

## Mmebemusoro Ahiri Okwu Mkpata n'Ezaa-Igbo

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### Umi

*Nchocha a tuchara ahiri okwu mkpatara n'olu Ezaa-Igbo ikowaputa mmebemusoro ha o kachasi etu o si metuta mkpuru okwu na mgbakwunye niile na-enye udi ahiri okwu a echiche. A choputara na ahiri okwu mkpatara niile na-enwe nkebi ahiri okwu abuo: nkebi ahiri nnozo onwe na nkebi ahiri ndabe kenkwuwa mkpatara. O na-enwekwa ngwaa mkpatara. Anaghi eji ngwaa enwennara ewube ahiri okwu mkpatara kama o bu ngwaa mmennara ndi na-aranye, aghonye, edunye ma o bu amanye mmadu ime ihe ma site etu ahụ dọtara onwe ya nnara n'ahiri okwu ka e ji ewube ahiri okwu mkpatara. O bu nke a mere ngwaa mkpatara niile n'olu Ezaa ji buru ngwaa mmennara. Ahiri okwu mkpatara na-aputa ihe n'udi ahiri okwu nrumoru na/ma o bu ahiri okwu mmenannara. Ngwaa mkpatara ndi a na-ahuta n'ahiri okwu ndi a na-akpa agwa ka ngwaa Ezaa-Igbo ndi ozọ n'ahiri nrumoru nkwe mana n'ahiri nrumoru nju, ngwaa ahụ na-adotara onwe ya mgbakwunye ngarube nju ta + isi ngwaa + du mana o buru ahiri mmenannara nju, mgbakwunye ngarube nju ya na-agbanwe puta ihe n'udi Nganihu +Nganihu nju +Isi ngwaa + Nsonazu nju. O buru na e mee nnara isi ububo n'ahiri okwu mkpatara, be (ka) na-ejiko ya na okwu ndi ozọ di na nkebi ahiri nnozo onwe ahụ tupu nkebi ahiri ndabe ya a na-esochi.*

**Okpurukpu okwu:** ahiri okwu, mkpatara, mmennara, mmenannara, ngwaa, nrumoru

## **Abstract**

*This paper investigated the morphosyntactic structure of causative sentences of Eḗzaa (Ezza) dialect of the Igbo language. It analyzed and accounted for words and morphemes that constitute the Eḗzaa causative sentences. The Eḗzaa causative sentence contains a causative verb; it is a complex sentence which consists of an independent clause and an adverbial clause of reason. Intransitive verbs are not causative in Eḗzaa but some transitive verbs are. The causative verbs encourage, allow, force, permit, make or require one to perform an action that takes an object in a sentence. Hence, all causative verbs in Eḗzaa are transitive and they appear in both active and passive sentences. In active sentences, Eḗzaa causative verbs can appear in affirmative or negative forms. While the affirmative form functions like any other verb form, the negative form attracts both a prefix *ta* and a suffix *du* in this form: *ta* + verb root + *du*. In a passive sentence, the verb takes the form: prefix + negative prefix + verb root + negative suffix. When the object is topicalised, a conjunction *be* is used to connect it with other words in the independent clause in which it appears before the dependent clause that succeeds it.*

**Keywords:** sentence, causative, transitive, passive, verb, active

### **1.0 Mkpḗlite**

E meela ḡtḡtḡ nchḡcha banyere ahḡrḡ okwu na ngalaba ya n'asḡsḡ Igbo nakwa n'asḡsḡ mba ḡwa ndḡ ḡzḡ. Ḳfḡdḡ n'ime ha bḡ banyere ahḡrḡ okwu nkwe na nke nḡ; nke nkwasra, aḡḡḡ dgz. Mana e nwebeghi nchḡcha e merela pḡtara ihe banyere ahḡrḡ okwu mkpatara n'Eḗzaa-Igbo. Ka ḡ dḡ, ahḡrḡ okwu mkpatara niile na-enwe ngwaa mkpatara. Mbunuche nchḡcha a bḡ izipḡta mmebemusoro ahḡrḡ okwu mkpatara n'olu Eḗzaa-Igbo ḡ kachasḡ etu o si metḡta mkpḡrḡ okwu na mgbakwunye niile na-enye ḡdḡ ahḡrḡ okwu a echiche. Nwaoke, Nweze na Nwode (2019) sḡrḡ na 'a na-eji mmebemusoro akḡwa nkeji okwu ndḡ nwere mmetḡta nye mmebe okwu na usoro okwu' ndḡ nḡ n'otu ndḡkḡ. Ḳkafo na Ewelḡkwa (2012, ihu 98) kḡwara ahḡrḡ okwu dḡka 'mkpḡrḡ okwu ma ḡ bḡ mkpḡrḡ okwu ole na ole

