tɪpsō*
 kā k^hu - ləi tɪps - ō
 1SG 3SG-DAT meet-NPST
 'I meet/will meet him/her.'
- b. *k^hanawa kāləi tətɪpsō*
 k^hana - wa kā - ləi tɪ - tɪps - ō
 2SG-ERG 1SG-DAT 2-meet-NPST
 'You meet/will meet me.'

The suffix < -ō > marks the nonpast tense negative for the second person singular in intransitive construction and marks the non-past tense for the intransitive- negative construction (*pa + stem + ō*) of the first person singular and third person singular and plural subjects as in (35).

- a. *kā pabəĩnō*
 kā pa - bəĩ - n - ō
 1SG NEG - come - NEG - NPST
 'I don't come.'
- b. *k^hu pabanō*
 k^hu pa - ban - ō
 3SG NEG-come- NPST
 'He/She doesn't come.'

- c. *k^huci pabanõ*
k^huci pa - ban - õ
 3PL NEG-come- NPST

'They don't come.'

In the data given in (35 a-c), the suffix <- õ > functions as a negative non past tense marker for the second person singular subject to intransitive verb.

c. The non-past tense marker <-yo>

The non-past tense morpheme is also marked by the suffix <-yo> in the verb of the configurations. 2SG → 3, 3SG → 3 and 3PL → 3NSG as in (36).

- (36). a. *k^huwa k^hanalai tipsyo*
k^hu-wa k^hana-lai tips-yo
 3SG-ERG 2SG-DAT meet -3SG. NPST

'He meets/will meet you.'

- b. *k^huwa rõ cyoyo*
k^hu-wa rõ cyo-yo
 3SG-ERG rice eat -NPST

'He eats/will eat rice.'

- c. *k^hanawa k^hulai tatekyo*
k^hana-wa k^hu-lai ta- tek-yo
 2SG-ERG he-DAT 2- see-3SG. NPST

'You see/will see him.'

- d. *k^hanawa k^hucilai tatekyo.*
k^hana-wa k^huci-lai ta- tek -yo
 2SG-ERG 3DU/PL-DAT 2-see-2SG. NPST

'You see/will see them.'

- e. *k^huwa mwainicilai buidyocyo*
k^hu-wa m - waini - ci - lai buid-yo-cyo
 3SG-ERG 3SG.POSS-friend-DU/PL-DAT call-3SG-NPST

'He calls/will call his friends.'

- f. *k^huciwa* *klaməiciləi* *mirhōkucyo*
 k^huci - wa klaməi - ci - ləi mi - rhōk - u - c - yo
 3PL-ERG young lady-DU - DAT 3PL- chase - 3P - DU - NPST
 'They chase the young ladies.'

In the data given in (36 a - f), the suffix <- yo> marks the non-past tense.

d. The non-past tense marker <-e>

The non-past tense morpheme is also marked by the suffix <-e> in the verb of the subject of any person and number except the first person singular in the intransitive constructions. The suffix <-e> denotes non-past tense in the transitive and intransitive verbs as in (37).

- (37) a. *k^hu k^hrape*

K^hu k^hrap-e
 3SG weep- NPST
 'He/she weeps/will weep.'

- b. *k^hana tyoḡa təkhaṭe*

K^hana tyoḡa təkhaṭ-e
 1SG there 2- go - NPST
 'You go/will go there.'

- c. *k^huciwa tui paḡuḡace*

k^hu-ci-wa tui pa-ḡuḡa-c-e
 He-DU-ERG clothes 3-buy-DU-NPST
 'They two buy/will buy clothes.'

- d. *k^hana k^him ḡa təkpuṣe*

k^hana k^him- ḡa təkpuṣ-e
 You-SG home-LOC 2 - go - NPST
 'You go/will go home.'

- e. *k^həici k^himḡa təkpuṣace*

k^həici k^him-ḡa təkpuṣa-c-e
 2DU home -LOC 2- go - DU - NPST
 'You two go/will go home.'

f. *kəici k^him ɖa pusace*
 kəi-ci k^hm- ɖa pusa-c-e
 1 DU.INCL home - LOC go - DU - INCL. NPST
 'We two go/will go home.'

g. *kəi k^him ɖa pusiye*
 kəi k^him- ɖa pus-i-ye
 1PL home- LOC go-1PL.S - NPST
 'We all go/will home.'

h. *kəika k^himɖa pusike*
 kəi-ka k^him- ɖa pus-i-ke
 1 PL- EXCL home - LOC go - PL-EXCL. NPST
 'We all (not you) go/will go home.'

i. *kəcka k^himɖa pusacke*
 kəcka k^him- ɖa pusa-c-k-e
 1DU.EXCL home-LOC go- DU-EXCL-NPST
 'We two (not you) go/will go home.'

j. *k^huci rō pacace*
 k^hu-ci rō pa-ca-c-e
 3DU rice 3- eat -DU-NPST
 'They two eat/will eat rice.'

In the data given in (37 a-j), it is clear that the final vowel <-e> of the verbs indicates non-past tense. In (37 g), the glide /y/ is inserted between /i/ and /e/ because the vowel sequence < i+e > is not allowed in the Chamling language.

b) Past tense

According to Comrie (1958:41), the past tense refers to the situation prior to the present moment and says nothing about where the past situation occupies just as a single point prior to the present moment or an extended time period prior to the present moment, indeed the whole of the time up to present moment. The past tense in Chamling is marked differently according to the person and number. They are described as follows:

a. The past tense marker <-uŋa>

The past tense marker <uŋa> is realized in the first person singular subject and patient. It has been described previously in the data given in (24).

b. The past tense marker is <-a>

The past tense marker <-a> appears only with third person singular constructions as in

(38). a. *cab^ha k^holiɖa praɕa*
cab^ha k^holi -ɖa praɕ-a
tiger forest - LOC roar -PST
'The tiger roared in the forest.'

b. *k^hu tɥoɖa khaɕa*
k^hu tɥoɖa khaɕ-a
3SG there go - PST
'He/She went there.'

c. *k^hu tɥoɖa sya*
k^hu tɥoɖa si - a
3SG there die - PST
'He died there.'

In the data given in (38 a-c), it is clear that the suffix <-a> is a past tense marker.

With all the numbers in transitive and intransitive constructions, the past tense marker <-a> functions as a finite base marker as in (39)

(39) a. *k^həiciɕui ɕapakaci*
k^həici ɕui ɕa -paka-c-i
2DU clothes 2- wear -DU-3P.PST
'You two wore clothes.'

b. *k^huini ɕui ɕapakum*
k^huini ɕui ɕa-pak-u-m
2 PL clothes 2- wear- 3P-2PL.A.PST
'You all wore clothes.'

c. *k^huci k^haba pachyoraci*
k^huci k^haba pa-chyora-c-i
 3DU money 3-pay-DU-3P.PST
 'They two paid the money.'

d. *k^huciwa k^haba pachyoraci*
k^huci-wa k^haba pa-chyora-c-i
 3DU-ERG money 3- pay-DU- 3P.PST
 'They two paid the money.'

e. *k^huciwa kəcka-ləi pa tipsaci*
k^huci-wa kəcka-ləi pa- tipsa-c-i
 3 DU-ERG 1DU- DAT 3-meet-DU-PST
 'They two met us two.'

f. *k^huciwa kəi. ləi pa tipsi(m)ka*
k^huci-wa kəi- ləi pa- tips-i - ka
 3DU-ERG 1PL-DAT 3-meet-1PL.P- EXCL.PST
 'They two met us all (not you).'

In the data given in (39 a-f), it is clear that the past tense marker <-a> is a finite base marker. With the second and third person singular in transitive construction also the past tense is unmarked as in (40).

(40) a. *k^hana tui tapaku*
k^hana tui ta - pak - u
 2SG clothes 2- wear - SG. PST
 'You wore clothes.'

b. *k^huwa k^haba chyoru*
k^hu-wa k^haba chyor-u
 3SG-ERG money pay-3SG.PST
 'He paid the money.'

In the data given in (40), it is clear that past tense is unmarked with the second and third person singular in transitive construction.

c. The past tense marker <-koθhio>

The past tense marker <-koθhio> is composed of <-ko> and <-θhio>. These morphemes might have been borrowed from Nepali. The suffix <-ko> is a perfective marker and only the suffix <-θhio> indicates the past tense which is probably borrowed from Nepali as in (41).

(41) a. *k^hu pusaŋasakoθhio*
k^hu pusa-ŋasa-koθhio
3SG go-PROG-PST
'He/she was going.'

b. *k^huci pusaŋasacikoθhio*
k^huci pusa-ŋasa-ci-koθhio
3DU go-PROG-DU-PST
'They two were going.'

c. *kaŋa pusaŋasun(a)koθhio*
kaŋa pus-u-ŋas-un(a)-koθhio
1SG go-1SG.S-PROG-1SG-PST
'I was going.'

d. *k^huwa mc^hu l^hapukoθhio*
k^hu-wa m-c^hu l^hap-u-ko-θhio
3SG-ERG 3SG. POSS-hand catch-3P- PERF. PST
'He/she had caught his/her hand.'

In the data given (41 a-d), it is clear that <-koθhio> is a past tense marker.

2.4.2 Aspect

Aspect refers to the internal temporal structure of an event. It indicates whether an event, state, process or action that is denoted process or action that is denoted by a verb is completed or in progress (Katamba, 1993:221). There are two types of aspects of verb: lexical and grammatical (Regmi, 2007). It describes the internal temporal shape of events or states (Payne, 2003:238). Grammatical aspect is the addition of communicative perspective to the states or events, above or beyond their inherent

aspectuality (Givón, 2001:288). The following grammatical aspects are found in Chamling:

a. Perfective aspect

In perfective aspect, the situation is viewed in its entirety independent of tense (Payne, 2003: 239).

The perfective aspect focuses on termination and boundless of the action. It has strong association with the past tense. (Givón, 2001:288). So, Chamling past tense always denotes perfective aspect as in the data earlier described in (38) and (39).

b. Perfect aspect

Perfect aspect describes the currently relevant state brought by the situation (normally an event) expressed by the verb (Payne 2003:239). In Chamling, it is marked by the suffix <-*kohiŋe/kohiẽ*> as in (42)

(42) a. *k^huwa mchu lhapukohiŋe*
 k^hu-wa m-chu lhap-u-ko-hiŋ-e
 3SG-ERG 3SG.POSS -hand catch- 3P-PERF-be - NPST
 'He/she has caught his/her hand.'

b. *k^huwa kəi.ləi parhəikukohiŋe*
 k^hu-wa kəi-ləi pa-rhəik-u-kohiŋ-e
 He/she-ERG I-DAT 3-scold-1SG.P- be - NPST
 'He/she has scolded me.'

In the data given in (42 a-b), it is clear that the suffix <-*kohiŋe/kohiẽ*> is added to the verb as a present perfect aspect marker and the auxiliary verb '*hiŋe*' comes only in the non past tense.

c. Pluperfect aspect

Pluperfect combines aspect and past tense. The effect of this combination is to shift the deitic centre (DC) from 'now' to some point in the past (Payne, 2003:240). In Chamling, it is marked by the suffix <-*koŋhio*> which has been previously described in (41).

d. Imperfective Aspect

The imperfective aspect focuses away from the termination and boundedness of the action (Givón, 2001:288) so, on the basis of the internal structure of the situation, the imperfective aspect in Chamling can be classified into habitual and progressive.

i. Habitual

Habituality is that they describe a situation which is characteristic of an extended period time, so extended in fact that the situation referred to is viewed not as an incidental property of the moment but, precisely, as a characteristic feature of a whole period (Comrie, 197: 28). It has been described in (43).

(43) a. *k^hu k^haʈe*

k^hu kh^aʈ-e

3SG go-NPST

'He/she goes.'

b. *ka k^hanaləi k^haŋəĩ*

ka k^hana-ləi k^haŋ-əĩ

1SG 2 SG-DAT look-1SG.NPST

'I look at you.'

c. *k^hanawa kāləi ʈaʈipsyo*

K^hana-wa kāl-ləi ʈa-ʈips-yo

2 SG.-ERG 1SG-DAT 2-meet-2s.NPST

'You meet me.'

d. *k^hə ɪci k^huləi ʈaʈipsace*

k^həɪci k^hu-ləi ʈa-ʈipsa - c - e

2 DU 3SG-DAT 2-meet - DU-3P.NPST

'You two meet him.'

e. *k^hu mk^him k^haʈe*

k^hu m-k^him k^haʈ-e

3SG 3SG.POSS-house go- NPST

'He/she goes to his/her house.'

- f. *k^huwa arak^ha dɪŋe*
 k^hu-wa arak^ha dɪŋ-e
 3SG-ERG alcohol drink-NPST
 'He/she drinks alcohol'

In the data given in (43 a-f), the verbs show the habit of doing something in the present situation. The verbs have zero mark to indicate habituality in Chamling.

ii. Progressive

Progressive aspect refers to an action which is in progress. The progressive aspect in Chamling is expressed by the suffix <-*ŋas*> in the verb root. It is followed by the 'Be' verb. Past and non-past tense, number, and pronominal suffixes are inflected in the 'Be verb' in (44).

- (44) a. *k^hu puseŋase*
 k^hu pus-e-ŋas-e
 3SG go-NPST-PROG-NPST
 'He/she is going'
- b. *k^huci pusaŋasace*
 k^hu-ci pusa-ŋasa-ce
 3-DU go-PRO-DU.NPST
 'They two are going.'
- c. *kaŋa pusəĩ. ŋasəĩ*
 kaŋa pus-əĩ-ŋas- əĩ
 I-SG go-1SG. NPST-PROG-1SG.NPST
 'I am going.'
- d. *kəi pusinasiye*
 kəi pus-i-ŋas-i-ye
 1PL.INCL go-1PL.S-PROG -1PL.S-NPST
 'We all (and you) are going.'
- e. *kəika pusinasiye*
 kəi-ka pus-i-ŋas-i-k-e
 1PL.-EXCL go-1PL.S-PROG-1PL.S-EXCL- NPST
 'We all (not you) are going.'

