

Taketomi dialect of Yaeyama Ryukyuan

Subgroup: Southern Ryukyuan

Location: Taketomi dialect is spoken on the island of Taketomi, Yaeyama.

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Overview of Taketomi accent

Bimoraic

atonic [LL]

tonic [LH-L]

Trimoraic

atonic [LLL]

tonic [LLH ~ LHL-L]

Tetramoraic

atonic [LHHH]

second-mora accent [LHLL]

final-mora accent [LLHH ~ LHLL-L]

Bimoraic nouns

Phonemic	Phonetic	Example
atonic	LL	pai ‘ash’, ſ̄ita ‘below’, tui ‘bird’, ſi: ‘blood’, paku ‘box’, juda ‘branch’, haḡi ‘bridge; ladder’, ųadza ‘bruise, birthmark’, subi ‘buttock, rear end’, nni ‘chest’, Faĩ ‘child’, nunu ‘cloth’, pidzi ‘elbow’, nu: ‘field, plain’, ųidzu ‘fish’, duſi ‘friend’, mā: ‘grandchild’, ki: ‘hair’, p̄itu ‘person’, banu ‘I’, muſi ‘insect’
tonic	LH-L	ųudiḡ ‘arm’, mamiḡ ‘bean’, bataḡ ‘belly; intestines’, subaḡ ‘beside’, ųitaḡ

		‘board’, Funiᵐ ‘boat’, Funiᵐ ‘boat’, tʃi:ᵐ ‘breast; milk’, ʔiʃiᵐ ‘breath’, majaᵐ ‘cat’, patʃiᵐ ‘chopsticks’, Fumuᵐ ‘cloud’, ʔiruᵐ ‘color’, kaduᵐ ‘corner, edge’, hateᵐ ‘cultivated field’, ʔiNᵐ ‘dog’, jaduᵐ ‘door, lodging’, miNᵐ ‘ear’, mi:ᵐ ‘eye’, majoᵐ ‘eyebrow’, tsuraᵐ ‘face; cheeks’, pi:ᵐ ‘fart’, ʔi:dʒaᵐ ‘father’, ʔubiᵐ ‘finger’, pi:ᵐ ‘fire’, ʔiruᵐ ‘fish scale’, hanaᵐ ‘flower’, paNᵐ ‘foot/leg’, maiᵐ ‘front’, ʃiNᵐ ‘garment’, kaNᵐ ‘god’, ssaᵐ ‘grass’, ti:ᵐ ‘hand’, nitsiᵐ ‘heat’, ʔaduᵐ ‘heel’, kumaᵐ ‘here’, ʔanaᵐ ‘hole’, ja:ᵐ ‘house’, butuᵐ ‘husband’, jaNᵐ ‘illness’
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Trimoraic nouns

Phonemic	Phonetic	Example
atonic	LLL	ma:ri ‘around’, ju:mi ‘bride’, ʔitʃiFu ‘cousin’, ʔã:i ‘east’, ja:tsi ‘eight’, ju:tsi ‘four’
tonic	LLH ~ LHL-L	bubã:iᵐ LLH ‘aunt’, Fʏkuruᵐ LLH ‘bag’, Fʏkubiᵐ LLH ‘belt’, bu:kiᵐ LLH ‘bucket’, gusaNᵐ LLH ‘cane’, sa:Fuᵐ LLH ‘cough’, garaʃiᵐ LLH ‘crow’, piroõ:ᵐ LLH ‘daytime’, ssuruᵐ LLH ‘drug’, kuŋgaᵐ LLH ‘egg’, midõ:iᵐ LLH ‘female’, ʔitsitsiᵐ LLH ‘five’, kiruriᵐ LLH ‘fog’, ʔottaᵐ LLH ‘frog’, ʔaudziᵐ LLH ‘granfather’, ʔappaᵐ LLH ‘gradmother’, suburuᵐ LLH ‘head’, kuᵑkuruᵐ LLH ‘heart’, m:maᵐ LLH ‘horse’, ʔattuᵐ LHH ‘day after tomorrow’

Tetramoraic nouns

Phonemic	Phonetic	Example
atonic	LHHH	bututui LHHH ‘day before yesterday’
2nd-mora	LHLL	Fu:ᵐlçitu LHLL ‘adult’, mi:ᵐluʃi LHLL ‘cow’, miduᵐnahwa LHLL ‘daughter’, maiᵐnitʃi LHLL ‘everyday’
final-mora	LLHH ~ LHLL-L	kjo:daiᵐ LLHH ‘brother, sibling’ tuʃiuiᵐ LLLH ‘elder’, june:Nᵐ LLLH ‘evening’