a gakoꝛo ọnu n'usoro di mma nke nwere ngwaa na nghota zuru oke'. Nke a gosiri na ngwaa bu isi sekpu nti nye ahiri okwu o bu. Otu mkpuru okwu ngwaa nwere ike ikwuru naani onwe ya dika ahiri okwu ebe mkpuru okwu ole na ole na-enweghi ngwaa apughi ibu ahiri okwu ma o bu nwee echiche zuru oke. Ngwaa bu nkeji asusu nke na-eziputa emereme ma o bu onodu ome n'ahiri okwu. O bu ya bu isi sekpu nti nye ahiri okwu o bu n'hi na e wepu ngwaa, ahiri okwu agaghi enwe echiche zuru oke. Dika otu n'ime nkeji asusu Igbo, ngwaa na-eme ka ahiri okwu nwee nghota zuru oke site n'iziputa emereme ahiri okwu ga ma o bu ihe isi ahiri mere. O bu ya mere Umeodinka, Ugochukwu, Ogwudile na Ilechukwu (2019) ji kwaa ngwaa di ka 'mkpuru okwu na-gwa anyi ihe mere ma o bu ihe e mere n'ahiri okwu.'

Nchocha banyere ahiri okwu mkpatara bu nke na-adabere nke ukwu n'ebe ngwaa mkpatara no. Shakhlo na Usmonova (2022) dere na nkeji ngwaa mkpatara bu otu n'ime nkeji ngwaa kachasi mkpa n'hi na o na-eleba anya na mkpatara na mmetuta so ya; nchocha banyere ngalaba amumamu a na-agbadokari ukwu n'echiche okwu. Beaumont na Colin (1992) siri na mgbe o bu a na-ekwu banyere mkpatara, na a na-ekwu banyere emereme ihe n'hi na o na-agbado ukwu n'ime mmadu ma o bu ihe ozo ka o mee ihe a turu anya. Azar (2002) n'aka nke ya siri na tupu a si na ahiri okwu o bu bu ahiri okwu mkpatara, na o ga-enwe ngwaa mkpatara nke na-eziputa ihe mere otu ihe ma o bu ihe ndi ozo ji mee ihe di an aa. Hurford (2007) dere na ngwaa mkpatara bu alaka ngwaa nke na-eleba anya n'he kpatara ihe ji mee. N'otu aka ah, Pyle na Page (2002) siri na tupu e nwee ahiri okwu mkpatara (nke ngwaa mkpatara ga-adiriri n'ime ya) na a ga-enweriri onye mbu nke ga-eme ka onye nke abuo mee ihe. Na nkwardo nke a, Ba'dulu (2009) dere na Ali kwara ngwaa mkpatara di ka ngwa nke e ji eziputa na e mere ka mmadu mee ihe di an aa site n'ikwu ya ugwo, ariri, achum oke/anyim ma o bu mmanye. N'aka nke ozo, Ambridge, Noble na Lieven (2014) dere na o bu ngwaa mmennara na-arukari oru ngwaa mkpatara n'ahiri okwu; ufodu oge, e nwere ike iji ngwaa enwennara ziputa mkpatara mana ahiri okwu ndi di etu ah anaghi adizi adizi n'hi na ha anaghi enwe nrube isi nye iwu mwube usoro okwu asusu.

Mbah na Mbah (2014) n'aka nke ọzọ kwuru na a bịa n'asụsụ Bekee, 'ngwaa nwere ike ghara inwe nnara ma mebeta ahịrị okwu dị mma ma nwee echiche dị ka' ọ dị na (1) ebe 'ngwaa ndị ọzọ ga-enweriri nnara iji meputa ahịrị dīziri adīzi' dị ka ọ dị na (2).

1. a. Bill laughs –Bill na-achị ọchị  
b. Robert coughs –Robert na-akwa ụkwara  
c. Jones danced –Jones gbara egwu
2. a. O'Neil killed a goat – O'Neil gburu ewu  
b. Barak saw Bill Gates – Barak hụrụ Bill Gates  
ch. James loves John – James hụrụ John n'anya

Mbah na Mbah (2014) siri na ụfọdụ ahịrị okwu Bekee na-enweghi nnara nwere ike inwe echiche dīziri adīzi, mana ọ dị mkpa na a ghọtara na ahịrị okwu ndị dị na (3) agaghị enwe echiche zuru oke naanị ma a gbakwunyere ha nnara. Ha kwukwara na a bịa n'asụsụ Igbo, 'ngwaa ọ bụla na-enweriri nnara tupu ahịrị okwu adīzie adīzi'. Ha siri na ụfọdụ oge, nnara ndị ahụ nwere ike izo ezo dị ka ọ dị na (4) ma nwekwa ike iputa ihe dị ka ọ dị na (5).

