

Ikema dialect of Miyako Ryukyuan

Subgroup: Southern Ryukyuan

Location: Ikema dialect is spoken on the island of Ikema, Miyako

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Overview of Ikema accent

Bimoraic

atonic	[LL ~ HH-HH ¹]
final-mora accent	[LH-LL, HH ~ LH-LL, HL ~ LH-LL]

Trimoraic

atonic	[LLL ~ HHH-HH]
second-mora accent	[LHL-LL]
final-mora accent	[LHL/HHL ~ LHH-LL, LHH-LL, LLH-LL]

bimoraic

Phonemic	Phonetic	Example
atonic	LL ~ HH-HH	buba ‘aunt’, funi ‘boat’, puni ‘bone’, haku ‘box’, tagu ‘bucket’, di: ‘cane’, ia ‘father’, hai ‘field, plain’, hadzi ‘foot/leg’, mai ‘front’, nitsi ‘heat’, kuma ‘here’, ja: ‘house’, ban ‘I’, jan ‘illness’, basi ‘interval’, naka ‘middle, inside’, ?usi ‘mortar’, mma ‘mother’, du: ‘myself’, pai ‘needle’, jui ‘night’, ?ara ‘ouside’, nabi ‘pan; pot’, hara ‘pillar’, ni: ‘plant root’, ta: ‘rice field’, ntsi ‘right’, ntsi ‘road’, ?in ‘sea’, tani ‘seed’, kagi ‘shadow’, muku ‘son-in-law’, ?utu ‘sound’, hai ‘south’, taja ‘strength’, sata ‘sugar’, tida ‘sun’, ?adzi ‘taste’, tani ‘testicles’, ?uma ‘there’, kama ‘over there’, nu?u ‘thread’, budza ‘uncle’, kui ‘voice’, nau ‘what’, ?idza ‘where’, siba ‘worry’, nnu ‘yesterday’, vva ‘you’
final-mora	LH-LL	?udi] LH ‘arm’, mami] LH ‘bean’, bata] LH ‘belly; intestines’, sita] LH

¹ The particle used in this data is *-nudu* consisting of two moras. It marks a subject when it follows a noun.

		'below', ?itſa] LH 'board', juda] LH 'branch', hası] LH 'bridge; ladder', ?adʒa] LH 'bruise', maju] LH 'cat', nunu] LH 'cloth', mɔmu] LH 'cloud', ?iru] LH 'color', kadu] 'corner', jadu] LH 'door; lodging', çidʒi] LH 'elbow', maju] LH 'eyebrow', iu] LH 'fish', hana] LH 'flower', tsimul] LH 'heart', ?adu] LH 'heel', ?ana] LH 'hole', butu] LH 'husband', musi] LH 'insect', batal] LH 'intestine', sima] LH 'island; hamlet', ?agu] LH 'jaw', futa] LH 'lid', kusı] LH 'loins', jama] LH 'mountain', fuṭsi] LH 'mouth', duru] LH 'mud', çigi] LH 'mustache; beard', fudzi] LH 'nail', tsimi] LH 'nail, claw', hana] LH 'nose', mara] LH 'penis', duku] LH 'poison', ?ami] LH 'rain', fuṣi] LH 'star', ?isi] LH 'stone', natsi] LH 'summer', nadal] LH 'tear', kanu] LH 'me', ?unu] LH 'that (mesial mod.)', kanu] LH 'that (distal mod.)', kari] LH 'that (distal)', mumu] LH 'thigh', kunu] LH 'this (mod.)', ?atſa] LH 'tomorrow', sıta] LH 'tongue', tabi] LH 'travel', kami] LH 'turtle', mura] LH 'village', midzi] LH 'water', ?inu] LH 'which (mod.)', ?idi] LH 'which', tudzi] LH 'wife', kadi] LH 'wind', hani] LH 'wing', suba] 'beside', ?itsi] 'breath', jumi] 'bride', dusi] 'friend', ?uja] 'grandfather', çitul] 'human, person', nsi] 'north', nta] 'soil', ?atu] 'trace', ?itsi] 'when', fujul] 'winter', ffa] ~ fa] 'child', ffa] LH 'grass', tutsi] 'time'
HH ~ LH-LL	dzi:] 'land', mi:] 'eye', ci:] 'fart', nu:] 'field, plain', mai] 'rice', haul] 'snake', ha:] 'leaf', na:] 'name', sı:] 'nest', tsı:] 'breast; milk', ki:] 'hair', ti:] 'hand', wa:] 'pig', ju:] 'rice porridge', ka:] 'river', Fu:] 'sail', ka:] 'skin, peel, fur', ka:] 'sky', sı:] 'soup', ?i:] 'stomach', n:] ~ m:] 'sweet potato', tu:] 'ten', kju:] 'today', ha:] 'tooth', ki:] 'tree', ci:] 'vagina', ka:] 'well', ?i:] 'west'	
HL ~ LH-LL	kui] 'this', ?an] HL 'net', tui] 'bird', tsin] 'garment', ?uil] 'it', nan] 'wave', ?in] 'dog', min] 'ear', kan] 'god'	

