

Lesson 1 Personal pronouns - the copula (isejala ra mániketasoina – dakstetasoina)

§1 Kazujisha personal pronouns have many different forms, depending on dialect and occasion. Standard language has two forms for each pronoun, long and short. The long is rarely used outside written language, except for adding emphasis.

mijala –me	I	mijalaja – mej, meja	we
sujala –su	you	sujalaja – suja	you
tajala – ta	he/she	tajalaja – taja	they
zhijala – zhi	she	zhijalaja – zhija	they (fem)
bajala – ba	he	bajalaja – baja	they (masc)
sejala – se	it	sejalaja – seja	they (non-ani)

§2 Kazujisha does not use the second person plural (**sujalaja**) when formally addressing someone, as opposed to many European languages.

§3 Verbs do not inflect in Kazujisha. This means, that there is only one form of every verb you will encounter, the *present tense* (equal to the English plain present and *to be* + participle) How to form other tenses is discussed later on.

§4 Kazujisha uses a word order similar to the English, subject-verb-object.

§5 The word for to be (am, are, is) is **daks** in all persons but the first person singular, which uses **vaks**.

mijala vaks	I am	mijalaja daks	we are
sujala daks	you are	sujalaja daks	you are
tajala daks	(s)he is	tajalaja daks	they are

§6 **Vaks** and **daks** are often shorted to **va** and **da**, especially in spoken language.

§7 All other verbs remain the same in all persons.

mijala raku	I write	mijalaja raku	we write
sujala raku	you write	sujalaja raku	you write
tajala raku	(s)he writes	tajalaja raku	they write

§8 Kazujisha does not use articles (a, an; the). How to form the definite of nouns, see §11.

Text

Mijala vaks Kazujishamá ja unustakas Kazujisha. Me raku. Su jusupa. Tajala rãe Engleka. Tajala unustakas Englekasha – ta da Englekamá. Tahtu da kudu. Kudu da katsume. Mijalaja daks tjalme. Bajala turera, ja rãe. Su kaeste Kazujisha ja meja kaesti.

Sujala rãe ja ta nãei. Meja da tahlm. Meja da kaestemá, ja zhijala da kaestimá. Zhijala rãe. Meja jusupa ja kaeste. Kitaja da!

Wordlist

Engleka	English language
Engleskamá	English person
Englekasha	England
ja	and
jusupa	to read
katsume	green
kaeste	to study; to learn
kaesti	to teach
Kazujisha	Kazujisha nation
Kazujisha	Kazujisha language
Kazujishamá	Kazujisha person
kitaja	good, great
kudu	a house
nāei	to see, to look
raku	to write
rāe	to speak
tahlm	here
tahtu	there
tjalme	nice, friendly
turera	to come
unustakas	to live (in)

Exercise

1. Translate the following into Kazujisha. Mix long and short forms of pronouns and the copula.

I am. You come. He is English, and he speaks Kazujisha. She studies Kazujisha, and he teaches. It is green. The house is there. We are here, and we live in Kazujisha. He is good. I read, and she speaks. It sees.

Phrases

Where are you from? Introducing yourself

Eshala!	Hi!
Irash'ha!	Welcome!
Itta sujala-ra kirnjo daks?	What is your name?
Ittan seale sujala daks?	How old are you?
Vorde itta sujala daks?	Where are you from?
Mijala-ra kirnjo daks ...	My name is ...
Mijala vaks ... seale.	I am ... years old.
Mijala vaks vorde ...	I am from ...
Teh sujala rāe ...?	Do you speak ...?
Kudamejii itte.	Please.
Kudamejii.	Thanks.
Neshala!	Good bye!
Kitaja jaju sipetasu.	Have a nice day.

Exercise answers

1. Mijala vaks. Sujala turera. Bajala daks Engleka, ja bajala rãe Kazujisha. Zhijala kaeste Kazujisha, ja bajala kaesti. Sejala daks katsume. Kudu daks tahtu. Mijalaja daks tahlm, ja mijalaja unustakas Kazujisha. Bajala daks kitaja. Mijala jusupa, ja tajala rãe. Sejala nãei.