3. a. \* O'Neil killed  
b. \*Barak saw  
ch. \*James loves
4. a. Okoeke bịara  
b. Ada zara  
ch. Ede kwere
5. a. Okoeke bịara ebe a  
b. Ada zara oku  
ch. Ede kwere ekwe

Nke a so kpalite mmụọ ndị nchọcha itụcha ahịrị okwu mkpatara n'olu Ezaa-Igbo itule ma gosiputakwa mkpuru okwu na mgbakwunye ndị na-aputa ihe na mmebemusoro ndokọ okwu Ezaa-Igbo.

## **2.0 Usoro Nchocha**

Nchocha a bu nke ndizima; o diiri ndi nchocha mfe isi n'olu ndi a sere ma tuchaa njatule e ji mee nchocha a n'ih na onye nke mbu na ndi mere nchocha a bu nwa afọ Ezaa-Igbo ma burukwa onye mara olu ndi ahụ nke oma.

## **3.0 Mmebe na Usoro Okwu Ahiri Okwu Mkpata n'olu Ezaa-Igbo**

Nkwa di iche iche e nyerela banyere ahiri okwu mkpatara na-egosi na echiche ya na-adabere nke ukwu na ngwaa mkpatara e ji ewube ahiri okwu. Ngwaa mkpatara n'aka nke ya bu udi ngwaa e ji aranye, aghonye, edunye ma o bu amanye mmadu ka o mee ihe. O bu nke a mere mgbe ngwaa Igbo na-arụ orụ mkpatara n'ahiri okwu, o ga-enweriri ngwaa ozo ga-aputa ihe n'ahiri okwu ahụ iziputa emereme ihe ngwaa mkpatara ahụ dunyere ka e mee. O bu emereme ahụ na-eme ka e nwee nkebi ahiri okwu abuo n'ahiri okwu mkpatara o bu n'ih na ngwaa mkpatara nke na-anọ n'otu nkebi ahiri okwu ahụ na-akpalite ngwaa ozo iputa na nkebi ahiri okwu nke abuo mee ka ndoko okwu ahụ buru ahiri okwu ukwu ma o bu nha.

Ngwaa mkpatara bu isi sekpu nti nye ahiri mkpatara o bu. Ahiri okwu mkpatara n'aka nke ozo nwere ike ibu ahiri okwu nrumoru ma o bu ahiri okwu mmenannara. Ugbo a anyi ga-eleba anya na mmebemusoro ahiri okwu mkpatara nke nrumoru na nke mmenannara.

## **3.1 Mmebemusoro Ahiri Okwu Mkpata nke rumeru**

Ahiri okwu nrumoru bu udi ahiri okwu nke ome na-anọ n'onodu isi ahiri. Oji (2006) siri na o bu ome kwesiri ino n'isi ahiri okwu o bu n'ih na o bu ome na-abu okwu a kpu n'onu nke mere o ji abu isi ahiri okwu. O gara n'ihu kwuo na mgbe ome no n'onodu ahụ kwesiri ya (onodu isi ahiri), a na-akpo ahiri okwu ahụ ahiri nrumoru mana o buru na o hapuru onodu ya jee nodu na nkeji ngwaa ma o bu n'onodu nnara, a ga-akpo ahiri okwu ahụ ahiri mmenannara. Ya mere ahiri okwu mkpatara nke nrumoru ji buru ahiri okwu mkpatara nke ome no n'onodu isi ahiri okwu ma nwekwa ike ime mmadu ma o bu ihe ozo ka o mee ihe ma o bu kpa agwa di an aa.

Tupu a sị na ahiri okwu nrumoru o buła bu ahiri okwu mkpatara (nke nrumoru), o kwesiri ka ngwaa di n'ahiri okwu ahụ buru nke ga-akpalite mwube nkebi ahiri nnozo onwe (ahiri okwu mfe) nkwe maka na o buru na ihe o kpalitere bu ahiri nju, ihe o putara bu na ngwaa ahụ abughị ngwaa mkpatara maka na nju na-eziputa na o nweghi ihe ngwaa kpalitere nke e ji enwe ihe e mere. Mana nkebi ahiri nke ngwaa mkpatara n'onwe ya no n'ime ya nwere ike ibu nkebi ahiri nju mana nke emereme so ya na-abu nkebi ahiri nkwe. Maka ya, ihe niile anyi ga-atule n'amumamu mmebe na usoro okwu ngwaa mkpatara ga-agbado ukwu n'ahiri nkwe na nju ndi na-akpalite oru ngwaa ndi ozo n'ahiri okwu.

