

Lesson 12

Review

Translate the following using the correct form of the nga linker.

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| 1. black dress _____ | 6. ugly face _____ |
| 2. sweet mango _____ | 7. red ball _____ |
| 3. short boy _____ | 8. new life _____ |
| 4. different problem _____ | 9. happy girl _____ |
| 5. lazy pastor _____ | 10. crazy old person _____ |

Particles -- question word ba

There are several important Waray particles which are commonly used in sentences. In this lesson you will learn one of the most important -- the question word ba.

BA -- question word

The particle **ba** when added in a sentence makes it a **QUESTION**.
 The particle **ba** is usually placed in the sentence after the full word.

First Full Word + ba + rest of the sentence

Ba in equational sentences

Examples (**ba** after the first full word in equational sentences)

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| 1. Maestro hiya.
Maestro ba hiya? | He is a teacher.
Is he a teacher? |
| 2. Ini an amon pastor.
Ini ba an amon pastor? | This is our pastor.
Is this your(pl) pastor? |
| 3. Tab-ang an sabaw.
Tab-ang ba an sabaw? | The soup is tasteless.
Is the soup tasteless? |
| 4. Daku iton nga eskwelahan.
Daku ba iton nga eskwelahan? | That is a big school.
Is that a big school? |
| 5. Tugnaw ini nga klima.
Tugnaw ba ini nga klima? | This climate is cold.
Is this climate cold? |
| 6. Maduroto hira iya nga mga pastor
Maduroto ba hira nga mga pastor? | They are industrious pastors.
Are they industrious pastors? |

Ba in ma- actor focus

In a ma- actor focus question, the ba also follows the first full word of the sentence. The formula is the same.

First Full Word + ba + rest of the sentence

Examples (ba in ma- actor focus question)

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| 1. Maampo hi Bong.
Maampo ba hi Bong? | Bong will pray.
Will Bong pray? |
| 2. Mabasa hi Laura han Bibliya.
Mabasa ba hi Laura han Bibliya? | Laura will read the Bible.
Will Laura read the Bible? |
| 3. Nasulod hira ha sinehan.
Nasulod ba hira ha sinehan? | They went inside the movie house.
Did they go inside the movie house? |
| 4. Malakat hiya ha kanto.
Malakat ba hiya ha kanto? | He will walk to the corner.
Will he walk to the corner? |
| 5. Nasudoy kami ha Gaisano.
Nasudoy ba kamo ha Gaisano? | We(excl) roamed around Gaisano.
Did you(pl) roam around Gaisano? |
| 6. Matan-aw an amon anak ha mulay..
Matan-aw ba an amon anak ha mulay. | Our child will watch the game.
Will your(pl) child watch the game? |

Ka + ba

There is an exception to the rule above. When the short form of the pronoun ikaw (the pronoun ka) is used with the question word ba, then ka will come before ba. This short form of the pronoun ikaw, or ka, is a VIP word. It usually comes before other particles that you will learn.

First Full Word + ka + ba + rest of the sentence

Examples (ka ba)

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| 1. Makadto ka ba ha eskwelahan? | Are you(sing) going to the school? |
| 2. Napalit ka ba hin isda? | Did you(sing) buy fish? |
| 3. Mahulam ka ba hin kwarta? | Will you(sing) borrow money? |
| 4. Nasunod ka ba ha ira? | Did you(sing) follow them? |
| 5. Mabalhin ka ba didto? | Will you(sing) move there? |
| 6. Matuok ka ba? | Did you(sing) cry? |

Oral Exercises

Your teacher will ask a question in English. You will translate the question into Waray using ba. For example:

- TEACHER
1. Is he a teacher?
 2. Is Perla a Christian?
 3. Is he tall?(handsome,fat)

- LEARNER
- Maestra ba hiya?
etc.

4. Is that girl rich?
5. Are they lazy men?
6. Did you(pl) speak to them?
7. Are they going to church?
8. Will you(sing) choose me?
[etc.]

Written Exercises

1. Isda ba ini?

2. Nauli ba an lurong nga tawo?

3. Masupak ka ba ha balaod?

4. Init ba ini nga tinapay?

5. Maupay ba ini nga magturutdo?

6. Abri ba an iyo huna-huna?

7. Maraot ba hi *Satanas?

8. Mahuram ba hi Noah ha amon dyip?

9. Makanta ka ba hin gwapong kanta?

10. Masimba ba kamo ha *Ginoo?

11. Is that "over there" an evil spirit?

12. Will you(sing) pass by my store?

13. Is she a nice lady?

14. Did they pray to the *Lord?

15. Will they go with them?

16. