

uphranu 'jump' (in Nepali)

tshong 'jump--both in the sense of jump up and down and to jump/leap from something'
(in Gyalsumdo)

1. nga(ki) tshong-ba
1(ERG) jump-PST
'I jumped'

Note: ki is optional

2. nga tshong-deje
1 jump-NPST
'I am jumping (now).'

Note: ki is optional, but not very nice

3. khe tshong-dedu
2 jump-NPST
'You are jumping (now).'

Note: ki is optional, but not very nice

4. khung tshong-dedu
3 jump-NPST
'S/he is jumping (now).'

Note: ki is optional, but not very nice

5. khe(ki) tshong-sum
2(ERG) jump-PST
'You jumped'

Note: ki is optional

6. kho(ki) tshong-sum
3(ERG) jump-PST
'S/he jumped.'

Note: ki is optional

7. nga tshong-keyin
1 jump-NPST
'I will jump.'

Note: ki is not acceptable

8. khe tshong-kere
2 jump-NPST
'You will jump.'

Note: ki is not acceptable

9. kho(ki) tshong-jong
3(ERG) jump-NPST
'S/he will jump.'

Note: ki is acceptable, but not great

10. di phomo-ki tshong-sum
PROX girl-ERG jump-PST
'The girl jumped.'

Note: ki is preferred, but it's accepted without too.

11. di ra-ko tshong-sum
PROX goat-DEF jump-PST
'The goat jumped.'

Note: ki is accepted, but not very nice

We tried 'jump' with animals that are inherently able to jump, due to their anatomy

12. di kangaroo(ki) tshong-sung
PROX kangaroo(ERG) jump-PST
'The kangaroo jumped.'

Note: ki is optional

13. di kishikpa(ki) tshong-sung
PROX flea(ERG) jump-PST
'The flea jumped.'

Note: ki is optional

Summary: ki is optional or preferred for humans or other animals inherently capable of jumping, but only in past

We tried this with 'fly'

14. di tshibi phir-sung
PROX bird fly-PST
'The bird flew.'

Note: ki is NOT accepted

15. di tshibi-ko jul-tone phir-sung
PROX bird-DEF village-OVER fly-PST
'The bird flew over the village.'

Note: ki is NOT accepted.

16. di dzadz-ko phir-sung
PROX plane-DEF fly-PST
'The plane flew.'

Note: ki is NOT accepted.

17. di dzadz-ko jul-tone phir-sung
PROX plane-DEF village-OVER fly-PST
'The plane flew over the village.'

Note: ki is NOT accepted.

18. nga(ki) phir-ba
1(ERG) fly-PST
'I flew.'

Note: ki IS accepted, optionally

Summary: like 'jump', 'fly' can optionally take ERG for humans, only in the past. Unlike 'jump', 'fly' cannot take ERG, even for other animals that are inherently capable flight. Could it be the punctuality of 'jump' or some level of volitionality that 'jump' has, that 'fly' does not have?

What other verbs would be useful to test this?