6. Óbìómá rírù Ñkèchí ètútùrì ó chĩa óchì  
Óbìómá rí-rù Ñkèchí ètútùrì ó chì-á óchì  
Mkp Ingw-Nsz Mkp Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz Mkp  
Óbìómá kpàtùrù Ñkèchí áká mkpàtírírìrì ó chĩa óchì  
{Obioma tickled Nkechi and she (Nkechi) laughed}

7. Óbìínnà tánudù Àmàrà ñrì ó rìàshìá èkwā  
Óbìínnà tá-nu-dù Àmàrà ñrì ó rìà-shìá èkwā  
Mkp NgJ-Ingw-NzJ Mkp Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz Mkp  
Óbìínnà ènyéghì Àmàrà ñrì ò béwé ákwā  
{Obinna did not give Amara food and she (Amara) cried}

8. Hwé hàrù únwùègírímà ònó èhù hwé láshìá l'ífwi  
Hwé hà-rù únwùègírímà ònó èhù hwé lá-shìá lè-ífwi  
Nno Ingw-Nsz Mkp Nru Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz Mbz-Mkp  
Há hápurù ùmùákà áhù (aka) há l'áá n'íyì  
{They did not raise the children properly and they (the children) became prodigals}

9. Ó kpòrù óshí ònó òkù l'úpfü ó dàá  
Ó kpò-rù óshí ònó òkù le-úpfü ó dà-á  
Nno Ingw-Nsz Mkp Nru Mkp Mbz-Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz  
Ó kpòrò ósísí áhù òkù n' úkwù ó dàá  
{He made fire at the stump of the tree and it fell}

10. Íké vbùrù Nwékumà ó dàá  
Íké vbù-rù Nwékumà ó dà-á  
Mkp Ingw-Nsz Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz  
Íké gwurù Nwékumà ó dàá

{Nwekuma became tired and slumped }

11. Nwá nkutā nyirū ehū Àli chíá yā ọsọ

Nwá nkutā nyi-rū ehū Àli chí-á yā ọsọ

Mkp Mkp Ingw-Nsz Mkp Mkp Ingw-Nsz Nno Mkp

Nwá nkítā nyurū áhū Àli chúọ yā ọsọ

{The dog farted and Ali chased it away }

12. Ọ ñ urū nwàèpfjā ọbvū bíá yá

Ọ ñ ù-rū nwàèpfjā ọbvū bíá -Ø yá

Nno Ingw-Nsz Mkp Mkp Ingw(-Nsz) Nno

Ó sèrè ìgbó árá puọ yá

{He smoked marijuana and went mad }

13. Úchènà kúrú m̀kp̀p̀r̀r̀ újúrū ò pfútá

Úchènà kù-rú m̀kp̀p̀r̀r̀ újúrū ò pfú-tá

Mkp Ingw-Nsz Mkp Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz

Úchènà kúrú m̀kp̀p̀r̀r̀ òròmá ò púò

{Uchenna planted a seed of an orange and it germinated }

14. Ọkèchúpfú ghàrú m̀kp̀p̀r̀r̀ èrèshì hwé fúá

Ọkèchúpfú ghà-rú m̀kp̀p̀r̀r̀ èrèshì hwé fú-á

Mkp Ingw-Nsz Mkp Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz

Ọkèchúkwú ghàrà m̀kp̀p̀r̀r̀ ọsìkàpà hà púò

{Okechukwu spread seeds of rice and they germinated }

15. Néné m̄ mérú m̄ yéèrù Ñnàjì ẹká l'àlì

Néné m̄ mé-rú m̄ yé-è-rù Ñnàjì ẹká lè-àlì

Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz Nno Ingw-Nsz-Nsz Mkp Mkp Mbz- Mkp

Ñné m̄ mèrè m̄ jì rìọ Ñnàjì

{My mother made me apologize to Nnaji }

16. ́Ndú íbè hwé hàrú yà ò chíá fádá

́Ndú íbè hwé hà-rú yà ò chí-á fádá

Nno Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz Nno Nno Ingw-Nsz Mkp

́Ndí bè hà háp̀r̀r̀ yà ò chíé ̀k̀ch̀k̀ẁ

{His family allowed him to become a priest }

17. Ọ rìọbútàrú nwúnē yá ò débā yá l'̀l̀ọ̀ ẹkwọ

Ọ rìọ-bútà-rú nwúnē yá ò dé-bā yá lè-̀l̀ọ̀ ẹkwọ

Nno Ingw-Nsz-Nsz Mkp Nno Nno Ingw-Nsz Nno Mbz-Mkp Mkp

Ọ rìọrọ nwánnè yá ò (kwéré) débā yá n' ̀l̀ọ̀ ákwúkwo.