The data given in (44 a-e), it is clear that the suffix <-*ɲas*> is used to show progressive aspect. When it is followed by the nominalizer <-*ko*>, it shows the past progressive and the suffix <-*e*> in the final position of the verb refers to the non-past progressive. The suffix <-*ɲas*> is the derived form of the verb ‘*ɲəima*’ which means ‘to keep’.

2.5 Mood and modality

Mood is a grammatical category of verbs. Mood describes the speaker’s attitude toward a situation including speaker’s belief in its reality or likelihood. It also describes the speaker’s estimation of the relevance of the situation to him or herself (Payne, 1997: 244). Mood describes the actuality of events in terms of possibility, necessity or desirability (Watters, 2005). So, mood is a grammatical reflection of the speaker’s purpose in speaking.

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a. Declarative mood

In Chamling, the regular forms of verb in statement or assertive sentences that inflect for the person, number and tense as in (45).

- (45) a. *ka ak^himni k^haʈəĩ*
 ka a-k^him-ni k^haʈ-əĩ
 1SG 1SG.POSS-house-LOC go-1SG.NPST
 'I go/will go to my house.'

b. *kā ak^himni k^haɕuŋ*
 kā a-k^him-ni k^haɕ-uŋ
 1SG 1SG.POSS-house-LOC go-1SG.PST
 'I went to my house.'

c. *oko iɕuŋma*
 oko i-ɕuŋma
 This 1PL.POSS-village
 'This is our village.'

d. *k^hu mhe*
 k^hu mh-e
 3SG fight-NPST
 'He/she fights/will fight.'

e. *k^hu mha*
 k^hu mh-a
 3SG fight- PST
 'He/she fought.'

In the data given in (45 a-e), it is clear that above data are in the declarative mood. There is not particular morpheme to indicate this mood.

b. Interrogative mood

The interrogative mood in Chamling is expressed with question words and rising intonations. The yes/no type of questions are marked by the intonation as in (46).

(46) a. *k^hanawa ɕyokoləi ɕateku*
 k^hana-wa ɕyoko-lai ɕa-ɕek- u
 You-SG-ERG that-DAT 2-see-3P.PST
 'Did you see that?'

b. *ɕyoko k^him somo?*
 that house whose
 'Whose house is that?'

c. *k^hu dɛlo sya?*
k^hu dɛlo si-a?
 3SG when die-PST
 'When did he/she die?'

d. *k^hana k^hoɖa tahiŋe?*
k^hana k^hoɖa ʈa-hiŋ-e
 2SG where 2-stay-NPST
 'Where do you stay?'

e. *k^huci ale mik^haʈe?*
k^huci ale mi-k^haʈ-e
 3PL today 3PL-go-NPST
 'Do they go today?'

Adding different question words before the verb makes the interrogatives. The question words used to make an interrogative are as in (47).

(47) <i>dɛ</i>	what
<i>so</i>	who
<i>k^hoɖa</i>	where (at)
<i>dɛlo</i>	when
<i>dono</i>	why
<i>doko</i>	which
<i>dosomsa/doso</i>	how
<i>dɛmno/dɛmnə</i>	how much
<i>dosko</i>	of what kind
<i>k^hoɖa</i>	where
<i>dɛmo</i>	of what

In the data given in (47), it is clear that the words are used in making wh-questions in Chamling.

c. Imperative mood

In Chamling, the suffix <-a> is added to a verb stem in singular, <-ci> is added right after <-a> to form dual number and <-ni> is added right after <-a> to form plural number as in (48).

- (48) a. *tyoda k^haʦa*
 tyoda k^haʦa
 there go.IMP.SG
 '(you alone) Go there!'
- b. *tyoda k^haʦaci*
 tyoda k^haʦa-ci
 there go.IMP-DU
 '(you two) go there!'
- c. *tyoda k^haʦani*
 tyoda k^haʦa-ni
 there go.IMP-PL
 '(You all) go there!'

The data given in (48) show that the suffix <-a> represents imperative sentence and the suffixes <-ci> and <-ni> are added to show dual and plural numbers.

Transitive verbs retain the patient markers in the imperative as in (49).

- (49) a. *kapc^husyu*
 kap-c^hu s-yu
 2SG.poss-hand wash - 2SG. IMP
 '(You alone) wash your hand.'
- b. *kapʦui paku*
 kap - ʦui pak-u
 2SG.POSS-clothes wear-2SG.IMP
 'Wear your clothes.'
- c. *(k^hana) rō cyo*
 (k^hana) rō c-yo
 2SG rice eat-2SG.IMP
 '(You) eat rice.'

First person patient forms have the infix <-n-> as a prohibitive marker which comes instead of <-*da*> after the nasalised sound as in (51).

(51) a. *mi-tipsnuŋ*
 mi-*t*ips-n-uŋ
 NEG-meet-PROH-1SG
 'Don't meet me.'

b. *misəñnuŋ*
 mi-səñ-n-uŋ
 NEG-ask-PROH-1SG. NPST
 'Don't ask me.'

With the transitive verbs in dual and plural forms, the suffix <-*da*> is not used as in (52)

a. *miđiŋaci*
 mi-điŋa-ci
 NEG - drink - DU.IMP
 'Don't drink.'

b. *miđiŋani*
 mi-điŋa - ni
 NEG - drink - PL.IMP
 'Don't drink.'

e. Optative mood

The optative mood is restricted to the third person referents in Chamling. The optative mood is marked by the suffix <-*ne*>. It can be used with all the numbers of the third person as in (53).

(53) a. *k^hu* *k^himda* *puŋne*
 k^hu k^him-*da* puŋ-ne
 3SG home-LOC go-OPT
 'May he/she go home!'

b. *k^huci k^himɔa pusacine*
 k^huci k^him-ɔa pusa-ci-ne
 3DU home-LOC go-DU-OPT
 'May they two go home!'

c. *k^huci k^himɔa mipuŋne*
 k^huci k^him-ɔa mi-puŋ-ne
 3PL home-LOC 3PL-go-OPT
 'May they all go home!'

f. Hortative mood

The hortative mood in Chamling is marked by the suffixes <-ine> and <-ace> as in (54).

(54) a. *k^haɕine*
 k^haɕ-ine
 go-HORT.1PL.INCL.
 'Let's go.'

b. *k^haɕace*
 k^haɕ - ace
 go-HORT.1DU.INCL.
 'Let's go'

The hortative suffixes begin with a vowel and they are used with the first person dual and plural inclusive. So, they are restricted to the first person dual and plural referent.

g. Subjunctive mood

The subjunctive mood in Chamling is generally used to express the relation between the cause and effect. It is conditional in nature. The conjunction <*nakhõ*> is used before the cause or condition as in (55).

(55) a. *wa ɕae nak^hõ kaŋa khimɔa ŋo hiŋəĩ*
 wa ɕa-e nak^hõ kaŋa khim -ɔa ŋo hiŋ-əĩ
 rain come-NPST if 1SG. home-LOG PART stay-1SG.NPST
 'If it rains, I will stay at home.'

