

# WAIMAHUI GLOSSARY

## A

**a nē** - that  
**aha** - thing  
**ahin** - tree  
**ahū** - fire  
**ahūtaʔi** - ash  
**ait** - reach; arrive  
**-aʔ** - causative suffix  
**āle** - you (sing.)  
**am-** - we (excl., verbal prefix)  
**-am** - our (excl. inalienable)  
**ama-** - father  
**anga** - south  
**aʔo** - I, me  
**aʔot** - or  
**alo** - get, take, catch  
**aso** - dog  
**-at** - our (incl., inalienable)  
**ayaʔ** - open

## B

**banʔ** - bank  
**belaho** - north  
**biar** - beer  
**bis** - can  
**buk** - book

## D

**dara** - earth  
**dēn** - among, between, than  
**dewēt** - hour, time  
**donam** - night  
**doroʔ** - play  
**dot** - time  
**dotni** - now

**dulon** - help, please  
**dumala** - understand  
**durot** - stay

## E

**ē** - he, she, her, him, it  
**etlo** - three  
**etlōr** - egg

## F

**futbol** - football

## H

**haʔān** - eat, food  
**hahū** - pig  
**hai** - house  
**haiʔān** - restaurant  
**hain** - place  
**hāʔet** - unite  
**hāʔetē** - union  
**hal** - come back; back  
**halet** - think  
**halir** - build  
**halira** - speak, talk  
**hamai** - bring  
**hanāʔ** - do, make  
**hanis** - hot  
**hanū** - land, country, state  
**harēn** - same, as  
**hasaʔ** - buy  
**hāt** - four  
**hato** - stone  
**hatomas** - gold  
**he** - at, in

**he ini** - here  
**he lama** - inside  
**he nē** - there  
**he rata** - above  
**he saʔ** - over  
**heta-** - sister (man speaking)  
**hē-** - nominalization prefix  
**hei** - if  
**heʔa** - send  
**helo** - friend  
**heloʔ** - not yet  
**hena** - city  
**her** - give  
**heras** - rice  
**hero** - new  
**hila** - how many, how much  
**hinūs** - possum  
**hito** - seven  
**hituʔin** - star  
**hō** - to  
**hōdi** - banana  
**hūeʔ** - fruit  
**hūeʔ nur** - coconut  
**huʔ-** - hair  
**huʔar** - mountain  
**hulie** - heaven  
**huna** - flower  
**hūna** - woman  
**hut(isā)** - ten  
**hutlū** - twenty  
**hut resin etlo** - thirteen  
**hut resin isā** - eleven  
**hut resin lū** - twelve

## I

**-i** - indirect trans. suffix  
**iʔa** - fish  
**im-** - you (plur., verbal prefix)  
**imno** - drink  
**imo** - grandparent, ancestor, master  
**ina-** - mother  
**ini** - this  
**-im** - your (pl., inalienable)  
**isā** - one

**is(i)-** - meat, flesh  
**ita** - see  
**iwat** - need

## ʔ

**ʔadit** - rain  
**ʔai-** - foot  
**ʔaʔ-** - elder sibling, same sex  
**ʔam** - we,us (excl.)  
**ʔam(o)-** - belly  
**ʔas** - far  
**-ʔē** - verb to noun suffix  
**ʔe-** - adj. to noun prefix  
**ʔedot-** - heart  
**ʔēla** - very  
**ʔen** - earth (soil), sand  
**ʔim** - you (pl.)  
**ʔita** - we,us (incl.)  
**ʔitōn** - under, below  
**ʔolit-** - skin  
**ʔuliʔ** - life, live  
**ʔul(o)-** - head

## K

**kar** - car  
**kuban** - money

## L

**la** - through  
**lāhū** - cow  
**lamai** - light (n.)  
**lani** - near  
**lanit** - sky  
**lanitaʔi** - cloud  
**laʔo-** - leaf  
**lar-** - blood  
**lalāt** - follow  
**lēʔ** - other  
**len** - conceive, create

**lera** - day, sun  
**lerahodyen** - west  
**lerasa?** - east  
**lima** - five  
**lima-** - hand  
**lini** - air, wind  
**liot** - more  
**lir** - stand  
**lira-** - language, voice  
**lor** - sea  
**lowar** - out  
**lū** - two  
**luli?** - holy, sacred  
**luro** - begin

## M

**m-** - you (sing., verbal prefix)  
**ma** - and  
**ma?** - that, which (rel pron.)  
**ma?ā** - child  
**ma?ā, tji** - small  
**ma?i** - come  
**mada?** - much  
**mada?** - many  
**maetlo** - third  
**mahā?** - close  
**mahi?im** - thank you  
**mahōi** - white  
**mai?or** - last  
**ma?ulo** - first  
**mala** - want  
**malo?** - before  
**malō** - chicken, fowl  
**malū** - second  
**malūt** - cold  
**mana** - road, walk, go  
**mani** - also  
**mano?** - bird  
**maotoi** - green  
**marwan** - man  
**masāt** - bad  
**masuno** - good, well  
**mat** - die, death  
**mata-** - eye