{He begged his brother who registered him in school }

18. Úchè tábútàrú ánú Chínwè ọ rìàshíá ẹkwā

Úchè tá-bútà-rù ányú Chínwè ó rìà-shíá ékwā  
Mkp Ingw-Nsz-Nsz Mkp Mkp Nnọ Ingw-Nsz Mkp  
Úchè tabiri ányú Chínwè ò béwé ákwā  
{Uche bit a lump of meat that belongs to Chinwe and she (Chinwe) cried}  
19. Úzá láàrù yá l'ényá ó rìàshíá ékwā  
Úzá láà-rù yà l'ényá ó rìà-shíá ékwā  
Mkp Ingw-Nsz- Nnọ Mbz Mkp Nnọ Ingw-Nsz Mkp  
Ósè bàrà yá n'ányā ò béwé ákwā  
{Pepper (particles) got into his eye and he cried}

Ahírì okwu mkpatara niile dī na 6 – 19 pùtachara ihe ka ahírì nha n'agbanyeghi na nkebi ahírì abụọ ndị mejupụtara ha nwere nkebi ahírì nnọọ onwe na nke ndabe ya. Ngwaa mkpatara ndị pụtara ihe na ha gụnyere *riru*, *tanụdu*, *haru*, *kpọru*, *vburu*, *nyiru*, *n uru*, *куру*, *gharu*, *meru*, *haru*, *riọbutaru*, *tabutaru*, na *laru*. Otụtụ n'ime ha bụ ngwaa mfe ebe *riọbutaru* na *tabutaru* nke 17 na 18 bụ ngwaa ukwu. Ka ọ dī, *tanụdu* nke atụ 7 bụkwa ngwaa mfe mana o nwere mgbakwunye ngarube nju: nganihu *ta* na nsonazụ *du*. Ndị ọzọ dọtara nsonazụ mgbatị *-rU* (*-r* ụdaume na-esochi). Nkebi ahírì nnọọ onwe nke ọ bụla n'ime ha bụ nke ngwaa mkpatara nọ n'ime ya ebe nke ndabe ya bụ nke ngwaa ọzọ ngwaa mkpatara ahụ kpọlitere nọ n'ime ya.

Ya mere ngwaa mkpatara *riru* kpọlite emerem ngwaa *chia*, *tanụdu* kpatara *rashia*, *kpọru* kpatara *daa*, *vburu* kpatara *daa*, *nyiru* kpatara *chia*, *n uru* kpatara *bia*, *куру* kpatara *pfuta*, *gharu* kpatara *fua* ebe *meru* kpatara *yeeu* n'otu n'otu na nke ọ bụla. N'otu aka ahụ, *haru* kpatara *chia*, *riọbutaru* kpatara *deba*, *tabutaru* kpatara *rashia* ebe *laru* kpatara *riashia*. Omụma atụ 6 – 19 na-egosikwa na ngwaa mkpatara niile bụ ngwaa mmennara n'ihì na e nwere onye ma ọ bụ ihe na-enweta ntarama ahụhụ ihe omee mere ma ọ bụ anata ihe omee nyefere enyefe; ma ha abụ ngwaa sitere n'isi ngwaa ukwu dī ka 17 na 18 ma ọ bụ nke ngwaa mfe dī ka ha dī n'ahírì okwu ndị ọzọ. Omụma atụ ndị ahụ gosikwara na mgbe ọ bụla ahírì okwu bụ ahírì okwu mkpatara, ahírì okwu ahụ na-abụkarị ahírì nkwasara nkwe ma bụrụkwa ahírì ukwu nke na-enwe nkebi ahírì okwu abụọ: nke nnọọ onwe na nke ndabe; nkebi



ahiri nnoro onwe na-ebu uzọ nke ndabe a na-esochi ya. Nkebi ahiri ndabe ahụ na-abụ nkebi ahiri nkwuwa kemkpatara. Ozo di ka ibe ya bu na ngwaa ndi di na nkebi ahiri o bu na-enwe isi ngwaa na nsonazu dika ha si putara n'ahiri okwu ndi niile a di na 6 – 19.

O buru na ahiri okwu e wubere bu ahiri mkpatara nju, ngwaa ahụ na-adotara onwe ya mgbakwunye ngarube nju *ta* + isi ngwaa + *du*. Ihe ozo putara ihe n'atu 6, 7, 8 na 9 bu na ha yiri ahiri okwu ndi nwere mgbagwo echiche n'ihia na o di ka a ga-asị na *o/hwe* di n'ahiri okwu ndi ahụ puru iruga aka nye omee ma o bu nnara n'ahiri okwu nnoro onwe nke ahiri okwu ndi ahụ. Mana onye o bu maara olu Ezaa ma o bu asusu Igbo nke oma kwesiri imata onye ma o bu ndi *o/hwe* ahụ na-arutu aka; ya mere ahiri okwu ndi ahụ enweghi mgbagwo echiche. Ya bu na onye chiri ochi na 6 bu *Nkechi* ebe onye bere akwa na 7 bu *Amara*.