→ irregular accent: ta]ru 'who', munu] HL 'thing', tysi] LH 'year',

trimoraic

Phonemic	Phonetic	Example
OOO	LLL ~ HHH-HH	mai] 'around', ?utudʒa 'brother, sibling', ?uması 'chopsticks', ?isagu 'cough', ?itsufu 'cousin', garasa 'crow', ?asati 'day after tomorrow', ffui 'drug', ?agai 'east', tunaka 'egg', mihana 'face; cheeks', ?ujubi

		'finger', ?umatsi 'fire', ?itsitsi 'five', ?unta 'frog', ?uffi 'funeral', mmaga 'granchild', cidai 'left', sanadzi 'loncloth', kagan 'mirror', tsittsu 'moon', jumunu 'mouse', m:bu 'navel', nubui 'neck', mju:i 'niece', sisitsi 'one', makai 'rice bowl', ma:su 'salt', nanatsi 'seven', su:kara 'shin', ha:ni 'sister', bu:dz'i 'sugar cane', nudui 'throat', ?a:bu 'up, above', banti 'we', vvadu 'you (pl.)', ?uttu 'younger sibling', mju:i 'nephew'
final-mora	LHL ~ LHH-LL	fukulu LHL 'bag', suku:l: LHL 'belt', ?akaltsi LHL 'blood', midul: LHL 'female', kata:tsi LHL 'shape', ?afuldz'i LHL 'yawn', tsigulsi LHL 'knee', sika:lsi LHL 'lie', ia:lk'u 'oar', nusuldu 'thief', sirulsi 'sign'
	HHL ~ LHH-LL	?i:lk'i 'fish scale', ju:tsi 'four', ?au:va 'oil', nna:gu 'rope', nna:gu 'sand', n:tsi 'six', kju:ls'i 'smoke', mi:tsi 'three', ndali 'wound', ci:lma 'daytime', ja:tsi 'eight', nu:ma 'horse', si:ls'i 'meat', fudza 'whale'
	LHH-LL, LLH-LL	nnama:l LHH 'now', si:sil LHH 'soot', tsit:tsi:l LLH 'saliva'

tetramoraic – not enough data to complete

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OO:OO		Fubbitu 'adult', tau:ka: 'one person', ?au:nadzi 'rainbow', mai:gi: 'rice (as a crop)', kan:nai 'thunder', mja:lk'a 'tomb', kara:pai LHLL 'ash', tibilta:LHLL 'buttock, rear end', mmilutsi LHLL 'chest', butultui LHLL 'day before yesterday', tusila:bu LHLLL 'elder', jusa:rabi LHLL 'evening', mai:nitsi 'everyday', kammai 'head', nna:bikai LHLLL 'lightning', bikildun LHLL 'male', ?a:lmai 'millet', ttulmuti 'morning', kata:musi: LHLLL 'shoulder', futa:tsi LHLL 'two', baka:munu LHLL 'youth', kku:nutsi 'nine', ha:m:ma 'grandmother', mi:lusi 'cow',

others -----

midunlu:va 'daughter'

?ujamma:ls'a LHHHHL 'parent'

biki:lbunlu:va 'son'