

## Antipassives

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### West Greenlandic Inuttut (Eskimo) / Kalaallisut

Sadock, Jerrold. 2003. A grammar of Kalaallisut (West Greenlandic Inuttut). Lincom Europa: Munich.

- (1) a. Toquppaa. Sadock 2003  
toqut-Va-a  
*kill-IND[+trans]-3s/3s*  
'He/she/it killed him/her/it.'
- b. Toqutsivoq.  
toqut-si-Vu-q  
*kill-AP-IND[-trans]-3s*  
'He/she/it killed (something).'
- (2) a. Junna-p Anna kunip-p-a-a Bittner and Hale 1996:36  
Junna-ERG<sub>i</sub> Anna(ABS)<sub>j</sub> kiss-IND-[+trans]-3s<sub>i</sub>.3s<sub>j</sub>  
'Junna kissed Anna.'
- b. Junna (Anna-mik) kunis-si-v-u-q.  
Junna(ABS)<sub>i</sub> (Anna-INST) kiss-APASS-IND-[-trans]-3s<sub>i</sub>  
'Junna kisses/is kissing (Anna).'
- (3) a. Qimmit anussaat piareersarpai. Sadock 2003  
qimmi-t anussaat piariirsaq-Va-i  
*dog-DIR.3p future.harness.ABS.3p/p prepare-IND[+trans]-3s/3p*  
'He/she prepared the dogs' harnesses.'
- b. Qimmit anussaannik piareersaavoq.  
qimmi-t anussaq=annik piariirsaq-i=Vu-q  
*dog-DIR.3p future.harness=INST.3p/p prepare-AP=IND[-trans]-3s*  
'He/she prepared dog-harnesses / harnesses for (the) dogs'

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## Chamorro

Cooreman, Ann. 1988. The antipassive in Chamorro: variations on the theme of transitivity. In Masayoshi Shibatani (ed.), *Passive and voice*, 561-594. John Benjamins: Amsterdam.

“The ... Antipassive then, which turns a transitive proposition into an intransitive one, should not strike speakers of English as strange, since English has a similar process where the Object is demoted into a prepositional phrase, making the sentence intransitive as well.” (p. 578)

(This identification was made in Heath 1976; cf. Postal 1977, Dixon 1994:147)

cf. Eng. *Ben was cooking some stew* vs. *Ben was cooking on some stew*.  
*The prisoner was pounding the wall* vs. *The prisoner was pounding at the wall*.

- (4) a. Un-patek i ga'lagu.  
2s.ERG-kick the dog  
'You kicked the dog.'
- b. Mamatek hao gi ga'лаго.  
AP.kick 2s.ABS LOC dog  
'You kicked at the dog.'
- (5) a. Hu-hongege i taotao.  
1sg.ERG-believe the man  
'I believe the man.'
- b. Man-hongee yo' nu i taotao.  
AP-believe 1sg.ABS OBL the man  
'I believe/have faith in the man.'
- (6) a. Ha-guaiya yo si Juan.  
3s.ERG-love 1s.ABS UNM Juan  
'Juan loves me.'
- b. Mang-guaiya si Juan nu guahu.  
AP-love UNM Juan OBL 1s.EMP  
'John is in love with me.'

*Antipassive*: prefix *man-* (in the realis), *fan-* (in the irrealis) (data from Chung 1998)

- (7) a. Humanao pära u-fañ-akki guini gi un lanchu-n taotao. C38  
agr.go Fut agr-AP-steal here Loc a farm-L person  
'(The two) went to steal over here at somebody's farm.'
- b. Asta pa'gu ti man-hōhonggi yu' nu ennao ädyu i  
until now not agr.AP-believe.Prog I Obl that that the  
siñát ginin i chāchaflik. C38  
sign from the dying.one  
'Even now I still don't believe (in) those signs from the dead.'