Ka o di, o buru na a choo ka nkebi ahiri ndabe (*ya bu* nkebi ahiri nkwuwa kemkpatara) buru uzọ, usoro ewumewu ya ga-agbanwe n'ihia mbughari onodu mkpuru okwu na/ma o bu ogbara okwu ndi di n'ahiri okwu ndi ahụ nakwa mgbanwe ndi ozo na-aputa ihe ihu na ahiri okwu ndi ahụ nwere nrube isi nye iwu usoro okwu Igbo na ndanusoro ya ga. Nke a mere ahiri 6, 8, 9, 10, 12 na 13 ga-eji gbanwee ma nye anyi 20 – 25 di o di n'okpuru.

20. Ñkèchí chírù ochì màkà lẹ̀ Óbìómá rírù yá ètùtùrì  
Ñkèchí chí-rù ochì màkà lẹ̀ Óbìómá rí-rù yá ètùtùrì

Mkp Ingw-Nsz Mkp Nkw Mbz Mkp Ingw-Nsz Nno Mkp  
Ñkèchí chiri ochi maka na Obioma kpaturu ya aka mkpatiriri  
{Nkechi laughed because Obioma tickled her}

21. Ùnwùègírímà ònó láshìwáru l'ífwi màkà lẹ̀ hwé háru hwé èhù  
Ùnwùègírímà ònó lá-shì-wá-rù le-ifwi màkà lẹ̀ hwé há-rù hwé èhù

Mkp Nru Ingw-Nsz-Nsz-Nsz Mbz-Mkp Nkw Mbz Nno Ingw-Nsz Nno Mkp  
Umuaaka ahụ alachaala n'iyi maka na ha gbachiri ha nkiri  
{The children became prodigals because they were not properly raised}

22. Óshí ònó dàrù màkà lẹ̀ ọ̀ kpòrù yá ọ̀kù l'úpfi  
Óshí ònó dà-rù màkà lẹ̀ ọ̀ kpò-rù yá ọ̀kù lẹ̀-úpfi

Mkp Nru Ingw-Nsz Nkw Mbz Nno Ingw-Nsz Nno Mkp Mbz-Mkp  
Osisi ahụ dara maka na o kpore ya oku n'ukwu

{The tree fell because he made fire at its stump}

23. Nwékùmà dàrù màkà lẹ́ íké vbùrù yā

Nwékùmà da-rù màkà lẹ́ íké vbù-rù yā

Mkp Ingw-Nsz Nkw Mbz Mkp Ingw-Nsz Nnọ

Nwékùmà dárá màkà nà íké gwùrù yā

{Nwékùma slumped because he was tired}

24. Óbvù bíárù yá màkà lẹ́ ó □ùrù nwáèpfìà

Óbvù bíá-rù yá màkà lẹ́ ó □ù-rù nwáèpfìà

Mkp Ingw-Nsz Nnọ Nkw Mbz Nnọ Ingw-Nsz Mkp

Árá pùrù yá màkà nà ó sèrè ìgbó

{He ran mad because he smoked marijuana}

25. Ó chìrù fádá màkà lẹ́ ndù íbè hwé hàrù yà.

Ó chì-rù fádá màkà lẹ́ ndù íbè hwé hà-rù yà.

Nnọ Ingw-Nsz Mkp Nkw Mbz Nnọ Mkp Nnọ Ingw-Nsz Nnọ

Ó chìrì échíchí ùkọchúkwú màkà nà ndì bè hà hápùrù yá.

{He was ordained a priest because his family allowed him}

Nkọwasị e nyerela na 20 – 25 na-egosi na mgbe o bula e bughariri onodu ahiri nnoro onwe na nke ndabe n'ahiri okwu mkpatara, a na-enwe ahiri nha: ya bu ahiri mfe (nkebi ahiri nnoro onwe) abuo nke nkeji nkwiwa (*maka le/maka na*) jikoro onu. Nke a na-eme ka ahiri mkpatara nke bu ahiri nnoro onwe na mbu gbanwee buruzia nkebi ahiri nkwiwa kemkpatara maka mgbakwunyere nkwiwa (*maka le/maka na*) nke na-aru oru nziputa mkpatara na mwube nkebi ahiri ndabe n'ahiri okwu ahụ n'agbanyeghi na ewepu ya, nkebi ahiri nkwiwa kemkpatara ahụ puru ikwuru onwe ya dika ahiri mfe (nkebi ahiri nnoro onwe).