**mātam** - black  
**matu?a** - old  
**matōi** - true  
**mēn-** - agent prefix  
**mera?** - red  
**mere** - by  
**mesa** - table  
**mir** - your (pl., alienable)  
**mō** - they, them  
**mono?** - all  
**motne** - bandicoot, marsupial rat  
**-mu** - your (sing., inalienable)  
**mu** - your (sing., aliable)  
**mudi** - for, in order to  
**mudi sahā** - why  
**mumana** - put

## N

**-n** - her, his, its (inalienable)  
**n-** - he, she, it (verbal prefix)  
**nadya** - tribe  
**nā?an** - year  
**nahesē** - full  
**nala-** - name  
**nam** - our (excl. alienable)  
**nara-** - brother (woman speaking)  
**nēm** - six  
**nēma** - but  
**ni** - her, his, its (alienable)  
**nih-** - tooth  
**niha** - snake  
**nihi** - dream (v.)  
**nīt** - our (incl., alienable)  
**-nir** - their (inalienable)  
**nir** - their (alienable)  
**no** - with  
**not** - strong, right side  
**nōtē** - strength, magic  
**nu** - my (alienable)  
**-nu** - my (inalienable)  
**nūa** - how  
**nusa** - island

## O

**oi** - from (with verbal prefix)  
**oitji** - moon  
**Oitjinaʔi** - God  
**ona** - perfect tense  
**osot** - forest

## P

**pan** - bread

## R

**r-** - they (verbal prefix)  
**rahia** - sago  
**rahit** - cloth  
**rai** - king  
**raideʔē** - kingdom  
**raʔo** - boat  
**rato(isā)** - hundred  
**rērē** - big  
**rihon(isā)** - thousand  
**rina** - weak, left side  
**ripabeliʔ** - republic  
**rwan** - dark

## S

**sa** - village  
**sadi-** - side  
**sāi** - go out  
**sahā** - what  
**sahā dot** - when  
**sahā hain** - where  
**sahā sē** - who  
**sala** - error  
**sida** - some  
**sihai** - end  
**siwa** - nine  
**smwan** - spirit

**sō** - breas, suck  
**soaʔ** - throw  
**sōen** - witch  
**suno** - yes  
**suri-** - bone  
**susowāi-** - milk

## T

**t-** - we (incl., verbal prefix)  
**tahē** - hello  
**tamla** - people  
**tamot** - person  
**tano** - field  
**tanwaʔ** - work  
**teʔ** - no, not  
**tikit** - ticket  
**tilina-** - ear  
**tjewai** - know  
**tjinta** - love (v.)  
**tuʔa** - lord  
**tulis** - write  
**tulor** - sleep  
**tumoi** - lake  
**tūr** - word  
**turon** - go down

## U

**uʔ-** - I (verbal prefix)  
**uma tamo** - hotel

## W

**wā** - say  
**wadō** - lizard  
**wahaye** - forum  
**waholaŋi** - airplane  
**wai** - river  
**wāi** - water  
**wala** - be  
**wali** - room

**wali-** - younger sibling, same sex  
**walo** - eight  
**war** - like (v.)

**wata** - read  
**wantaʔo** - take  
**winyo** - wine

# BASIC GRAMMAR

## Word Order

The word order in the phrases is SVO. Adjectives are postponed to nouns and adverbs (and tense markers) to verbs. Possessors antecede possessed words in the so-called inverse order. Possessed words are divided in inalienable (parts of the body, inherent relationship, kinship, name, etc.) and alienable (ownership, non-consanguineal and alienable kinship, etc.). Numerals come after the nouns. The negation word *teʔ* precedes the verbs.

## Verbal Prefixes

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| 1s (ao)   | uʔ-        |
| 2s (āle)  | m- or mw-  |
| 3s (ē)    | n- or ny-  |
| 1pe (ʔam) | am-        |
| 1pi (ʔit) | t-         |
| 2p (ʔim)  | mi- or my- |
| 3p (mō)   | r-         |

## Possessive affixes

|           | Inalienable | Alienable |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1s (ao)   | -nu         | nu        |
| 2s (āle)  | -mu         | ʔomo      |
| 3s (ē)    | -n(e)       | ni        |
| 1pe (ʔam) | -am         | nam       |
| 1pi (ʔit) | -at         | nit       |
| 2p (ʔim)  | -im         | mir       |
| 3p (mō)   | -nir        | nir       |