

## Shuri dialect of Okinawa Ryukyuan

Subgroup: South Okinawan, North Ryukyuan

Location: Shuri dialect is spoken in the city of Naha on the island of Okinawa.

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- Basically mora sensitive – words are classified based on how many moras they have. For example, monosyllabic words such as sica ‘below’ and cii ‘blood’ behave in an exactly same way (their accent class and pitch shape). Internal syllable structure does not play any role in pitch shape of the words.

### Overview of Shuri accent

#### Bimoraic

atonic [LL]

tonic [HL]

#### Trimoraic

atonic [LLL]

tonic [HHL]

#### Tetramoraic

atonic [LLLL]

tonic [HHLL]

#### Bimoraic

Phonemic	Phonetic	Example
atonic	LL-L	?udi ‘arm’, ’wata ~ hara ‘belly; intestine’, suba ‘beside’, ?ica ~ ?ita ‘board’, huni ‘bone’, huni ‘boat’, hasi ‘chopsticks’, kumu ‘cloud’, ?iru

		'color', kadu 'corner', mimi 'ear', maju 'eyebrow', çira 'face', haru 'field, plain', hana 'flower', ?asi 'foot/leg', ?atu 'footprint, trace; behind', kami 'god', kusa 'grass', cimu 'heart', niçi 'heat', ?adu 'heel', ?ana 'hole', ?ami 'illness', ?wata 'intestine', sima 'island; hamlet', nuci 'life' (←how come this and ?inuci belong to different accent classes?), Siba 'lip', kusi 'loin', sisi / niku 'meat', naka 'middle, inside', ?awa 'millet', çici 'moon', ?asa 'morning', ?ama 'mountain', duru 'mud', çimi 'nail, claw', ?ami 'net', ?uru 'night', cui 'one person', huka 'outside', ?uja 'parent', mara / tani 'penis', duku 'poison', ?ami 'rain', kumi 'rice', çina 'rope', ?umi 'sea', tani 'seed', Sini 'shin', kata 'shoulder', siru 'soup', kubu 'spider', ?asi 'sweat', nada 'tear', mumu 'thigh', kutu / munu 'thing', tuci 'time', kiju 'today', haka 'tomb', ?aca 'tomorrow', Siba 'tongue', ?atu 'trace', nami 'wave', kawa 'well', zinu 'which (mod.)', tusi 'year', tsii 'breast; milk', mii 'eye', hwii 'fart', sjuu 'father', mo: 'field, plain', hwii 'fire', mee 'front', tii 'hand', mii 'hole', ?aa 'house', zii 'land', duu 'myself; body', Sii 'nest', ?waa 'pig', nii 'plant root', taa 'rice field', naa 'rope', kaa 'skin, peel, fur', hwhee 'south', ?ii 'stomach', cuu ~ kiju 'today', kii 'tree', hoo 'vagina', kwii 'voice', haa 'tooth', nuu 'what', maa 'where', ?in 'dog', cin 'garment', 'wan 'I', mun 'thing', ?nma 'horse', ?nni 'rice (as a crop)', ?nca 'soil', ?nmu 'sweet potato'
tonic	HL-L	kusi 'loin', sica 'below', tui 'bird', haku 'box', ?ida ~ ?juda 'tree branch', ?jimi 'bride', hasi 'bridge; ladder', sumi 'bruise', ?aZa 'bruise', çibi 'buttock', nunu 'cloth', ?usi 'cow', gani 'crab', hwiru 'daytime', hwibi 'everyday', kau 'face', ?iju 'fish', ciri 'fog', hewisja 'foot/leg', dusi 'friend', dabi 'funeral', kuma 'here', hugi 'hole', ?tu 'husband', musi 'insect', ?uci 'inside, interior', ?uri 'it', çibu 'jar, pot', huta 'lid', mui 'mountain/forest', kuci 'mouth', hwizi 'mustache; beard', kuzi 'nail', husu 'navel', hata 'near by, beside', kubi 'neck', nisi 'north', hana 'nose', nama 'now', ?juni 'rice', mici 'road', Sina / ?juni / ?uru 'sand', ?juku 'side, horizontal', sura 'sky', habu 'snake', ?utu 'sound', husi 'star', ?isi 'stone', naçi 'summer', ?azi 'taste', ?anu / ?unu 'that (mod.)', ?ari 'that (nom.)', ?ama 'there', kunu 'this (mod.)', kuri 'this (nom.)', tabi 'travel', miZi 'water', ?iri 'west', ?içi 'when', canu 'which (mod.)', taru 'who', tuzi 'wife', kazi 'wind', huju 'winter', siwa 'worry', kizi 'wound', hwhee 'ash', cii 'blood', hwhee 'fly', kii 'hair', hwaa 'leaf', naa 'name', kee 'rice'

		porridge’, huu ‘sail’, hwii ‘sun’, Zuu ‘tail’, tuu ‘ten’, ?wii ‘up, above’, kaa ‘well’ (kawa ‘well’ – accents are different! why?), taa ‘who’, naa ~ ?jaa ‘you’, sun ‘bruise’, Qkwa ‘child’, ’nni ‘chest’, Qcu ‘person’, ?Nma ‘there’
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### Trimoraic