### 3.2 Mmembemusoro ahiri okwu mkpatara nke mmenannara

Ahiri mmenannara bu udi ahiri okwu a na-enweta mgbe nnara weere onodu ome n'isi ahiri. *Igbo Adi* nke Mbah na ndi otu ya (2013) kowara mmenannara dika 'usoro e ji eme ome nnara nakwa nnara ome n'uto asusu mgbanwe'. Ndi nchocha a mere nnara isi ububo, gbanweritakwa onodu nnara ekelèsù/nkwuoto na orite ma bugharja alaka ahiri okwu na 7, 11, na 14 ruo 19 iji wube ahiri mmenannara 26 -33 ndi anyi ga-atucha ugbo a.

26. Nri be Obinna ekweda inu Amara o rishia ekwa  
Nri be Obinna e-kwe-da i-nu Amara o rishia ekwa  
Mkp Njk Mkp NgJ-Ingw-NzJ Ngh-Ingw Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz Mkp  
Nri ka Obinna ekweghi enye Amara o be we akwa  
{It was food that Obinna denied Amara and she (Amara) began crying}
27. Ehu be nwa nkuta nyiru Ali chia ya oso  
Ehu be nwa nkuta nyi-ru Ali chi-a ya oso  
Mkp Njk Mkp Mkp Ingw-Nsz Mkp Ingw-Nsz Nno Mkp  
Ahu ka nwa nkuta nyiru Ali chuo ya oso  
{It was because the dog fatted that made Ali chase it away}
28. Mkpuru ereshi be Okechufu gha-ru hwe fu a  
Mkpuru ereshi be Okechufu gha-ru hwe fu-a  
Mkp Mkp Njk Mkp Ingw-Nsz Nno Ingw-Nsz  
Mkpuru osikapa ka Okechukwu ghara ha puo  
{It was rice seeds that Okechukwu spread and they germinated}
29. Eka l'ali be nene ni meru ni yeru Nnaji  
Eka le-ali be nene ni me-ru ni ye-ru Nnaji  
Mkp Mbz-Mkp Njk Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz Nno Ingw-Nsz Mkp  
Biko (aka n'ala) ka nne ni mere ni ri o Nnaji  
{It was an apology that my mother made me render to Nnaji}
30. Fada be ndu ibe hwe haru ya o chia  
Fada be ndu ibe hwe ha-ru ya o chi-a  
Mkp Njk Nno Mkp Nno Ingw-Nsz Nno Nno Ingw-Nsz  
Ukochukwu ka ndi be ha hapuru ya o chie  
{It was a priest that his family allowed him to become}
31. L'ulo ekwo be o rioruta ru nwune ya o deba ya  
Le-ulo ekwo be o rior-buta-ru nwune ya o de-ba ya  
Mbz-Mkp Mkp Njk Nno Ingw-Nsz-Nsz Mkp Nno Nno Ingw-Nsz Nno  
N'ulo akwukwo ka nwanne ya o rioro kwetara deba ya  
{It was in school that his brother whom he begged for assistance registered him}
32. Anu Chinwe be Uche tabutaru o rishia ekwa  
Anu Chinwe be Uche ta-butaru o rishia ekwa  
Mkp Mkp Njk Mkp Ingw-Nsz-Nsz Nno Ingw-Nsz Mkp  
Anu Chinwe ka Uche tabiri o be we akwa  
{It is Chinwe's lump of meat that Uche bit and she began to cry}
33. L'enyá be uzá láàrù yá o rishia ekwa  
Le-enyá be uzá láà-ru yá o rishia ekwa

Mbz-Mkp Njk Mkp Ingw-Nsz Nnọ Nnọ Ingw-Nsz Mkp

N'ányā ká ósè bàrà yá ò béwé ákwā

{It was in his eyes that pepper (particle) got into and he cried}

Ahịrị okwu mkpatara 26 – 33 ziputara na mgbe ọ bụla e ji ngwaa mkpatara wube ahịrị mmenannara, a na-eme mkpọaha na-arụ ọrụ nnara èkèlèsù/nkwuọtọ (na nkebi ahịrị nnọrọ onwe) isi ụbụbọ dị ka ọ dị na 26 – 30, na 32. Isi ahịrị okwu mkpatara nke mmenannara na-ejikwa nkebi okwu mbuzọ malite dị ka ọ dị na 31 na 33. Ọ bụrụ ahịrị nju dị ka 26, mgbakwunye ngarube nju (nganihu *ta* na nsonazụ *du* dị ka ọ dị na 7) na-agbanwe pụta ihe n'ụdị mgbakwunye ngarube nju (nganihu *a* na nsonazụ *da*). Ọzọ dị ka ibe ya bụ na olu ndị Ezaa nwere nsonazụ mfe na nke ukwu. Nsonazụ mfe ndị ahụ nwere otu nkeji okwu ebe nsonazụ ukwu nwere nkeji okwu abụọ.

Nsonazụ mfe na-enwe naanị otu nkeji okwu (*mgbochiume+udaume*); ọ pụtara ihe n'ụdị dị iche iche n'ahịrị niile a tucharala malite na 6 ruo na 33 mana naanị ebe nke ukwu – nke nwere nkeji okwu abụọ (*-buta-*) – pụtara ihe bụ na 17,18, 31 na 32. Nsonazụ ukwu *-buta* na-anọkarị n'etiti isi ngwaa na nsonazụ mgbatị *-rU*. Ọzọ dị ka ibe ya bụ na mgbe ọ bụla e mere nnara èkèlèsù/nkwuọtọ isi ụbụbọ n'ahịrị mkpatara, *be/ka* na-ejikọ isi ụbụbọ ahụ na okwu ndị ọzọ dị na nkebi ahịrị nnọrọ onwe ahụ tupu nkebi ahịrị ndabe ya a na-esochi.

### **Nchịkọta na mmechi**

Mbunuche nchọcha a bụ ikọwapụta mmebemusoro ahịrị okwu mkpatara n'olu Ezaa-Igbo ọ kachasị etu o si emetụta mkpụrụ okwu na mgbakwunye niile na-enye ụdị ahịrị okwu a echiche dizi adizi. Ndị nchọcha kọwaputara onọdụ na ọrụ mkpụrụ okwu, mgbakwunye na nkebi ahịrị ụfọdụ ọ kachasị ka ha si emetụta ndokọ ahịrị okwu mkpatara n'olu Ezaa. Nchọcha a ziputara na ahịrị okwu mkpatara na-abụkarị ahịrị nkwasara nkwe ma bụrụkwa ahịrị ukwu ma ọ bụ nha nke na-enwe nkebi ahịrị okwu abụọ: nke nnọrọ onwe na nke ndabe. Nkebi ahịrị ndabe ahụ na-abụ nkebi ahịrị nkwuwa kemkpatara.

Ọ bụrụ na a chọọ ka nkebi ahịrị ndabe (*ya bụ* nkebi ahịrị nkwuwa kemkpatara) buru ụzọ, usoro ewumewu ya ga-agbanwe n'ihi

mbughari onodu mkpuru okwu na/ma o bu ogbara okwu ndi di n'ahiri okwu ndi ahụ nakwa mgbanwe ndi ozo na-aputa ihe ihu na ahiri okwu ndi ahụ nwere nrube isi nye iwu usoro okwu Igbo na ndanusoro ya ga.

A choputakwara na ahiri okwu mkpatara niile na-enwe ngwaa mkpatara; mgbe ngwaa Igbo na-arụ orụ mkpatara n'ahiri okwu, o ga-enweriri ngwaa ozo ga-aputa ihe n'ahiri okwu ahụ iziputa emereme ihe ngwaa mkpatara ahụ dunyere ya ka e mee. O buru na ahiri okwu mkpatara bu ahiri nrumoru nkwe ngwaa ya na-ewere agwara ngwaa Ezaa-Igbo ndi ozo mana o buru nke nrumoru nju, ngwaa mkpatara di n'ime ya na-adotara onwe ya mgbakwunye ngarube nju *ta* + isi ngwaa + *du* mana o buru ahiri mmenannara nju, mgbakwunye ngarube nju ya nagbanwe puta ihe n'udi *Nganihu* + *Nganihu nju*+*Isi ngwaa* + *Nsonazu nju*. Nchocha a ziputara na olu Ezaa-Igbo nwere nsonazu mfe (ndi nwere otu nkeji okwu) na nsonazu ukwu (ndi nwere nkeji okwu abuo). Ozo bu na mgbe o bula e mere nnara isi ububo n'ahiri mkpatara, *be (ka)* na-ejiko isi ububo ahụ na okwu ndi ozo di n'ahiri mfe/ nkebi ahiri nnozo onwe ahụ tupu ahiri ndabe ya a na-esochi.

### **Nkwasi ndebirisi**

Ingw	Isi Ngwaa	(Verb root)
Mbz	Mbuuzo	(Preposition)
Mkp	Mkpoha	(Noun)
Ngh-	Nganihu	(Prefix)
NgJ	Nganihu nju	(Negative Prefix)
Ngw	Ngwaa	(Verb)
Nsz	Nsonazu	(Suffix)
Nko	Nkwa aha	(Adjective)
Nkw	Nkwuwa	(Adverb)
Nj	Njiko	(Conjunction)
Nno	Nnochiaha	(Pronoun)
NzJ	Nsonazu nju	(Negative Suffix)
Nru	Nruka	(Demonstrative)

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