- b. *k^hu puse nak^hõ* *kã puni pus əĩ*
 k^hu pus-e nak^hõ kã puni pus- əĩ
 3 SG. go-NPST if 1SG also go-1SG.NPST
 'If he/she goes, I will also go.'

2.5.2 Modality

Modality refers to the speech act or propositional information indicated by special grammatical markings in the verb. Modality codes the speaker's attitude or judgement. Chamling modality system can be analyzed according to the distinction between epistemic and evaluative (deontic) judgement (Givón, 2001:300) along with their sub-categories.

a. Epistemic modality

Epistemic modality expresses the speaker's commitment to the truth, probability, certainty, belief or evidence of the proposition. The epistemic modalities include probability, certainty and evidentially (Regmi, 2007).

(i) Probability

This mood refers to the speaker's attitude or judgement that the situation described in the proposition is probably true. It is marked by the verb <*həla*>. It may occur the same in any tense as in (56).

- (56) a. *k^hu ale* *taehəla*
 k^hu ale ʈa-e-həla
 3SG today come-NPST-PROB
 'He/she might come today.'

- b. *kã ale* *k^haʈəĩhəla*
 kã ale k^haʈ-əĩ -həla
 1SG today go-1SG.NPST-PROB
 'I might go today.'

In the data given in (56 a-b), it is clear that the verb <*həla*> expresses the probability by attaching to the first verb.

ii) Certainty

This mood refers to the emphasis on the speaker's attitude or judgement that his/her proposition is true. In Chamling, it is marked by the emphatic particle <-*ŋo*>. It is directly attached to the root of the verb. It may occur the same in any tense as in (57).

(57) a. *k^hana sela ʈak^hrapeŋo*
 k^hana sela ʈa-k^hrap-e-ŋo
 2SG tomorrow 2-weep-NPST-CERT
 'You will certainly weep tomorrow.'

b. *oko sieŋo*
 oko si-e-ŋo
 This die-NPST-CERT
 'This will certainly die.'

c. *k^huk^haŋeŋo*
 k^hu k^haŋ-e-ŋo
 3SG go-NPST-CERT
 'He/she will certainly go.'

d. *kā k^huləi khaba idəĩ -ŋo*
 kā k^hu-ləi k^haba id-əĩ -ŋo
 1SG 3SG-DAT money give-1s-CERT
 'I will certainly give him money.'

(iii) Evidentiality

There is a binary contrast in grammaticalized evidentially direct evidentially (directly experienced) and indirect evidentiality (indirect evidence) in Chamling. Chamling lacks separate morphemes for indicating evidentially as in (58).

(58) a. *k^huwa kaprō cyo*
 k^hu-wa kap-r ō c-yo
 3SG-ERG 2SG.POSS -rice eat-.PST
 'He/she ate your rice. (as I directly witnessed.)'

- b. *k^hu keb^ha k^hrapa*
k^hu keb^ha k^hrap-a
 3SG much weep-PST
 'He/she wept much.'

(iv) Negation

Negation is marked by a prefix and a suffix. The negative prefixes are <pa-> and <mi-> and negative suffixes are <-na>, <-ina>, <-aina>, and <-ai>. The first person singular has a negative infix <-n->.

a. First person

All the person verb forms take the negative prefix <pa-> in negation. The first person singular takes an infix <-n-> as in (59).

- (59) a. *kā tyoḍa pak^həinnuḡa*
kā tyoḍa pa-k^həin- n-uḡ
 1SG there NEG-go-INFX-1SG.PST
 'I did not go there.'

- b. *kā tyoḍa pak^həin nə ĩ*
kā tyoḍa pa-k^həin-n-əĩ
 1SG. there NEG-go-INFX-1SG.NPST
 'I do not go there.'

- c. *kəici pakhrapacimna*
kəici pa-k^hrapa-c - ina
 1DU.INCL NEG-weep-DU - NEG.PST
 'We did not weep.'

- d. *kəi pak^hrapika*
kəi pa-k^hrap-i-ka
 1PL NEG-weep-1PLS-EXCL.PST
 'We all (not you) did not weep.'

- e. *kəi pa^hrapina*
kəi pa-k^hrap-ina
 1PL. NEG-weep-NEG.PST
 'We did not weep.'

b. Second person

The second person singular, dual and plural take the negative suffixes like <-ina>, <əina>, and <imna> in negation as in (60).

- (60) a. *k^hana tapusina*
k^hana ta-pus-ina
 2SG. 2-go-NEG.PST
 'You did not go.'

- b. *k^hə ɪci tapusacimna*
k^hə ɪci ta-pusa-ci-na
 2DU 2-go-DU-NEG.PST
 'You two did not go.'

- c. *k^huini tapusimna*
k^huini ta-pus-imna
 2PL 2-go-PL.NEG.PST
 'You all did not go.'

c. Third person

The third person singular, dual and plural take the negative suffixes like <-ina> and in negation. But the third person intransitive plural marker <mi-> is replaced with <pa-> as in (61).

- (61) a. *k^hu palhapina*
k^hu pa-lhap-ina
 3SG 3-catch-NEG.PST
 'He/she did not catch.'

- b. *k^huci palhapacina*
k^huci pa-lhapa-c-ina
 3DU 3-catch-DU-NEG.PST
 'They (two) did not catch.'

- c. *k^huci palhapicina*
 k^huci pa-lhap-ina
 3PL 3-catch-NEG.PST
 'They all did not catch.'

The data given in (61 a-c), show that the third person singular, dual and plural take the negative suffix <-ina> and replace it in transitive plural <mi-> marker with <pa->.

- d. Negation in imperative

Any positive imperative takes an auxiliary verb 'qa' as a post verb and a prefix <mi-> in negative imperative as in (62).

- (62) a. *rõ cyo*

rõ c-yo
 rice eat-IMP
 'Eat rice.'

- b. *rõ micadyo*

rõ mi-ca-dyo
 rice NEG-eat-V2.IMP
 ' Don't eat rice.'

- c. *rõ cacì*

rõ ca-ci
 rice eat-DU.IMP
 '(You two) eat rice'

- d. *rõ micadaci*

rõ mi-ca-da-ci
 rice NEG-eat-V2-DU.IMP
 '(You two) don't eat rice.'

- e. *rõ cani*

rõ ca-ni
 rice eat-PL.IMP
 '(You all) eat rice.'

- f. *rō mica qani*
 rō mi-ca- q̣a-ni
 rice NEG.-eat-V2-PL.IMP
 '(You all) don't eat rice.'

First person patient form takes an infix <-n-> after the pre-consonantal stem and the post verb is not necessary but the first person singular marker (-uŋ) is added after the infix as in (63).

- (63) a. *misennuŋ*

mi-sen-n-uŋ
 NEG-ask-INFX-1SG.IMP
 'Don't ask me.'

- b. *milhamnuŋ*

mi-lham-n-uŋ
 NEG-catch-INFX-1SG.IMP
 'Don't catch me.'

- c. *miŋimnuŋ*

mi- ŋim-n-uŋ
 NEG-meet-INFX-1SG.IMP
 'Don't meet me.'

b. Evaluative (Deontic) modality

Evaluative (deontic) modality expresses the desirability, preference, internal or external ability, obligation or manipulation of the speaker with respect to the completion of the situation expressed in the predicate. It may be combined with any of the tenses, either in the same morpheme or in combinations of morphemes. In Chamling, there are two evaluative modalities: ability and obligation.

i. Ability

The ability refers to the situation in which an agent has a mental or physical ability to complete the action expressed in the proposition. It is marked by <-cap> as in (64).

- (64) a. *kaŋa okoləi səima capəĩ*

kaŋa	oko-ləi	səiɖ-ma	cap-əĩ
1SG.	this-DAT	kill-INF	ABL-1SG.NPST

'I can kill this.'

- b. *k^hu plima capu*
 k^hu plis-ma cap-u
 3SG speak-INF ABL-3S-PST
 'He/she could speak.'

ii. Obligation

The obligation refers to the situation in which an agent is obliged to perform the action of the verb expressed in the proposition. It is marked by <*tir*>. In the obligation, the verb is bound to complete the action of the main verb. the emphatic marker <*ŋo*> makes the obligation more forceful and the morpheme <*-is*> is a negative form of <*-tir*> as in (65).

- (65) a. *kaŋa əspa k^həima t̪ire*
 kaŋa əspa k^haŋ-ma t̪ire
 I SG. now go-INF-PART OBLG-NPST
 'I have to go now.'

- b. *k^hana k^həima t̪ire*
 k^hana k^haŋ-ma t̪ir-e
 You.SG. go-INF OBLG-NPST
 'You have to go.'

- c. *k^huwa plima ŋo t̪ire*
 k^huwa plis-ma ŋo t̪ir-e
 3SG. talk-INF EMPH OBLG-NPST
 'He/She must talk.'

- d. *k^hana lamɖa emma ise*
 k^hana lam-ɖa es-ma is-e
 2SG. path-LOC pass stool- INF NEG.OBL -NPST
 'You should not pass stool on the path.'

- e. *kəi arak^ha ɖuŋma ise*
 kəi arak^ha ɖuŋ- ma is-e
 1PL.INCL wine drink-INF NEG.OBL- NPST
 'We should not drink wine.'

2.6 Summary

In this chapter, we observed the inflectional morphology of Chamling verbs. We have tried our best to analyze the types of verb stems and inflections that occur in Chamling verbs. Then, we examined the verb alternation on the basis of variable and invariable classes. We discussed tense marking suffixes particularly about past tense and non-past tense markers as well. In section 2.4, we discussed tense -aspect system. In section 2.5, has focused on mood and modality. Mood includes declarative, interrogative, imperative, optative hortative and subjunctive. Modality includes two sub headings: Epistemic modality and Evaluative modality. Epistemic modality consists of probability, certainty, evidentially and negation and evaluative modality consists of ability and obligation.

CHAPTER 3

DERIVATIONAL MORPHOLOGY

3.0 Outline

This chapter deals with the derivational morphology in the Chamling language. It consists of three sections. In section 3.1, we present a derivational morphology. In section 3.2, we discuss about non finite verbal construction. The last section presents summary of this chapter.

3.1 Derivational morphology

3.1.1 Causative derivation

According to Payne (1997:176), causative constructions (or causatives) is the linguistic instantiations of the conceptual notion of causation. Causative can be divided into three types: lexical, morphological and periphrastic analytic. A morphological causative is one kind of valance increasing operations.

Causativization is a valence increasing device by which the relation captured within a single clause (Whaley, 1997:191). Morphological causative morpheme <-*məiɖ*-> which means ‘to make’ is found in Chamling. The process of causativization with <-*məiɖ*-> is productive in Chamling as in (66).

(66) Non-causative		Causative
<i>cama</i>	‘to eat’	‘ <i>caməima</i> ’ ‘to make sb eat’
<i>krōma</i>	‘to agree’	‘ <i>krōməima</i> ’ ‘to make sb agree.’
<i>k^hramma-</i>	‘to weep’	<i>khramməima</i> ‘to make sb weep’
<i>k^hōma-</i>	‘to look’	<i>k^hōməima</i> ‘to make sb look’
<i>ɖuŋma -</i>	‘to drink’	<i>ɖuŋməima</i> ‘to make sb drink’
<i>rima-</i>	‘to laugh’	<i>riməima</i> ‘to make sb laugh’
<i>remma-</i>	‘to stand’	<i>remməima</i> ‘to make sb stand’

The syntactic causative follows the infinitive form of a main verb as in (67).

(67) a. <i>kaŋa</i>	<i>ac^haləi</i>	<i>rō</i>	<i>caməiɖuŋa</i>
<i>kaŋa</i>	<i>a-c^ha-ləi</i>	<i>rō</i>	<i>ca-məiɖ-uŋa</i>
1SG	1SG.POSS - child-DAT	rice	eat-CAUS-1SG. PST
‘I made my child eat rice.’			

- b. *k^hu rakka ŋo k^hrapa*
k^hu rakka ŋo k^hrap-a
 3SG very much PART weep-PST
 ‘He/she wept very much.’
- c. *mpawa k^huləi k^hramməiɖi*
m-pa-wa k^hu-ləi k^hram-məiɖ-yi
 3SG POSS-father-ERG 3SG-DAT weep-CAUS-PST
 ‘His father made him weep.’
- d. *k^hana wa ɬaɖiŋyo*
k^hana wa ɬa-ɖiŋ-yo
 You.SG. water 2-drink-NPST
 ‘You drink/will drink water.’
- e. *k^hanawa kāləi wa ɖiŋtaməiɖuŋa*
K^hana-wa kāl-ləi wa ɖiŋ - ɬa - məiɖ-uŋa
 2SG-ERG 3SG-DAT water drink -2- CAUS-1SG.PST
 ‘You made me drink water.’

In the data given in (67 a-e), it is clear that causativization is formed by adding the morpheme <*məiɖ*> to the verb stem.

3.1.2 Transitive derivation

The augment *-t* (after vowel) ~ *-d* (after consonants, which are sometimes elided) makes an intransitive verb transitive (Ebert, 1997 b). It is difficult to make difference between transitivization and causativization, especially in between di-transitivization and causativization in Chamling. Examples are as follows:

Table 3.1: Comparison among intransitive, transitive and ditransitive/causative

Intransitive	Transitive	Ditransitive/Causative
<i>k^hat-</i> ‘to go’	<i>k^həiɖ-</i> ‘to take/carry’	<i>k^həi-məi-ma</i> ‘to cause somebody to carry’
<i>ims-</i> ‘to sleep’	<i>ibɖ-</i> ‘to make somebody sleep’	<i>im-məi-ma</i> ‘to cause somebody to sleep’
<i>ri-</i> ‘to laugh’	<i>rit-</i> ‘to laugh at’	<i>ri-məi-ma</i> ‘to make somebody laugh’
<i>k^hrap-</i> ‘to weep’	<i>k^hrabɖ-</i> ‘to make somebody weep’	<i>k^hram-məi-ma</i> ‘to make somebody weep’
<i>rup-</i> ‘to be finished’	<i>rubɖ</i> ‘to finish’	<i>rum-məi-ma</i> ‘to cause somebody to finish’

Table, 3.1 presents the intransitive verbs that take the augment <-t> after vowels and <-ɖ > after consonants (which are sometimes elided) to be transitive verbs. The augment <-s> is found in both transitive and intransitive verbs. Many verbs are used transitively and intransitively without any change in the stem. (See: Ebert, 1997:15).

3.1.3 Noun incorporation

According to Payne (1997:221), noun incorporation is where a core argument (subject or object) of a clause becomes "attached to" or "incorporated into" the verbs. In Chamling, there is the combination of noun and verb to form the process of noun incorporation. This is shown in the following formula: [X] noun + [Y] verb = [XY] verb

In this process, the core argument (subject or object) of a clause attached to or incorporate into verb as in (68).

- (68) *k^haru* ‘work’ + *muma* ‘to do’ = *k^harumuma* ‘to work’
hiu ‘wind’ + *muma* ‘to do’ = *hiumuma* ‘to blow’
lho ‘dance’ + *muma* ‘to do’ = *chammuma* ‘to dance’
cham ‘song’ + *muma* ‘to do’ = *chammuma* ‘to sing’
‘*həuwa*’ ‘greeting’ + *muma* ‘to do’ = *həuwamuma* ‘to request’
‘*waima*’ thirst + *sima* ‘to do’ = *waimasima* ‘to be thirsty’

‘*dikha*’ ‘trouble’ + *ima* ‘to give’ = *dikhəima* ‘to trouble’
 ‘*saka*’ ‘hunger’ + *sima* ‘to die’ = *sakasima* ‘to be hungry’
 ‘*rumbeli*’ ‘salt and oil’ + ‘*nəlma*’ ‘to touch’ = *rumbelinəlma* ‘to purify oneself’
modem ‘kiss’ + *muma* ‘to do’ = *modemmuma* ‘to kiss’

- (69) a. *mmawa* *yac^haləi* *modemmu*
 m-ma-wa *yac^ha-ləi* modem-m-u
 3SG.POSS-mother-ERG baby-DAT kiss-do-3P.PST
 ‘His mother kissed a baby.’
- b. *k^hu waima* *sya*
 k^hu waima *si-a*
 3SG thrist die-PST
 He/she became thirsty
- c. *kaŋa* *tyoɔa* *k^haru* *muŋko* *hiŋəĩ*
 kaŋa *tyoɔa* *k^haru* *muŋ-ko* *hiŋ-əĩ*
 1SG there work done-NML be.1SG. NPST
 ‘I have worked there.’
- d. *mina sie nakh kə iwa rumbeli nəlma tire*
 mina *si-e* *nakho* *kəi-wa* *rumbeli* *nəl-ma* *tir-e*
 Man die-NPST if we-ERG salt and oil touch-INF AUX. NPST
 ‘If man dies, we should purify ourselves.’

In the data given in (69 a-d), it is clear that the verbal morpheme <-*muma*> is attached to the noun to derive a noun incorporation in Chamling.

3.1.4 Verb compounding

Verb compounding is a process of forming a compound verb by combining two inflected verbs. It is also an instance of verb serialisation in which two successive verbs form a single verb phrase heading one clause. The second verb (v2 or ‘post verb’) loses its lexical meaning through semantic bleaching and functions as an auxiliary verb to the first verb, main verb (v1 or ‘pole verb’) as in (70).

- (70) a. *k^hu p^hilak^haʔa*
 k^hu p^hila-k^haʔ - a
 3SG slip - go - PST
 'He/She slipped away.'
- b. *k^huwa rō cyopaku*
 k^hu - wa rō c - yo - pak - u
 3SG-ERG rice eat - 3P - put - 3P.PST
 'He/She ate rice up.'
- c. *k^huwa luŋʔo horsikasi*
 k^hu - wa luŋʔo hors - i - kas - i
 3SG-ERG stone hurl - 3P - throw - 3P.PST
 'He/She hurled a stone away.'

In the data given in (70), the second verbs '*khaʔa*', '*paku*' and '*kasi*' lose their lexical meaning and function as the auxiliary verb to the main verb.

I found the vector verbs similar to those described in Ebert (1997:34-37).

Table 3.2: Chamling post verbs

	Verb	Meaning as full verb	Role as post verb
1.	<i>chud</i>	arrive	telecizing
2.	<i>chuŋs/chod</i>	sent/send to	
3.	<i>da/dyo</i>	sent/send to	
4.	<i>dha/dhas</i>	fall/descend	
5.	<i>khat/khəid</i>	go/bring	
6.	<i>kas</i>	throw	
7.	<i>pak</i>	put	
8.	<i>si/set</i>	die/kill	
9.	<i>ŋas</i>	keep	atelicizing
10.	<i>ləid</i>	come out	inchoative
11.	<i>pid</i>	give	benefactive

(Adapted from Ebert, 1997b)

3.2 Non-finite verbal construction

3.2.1 Non-finite with normal function

a. Infinitive

In Chamling, the infinitival and gerunds may function as a nominal construction like noun and noun phrase. The infinitive suffix is added to the verb stem in both nominal constructions (i.e. in infinitival and gerund) as in (71).

- (71) a. *kaŋa tyoɕa puŋma pacannəĩ*
kaŋa tyoɕa puŋ-ma pa-can-n-əĩ
1SG there go-INF NEG-able-NEG-1SG.NPST
'I am not able to go there.'

- b. *kəi-wa k^huləi cəimha paɕirəĩ*
kəi-wa k^hu-ləi cəi-mha pa-ɕir-əĩ
1PL.INCL-ERG 3SG-DAT beat-INF NEG-become-NPST
'We should not beat him.'

- c. *wapoma lamɕhima kebhaŋo khunyo*
wapoma lamɕh-ma kebha ŋo khunyo
Morning walk-INF very PART good
'Walking in the morning is very good.'

The data given in (71 a-c) show that the suffix <-ma> or <-mha> shows infinitive inflection.

3.2.2 Non-finite with with adjectival functions

There are two kinds of participles used as adjectival function in Chamling: present participle and past participle. They may function as an adjectival construction like adjective and adjective clause. The participle suffix <-ko> is added to the verb stem in both adjectival constructions (i.e. in present participle and in past participle.)

a. Present participle <-ko>

The finite present participle suffix <-ko> is used to modify the nominal and to function as adjectival as in (72).

(72) a. *arak^ha dʉŋkomina d^hyak^haʈa*
 arak^ha dʉŋ-ko -mina d^hya-k^haʈ -a
 Alcohol drink-NML-person fall down-V2-PST
 ‘Alcoholist fell down.’

b. *lam lamʈhikominawa rō cyo*
 lam lamʈhi-ko-mina-wa rō c-yo
 Path walk-NML-person-ERG rice eat -NPST
 ‘Pedestrian eats/will eat rice.’

In the data given in (72a-b), the suffix <-ko> shows the adjectival functions.

b. Past participle <-ko>

(73) a. *k^huwa kālai pabuidʉŋko*
 k^hu -wa kāl-lai pa-buid-ʉŋ-ko
 3SG-ERG 1SG-DAT 3-call-1SG. PST-PERF
 ‘He had called me.’

b. *k^huwa cabha tekyu-ko*
 k^hu-wa cabha tek-u-ko
 He-ERG tiger see-3P-PERF
 ‘He has seen a tiger.’

3.2.3 Non finite with adverbial functions

a. Present participle

(i) Time

The adverbial clauses of time signal temporal as well as sequential relationships and utilize both the strategies of subordination. The non-finite affix <-pa> is used as in (74).

(74) a. *k^hu walasi khaʈepa, kã k^hanalai buine*
 k^hu wa-las-si khaʈ-e-pa kã k^hana-lai bui-ne
 3SG water-bring-PURP go-NPST-when 1SG 2SG-DAT call-1→2.NPST
 ‘When he goes to bring water, I will call you.’

b. *buŋlima buʈapa kã ak^himni pusuŋa*
 buŋlima but-a-pa kã a - k^him - ni pus-uŋa
 bell ring-PST-when I 1SG.POSS-house-LOC go-1SG.PST

‘When the bell rang, I went to my house.’

In the data given in (74a-b), the suffix <-pa> shows the time when it is added to the verb.

(ii) Manner

In Chamling, some non-finite verbs take the suffix <-lo> to show the manner of action as in (75).

- (75) a. *k^hu canyolo plise*
k^hu can-yo-lo plis-e
 3SG taste good-NPST-MAN speak-NPST
 ‘He speaks/will speak sweetly.’
- b. *k^huwa mnicholai tyukelo cəidhyo*
k^hu-wa m-nicho-lai tyuk-e-lo cəidh-yo
 3SG-ERG 3SG.POSS-brother-DAT pain-NPST-MAN beat-NPST
 He beats/will beat his brother painfully.
- c. *k^hana caisalo ʈaplise*
k^hana caisa-lo ʈa-plis-e
 2SG taste bad-MAN 2-speak-NPST
 ‘You speak badly.’

In the data given in (75a-c), the suffix <-lo> when added to the verb shows the way in which an action is carried out. Such a verb with an adverbial function comes before the finite verb.

3.3 Summary

In this chapter, we examined the derivational morphology as well as non finite verbal construction inherent in the Chamling language. We observed derivational morphology through causative derivation, transitive derivation, noun incorporation and verb compounding. In compound verbs, only the auxiliary verbs inflect for person number and tense.

CHAPTER 4

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Chamling is one of the sub-tribes of Rai. The term 'Chamling' refers to both language and tribal group. According to the CBS report of Nepal (2012), the population of Chamling native speakers is 76,800. The Chamling speakers of Balamta V.D.C, Udayapur district are fluent native speakers. They belong to Balamta dialect.

This study contains four chapters. The first chapter deals with introduction in which we outlined the objectives and methodology. We have included genetic affiliation, statements of the problems of the study, review of literature, significance of the study, research methodology and organization of the study.

The second chapter deals with the inflectional morphology. Under inflectional morphology of Chamling, there are some findings. Variable and invariable stems are found in Chamling. Most of the verb stems alternate between vocalic and consonantal suffixes. The verb affixes are grouped into three types: prefix, suffix and infix. They are analyzed in terms of person and number. The second person object morpheme is <-na> in a 1→2 configuration. The first person exclusive marker is <-ka>. The prefix <ta-> indicates the second person, the prefix <mi-> indicates third person plural and also negative imperative marker and the prefix <pa-> indicates third person actor and also the negative marker for the first and the third person. The suffix <-əĩ/ō> indicates the first person singular subject and patient in the non-past tense and the suffix <-uŋa> indicates the first person singular subject and patient in the past tense. The suffix <-u> indicates the third person patient or first person singular patient. The suffix <-i> indicates the first and second person plural patient and subject to intransitive verb and third person patient. The suffix <-ni> indicates the second person plural. The suffix <-m> indicates the first person non-singular actor and also the second person plural actor. The suffix <-əĩc> is a reflexive marker. The verb 'hiŋe' states the locational and existential functions. The verb 'tir' functions as a complement verb. The verb 'əina' 'not to be' functions as an identificational verb in negative form.

The suffix <-əĩ/ō/yo/e> is a non-past tense marker and the suffix <-a /uŋa/koŋhio> is a past tense marker. The suffix <-a> is used as a finite base marker with all the non-

singular persons in transitive and intransitive construction. In such a case, the past tense is unmarked. The post verb '*ɲas*' 'to keep/remain' indicates the progressive aspect and $\langle\text{-kohiŋe/kothio}\rangle$ indicates the perfective marker. Likewise, different types of mood and modality have been discussed.

The third chapter deals with derivational morphology. Under derivational morphology, causative derivation, transitive derivation, noun incorporation and verb compounding have been dealt. The non-finite verbal construction has also been discussed. The causative is derived by adding $\langle\text{-məid}\rangle$ to the verb root. The consonants /t/ and /d/ are added to intransitive verb root to make it transitive. The noun incorporation in Chamling is formulated as [X] noun + [Y] verb = [XY]verb and verb compounding is formulated as verb +verb = compound verb. In compound verb, the auxiliary verb inflects for person, number and tense.

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APPENDIX – I

Names of Language Consultants

S.N.	Name	Age	Sex	Address
1	Padam Kumar Rai	54	M	Balamta-4, Majha Gaun
2	Asan Bahadur Rai	47	M	Balama-5, Lankatala
3	Birkharaj Rai	34	M	Balamta-1, Chhata Gaun
4	Pratika Rai	41	F	Balamta-4, Majha Gaun
5	Parbati Rai	31	F	Balamta-6, Rumphutu
6	Hom Bahadur Rai	36	M	Balamta-2, Dandatole
7	Arjun Rai	35	M	Balamta-7, Deurali
8	Pasbin Rai	17	M	Balamta-5, Lankatala
9	Sandesh Rai	15	M	Balamta-8, Laku
10	Bibash Rai	15	M	Balamta-1, Chhata Gaun
11	Yam Bahadur Rai	30	M	Balamta-6, Tirala
12	Nabin Kishor Rai	33	M	Balamta-5, Lankatala

APPENDIX-II

Intransitive Verbs

a. The verbal paradigm of intransitive verb /plima/ 'to speak' related to tense

Pronoun	NPST	PST
1 SG	<i>plisəĩ</i>	<i>plisuŋ(a)</i>
1DU. INCL	<i>plisace</i>	<i>plisaci</i>
1DU. EXCL	<i>plisacke</i>	<i>plisacka</i>
1PL. INCL	<i>plisiye</i>	<i>plisi</i>
1PL. EXCL	<i>Plisike</i>	<i>plisika</i>
2SG	<i>taplise</i>	<i>taplisa</i>
2DU	<i>tamplisace</i>	<i>taplisaci</i>
2PL	<i>taplisine</i>	<i>taplisi</i>
3SG	<i>plise</i>	<i>plisa</i>
3DU	<i>plisace</i>	<i>plisaci</i>
3PL	<i>miplisace</i>	<i>miplisaci</i>

b. The verbal paradigm of intransitive verb related to aspect

i. Perfective aspect /k^hramma/ 'to cry'