Phonemic	Phonetic	Example
atonic	LLL-L	?utuna ‘adult’, nagani ‘back of body’, hukuru ‘bag’, haberu ~ habiru ‘butterfly’, ’isici ‘buttock’, ’warabi ‘child’, garaSi ‘crow’, hataki ‘cultivated field’, ?asati ‘day after tomorrow’, kusui ‘drug’, ’winagu ‘female’, ?irici ‘fish scale’, ?içiçi ‘five’, ?Nmaga ‘grandchild’, karazi ‘hair of head’, kasira ‘hair of head’, çiburu ‘head’, kukuru ‘heart’, hwizai ‘left’, ’jukusi ‘lie’, sanazi ‘loincloth’, kakuzi ‘lower jaw’, ’wikiga ‘male’, tanaka ‘middle, inside’, nanaçi ‘seven’, ’unai ‘sister’, minada ‘tear’, nusudu ‘thief’, guzira ‘whale’, maami ‘bean’, ?uubi ‘belt’, ?iici ‘breath’, taagu ‘bucket’, ’uuki ‘bucket’, haasi ~ meesi ‘chopsticks’, kuuga ‘egg’, SiiZa ‘elder; senior’, ?iibi ‘finger’, ?eeza ‘interval’, kaami ‘ja, pot’, naaka ‘middle, inside’, ?uuSi ‘mortar’, ?wencu ‘mouse’, ?weeku ‘oar’, ?anda ‘oil’, tiiçi ‘one’, naabi ‘pan; pot’, haaja ‘pillar’, maasju ‘salt’, kaagi ‘shadow, shade’, hwiibu ‘snake’, muuku ‘son-in-law’, SiiSi ‘soot’, ’uzzi ‘sugar cane’, keena ‘upper arm’, zinnu ‘which (mod.)’, ?uQtu ‘younger sibling’, kusjaan ‘behind’, majaa ~ majuu ‘cat’, hudii ‘lightning’, kagan ‘mirror’, gazan ~ gaZan ‘mosquito’, ?ajaa ‘mother’, namee ‘name’, cawan ‘rice bowl’, ?ukee ‘rice porridge’, cinuu ‘yesterday’, ?Nmee ‘grandmother’
tonic	HHL-L	?agari ‘east’, ’juuçi ‘four’, sawai ‘illness’, ?inuci ‘life’, manisi ‘north’, niziri ‘right’, kataci ‘shape’, sirusi ‘sign’, cimuri ~ kibusi ‘smoke’, cikara ‘strength’, çekazu ‘tomb’, sirusi ‘trace’, ?akubi ‘yawn’, maai ~ maaru ‘around’, ’jaaci ‘eight’, ’unna ‘female’, maadu ‘frong’, maadu ‘middle, inside’, nuuzi ‘rainbow’, kaara ‘river’, muuçi ‘six’, miiçi ‘three’, taaçi ‘two’, haai ‘needle’, ?weema ‘interval’, hwicee ‘forehead’, mukoo ‘forehead’

## Tetramoraic

Phonemic	Phonetic	Example
atonic	LLLL-L	?utugaku ‘chin’, ?uicuku ‘cousin’, mijarabi ‘daughter’, ?iiwata ‘intestine’, kakuzi ‘jaw’, sutumiti ‘morning’, kukunuçi ‘nine’, ?atabici ‘frog’, ?uhuQcu ‘adult’, ?umeesi ‘chopsticks’, hadoobi ‘loincloth’, ’jusandi ‘evening’, tfoodee ‘brother’, guusjan ‘cane’, saQkwii ‘cough’, ?angwaa ‘daughter’, ’uQtii ‘day before yesterday’, hwiizaa ‘goat’, tanmee ‘grandfather’, haamee ‘grandmother’, ’janmee ‘illness’, ?anmaa ‘mother’, çinpee ‘saliva’, kaagaa ‘shadow, shade’, kuubaa ‘spider’, saataa ‘sugar’, ’jakkwaN ‘testicles’, ?iicuu ‘thread’, nuudii ‘throat’, kaamii ‘turtle’, ’waQtaa ‘we’, ?iQtaa ‘you (plural)’, ’ubamaa ‘aunt’, ’warabaa ‘child’, tusi?wii ‘elder’, ?iriee ‘evening’, ?usjumee ‘grandfather’, ?utugee ‘jaw, chin’, ’uzasaa ‘uncle’, ’wakamun ‘youth’, miinada ‘tear’, kannai ‘thunder’, meenici ‘everyday’, ’wiiQkwa ‘nephew’, miiQkwa ‘niece’
tonic	HHLL-L	hwizikee ~ hwizigee ‘elbow’

others

phonemic	phonetic	example
OOOOO	LLLLL	kusinagani ‘loin’, hasiruguci ‘door; lodging’, ’winagu?uja ‘mother’
ooOOO		’jaaduguci ‘door; lodging’
OOOoo		?atabicaa ‘frog’, ?atabicaa ‘frog’
OOooO		’wikigangwa ‘son’

phonemic	phonetic	example
OOOOO ① → OOooO	HHLLL(L)	tusiSiiZa ‘senior’

phonemic	phonetic	example
OOOOOO	LLLLLL(L)	’winagunu?uja ‘mother’
ooooooo		?aakeeZuu ‘dragonfly’
ooOooO		’juu?iriee ‘evening’, ’juu?irigata ‘evening’