

tshe 'do' and sing 'finish'

1. di leka su(ki) tshe-sung? Q
PROX work who(ERG) do-PST
'Who did the work?'

Note: su is okay, but not great

2. di leka maya-ki tshe-sung A
PROX work Maya-ERG did-PST
'Maya did the work.'

Note: ERG necessary

3. maya-ki tshi tshe-sung? Q
Maya-ERG what did-PST
'What did Maya do?'

Note: ERG necessary

4. maya-ki leka sing-sung
Maya-ERG work finish-PST
'Maya finished the work.'

Note: ERG necessary

5. maja-ki tshi sing-sung? Q
maja-ERG what finish-PST
'What did Maya finish?'

Note: ERG necessary, and *tshi-la work-DAT

6. maya-ki leka sing-sung A
maya-ERG work finish-PST
'Maya finished the work.'

Note: ERG necessary

7. leka sun-ki sing-sung? Q
work who-ERG finish-PST
'Who finished the work?'

Note: ERG necessary

8. langbu-ki leka sing-sung A
bull-ERG work finish-PST

'The bull finished the work.'

Note: -ki optional, but prefers it with ERG

9. langbu-ki tshi tshe-sung? Q
bull-ERG what do-PST
'What did the bull do?'

Note: -ki optional, but prefers with ERG

10. langbu-ki leka sing-sung A
bull-ERG work finish-PST
'The bull finished the work.'

Note: -ki is optional, and *leka-la

11. langbu-ki tshi sing-sung? Q
bull-ERG what finish-PST
'What did the bull finish?'

Note: -ki is optional, but prefers with ERG

12. langbu-ki leka sing-sung A
bull-ERG work finish-PST
'The bull finished the work.'

Note: -ki is optional, but prefers with ERG

13. su thong-sung? Q
who jump-PST
'Who jumped?'

Note: -ki is not accepted

14. di pomo tshong-sung A
PROX girl jump-PST
'The girl jumped.'

Note: -ki is not accepted.

15. di pomo-ki tshi tshe-sung? Q
PROX girl-ERG what do-PST
'What did the girl do?'

Note: -ki is preferred

16. di pomo tshong-sung A
PROX girl jump-PST
'The girl jumped.'

Note: -ki is optional here

17. di pomo-la tshoe su-ki ter-sung? Q
PROX girl-DAT book who-ERG give-PST
'Who gave the book to the girl?'

Note: su without ERG is also possible

18. di pidza-ki pomo-la tshoe ter-sung A
PROX boy-ERG girl-DAT book give-PST
'The boy gave the book to the girl.'

Note: -ki is preferred

19. di pidza-ki tshi tshe-sung? Q
PROX boy-ERG what do-PST
'What did the boy do?'

Note: *tshi-la what-DAT is not accepted

20. di pidza-ki pomo-la tshoe ter-sung A
PROX boy-ERG girl-DAT book give-PST
'The boy gave the book to the girl.'

Note: *pomo, DAT -la is required here

21. di pidza-ki pomo-la tshi ter-sung? Q
PROX boy-ERG girl-DAT what give-PST
'What did the boy give to the girl?'

Note: *tshi-la is not accepted here; -ki is preferred, as is pomo-la

22. di pidza-ki pomo-la tshoe ter-sung A
PROX boy-ERG girl-DAT book give-PST
'The boy gave the book to the girl.'

Note: pidza-ki is optional here

23. di pidza-ki tshoe su-la ter-sung? Q
PROX boy-ERG book who-DAT give-PST
'To whom did the boy give the book?'

Note: su-la is necessary in order to be clear

24. di pidza-ki tshoe poma-la ter-sung
PROX boy-ERG book girl-DAT give-PST
'The boy gave the book to the girl.'

Note: poma-la is necessary in order to be clear.