Pronoun	Present perfective	Past perfective
1SG	<i>k^hrap-uŋ-kohiŋe</i>	<i>k^hrap-uŋ-koθhio</i>
1DU. INCL	<i>k^hrapa-ci-kohiŋe</i>	<i>k^hrapa-ci-koθhio</i>
1DU. EXCL	<i>k^hrapa-c-ka-kohiŋe</i>	<i>k^hrapa-c-ka-koθhio</i>
1PL. INCL	<i>k^hrap-i-kohiŋe</i>	<i>k^hrap-i-koθhio</i>
1PL. EXCL	<i>k^hrap-i-ka-kohiŋe</i>	<i>k^hrap-i-ka-koθhio</i>
2SG	<i>ta-k^hrapa-kohiŋe</i>	<i>ta-k^hrapa-koθhio</i>
2DU	<i>ta-k^hrap-ci-kohiŋe</i>	<i>ta-k^hrap-ci-koθhio</i>
2PL	<i>ta-k^hrap-i-ye-kohiŋe</i>	<i>ta-k^hrap-i-ye-koθhio</i>
3SG	<i>k^hrapa-kohiŋe</i>	<i>k^hrapa-koθhio</i>
3DU	<i>k^hrap-ci-kohiŋe</i>	<i>k^hrap-ci-koθhio</i>
3PL	<i>mi-k^hrap-kohiŋe</i>	<i>mi-k^hrap-koθhio</i>

ii. Imperfective aspect /*k^hramma*/ 'to cry'

Pronoun	Present imperfective	Past imperfective
1SG	<i>k^hrap-əĩ-ŋas- əĩ</i>	<i>k^hrap-u-ŋas-uŋ-koθio</i>
1DU. INCL	<i>k^hrapa- ŋasa-c-e</i>	<i>k^hrapa- ŋasa-c-i- koθio</i>
1DU. EXCL	<i>k^hrapa- ŋasa-c-k-e</i>	<i>k^hrapa- ŋasa-c-ka- koθio</i>
1PL. INCL	<i>k^hrap-u- ŋas-i-m-e</i>	<i>k^hrap-u- ŋas-i-m- koθio</i>
1PL. EXCL	<i>k^hrap- u- ŋas-i-m-k-e</i>	<i>k^hrap- u- ŋas-i-m-ka- koθio</i>
2SG	<i>ʈa-k^hrap- u- ŋas-e</i>	<i>ʈa-k^hrap- u- ŋasa- koθio</i>
2DU	<i>ʈa-k^hrap- u- ŋasa-c-e</i>	<i>ʈa-k^hrap- u- ŋasa-c-i- koθio</i>
2PL	<i>ʈa-k^hrap- u- ŋas-i-m-e</i>	<i>ʈa-k^hrap- u- ŋas-i-m- koθio</i>
3SG	<i>k^hrap-u- ŋas-e</i>	<i>k^hrap-u- ŋasa- koθio</i>
3DU	<i>k^hrapa-ŋasa-c-e</i>	<i>k^hrapa-ŋasa-c-i- koθio</i>
3PL	<i>mi-k^hrap-e- ŋas-e</i>	<i>mi-k^hrapa- ŋasa- koθio</i>

APPENDIX-III

Transitive Verbs

a. The verbal paradigm of transitive verb /cəimha/ 'to beat' related to tense

Pronoun	NPST	PST
1SG→2SG	<i>cəinhe</i>	<i>cəinha</i>
1SG→2DU	<i>cəinhace</i>	<i>cəinhaci</i>
1SG→2PL	<i>cəinhance</i>	<i>cəinhaci</i>
1SG→3SG	<i>cəid^həĩ</i>	<i>cəid^huŋ(a)</i>
1SG→3DU	<i>cəid^həĩcəĩ</i>	<i>cəid^huncuŋ(a)</i>
1SG→3PL	<i>cəid^həĩcəĩ</i>	<i>cəid^hucuŋ(a)</i>
1DU.INCL→2/3	<i>cəid^həĩcəĩ</i>	<i>cəid^haci</i>
1DU.EXCL→2/3	<i>cəid^hacke</i>	<i>cəid^hacka</i>
1PL. INCL→2/3	<i>cəid^himne</i>	<i>cəid^hum</i>
1PL. EXCL→2/3	<i>cəid^humke</i>	<i>cəid^humke</i>
2SG→3SG	<i>ʔacəid^he</i>	<i>ʔacəid^hi</i>
2SG →3DU	<i>ʔacid^hace</i>	<i>ʔacəid^haci</i>
2SG→3PL	<i>ʔacəid^hace</i>	<i>ʔacəid^haci</i>
2DU→3	<i>ʔacəid^hace</i>	<i>ʔacəid^haci</i>
2PL→3	<i>ʔacəid^himne</i>	<i>ʔacəid^him</i>
3SG→3SG	<i>cəid^he</i>	<i>cəid^hi</i>
3SG→3DU	<i>cəid^hice</i>	<i>cəid^hici</i>
3DU→3SG	<i>pacəid^hace</i>	<i>pacəid^haci</i>
3DU→3DU	<i>pacəid^hace</i>	<i>pacəid^haci</i>
3SG→3PL	<i>cid^hice</i>	<i>cəid^hici</i>
3DL→3PL	<i>pacəid^hace</i>	<i>pacəid^haci</i>
3PL→3SG	<i>pacəid^he</i>	<i>pacəid^ha</i>
3PL→3DU	<i>pacəid^he</i>	<i>pacəid^ha</i>
3PL→3PL	<i>pacəid^he</i>	<i>pacəid^ha</i>
2/3SG→1SG	<i>ʔacəid^həĩ</i>	<i>ʔacəid^huŋ(a)</i>
2/3DU→1SG	<i>ʔacəid^hucuŋ</i>	<i>ʔacəid^hucuŋ(a)</i>

2/3PL→1SG	<i>ʔacəiɖʰace</i>	<i>ʔacəiɖʰucun(a)</i>
3→IDU. INCL	<i>pacəiɖʰace</i>	<i>pacəiɖʰaci</i>
2/3 →1DU. EXCL	<i>pacəiɖʰacke</i>	<i>pacəiɖʰacka</i>
3→1PL. INCL	<i>pacəiɖʰine</i>	<i>pacəiɖʰi</i>
2/3→1PL.EXCL	<i>pacəiɖʰimke</i>	<i>pacəɖʰimka</i>
3→2SG	<i>ʔacəiɖʰe</i>	<i>ʔacəiɖʰa</i>
3→DU	<i>ʔacəiɖʰace</i>	<i>ʔacəiɖʰaci</i>
3→2PL	<i>ʔacəiɖʰine</i>	<i>ʔacəiɖʰi</i>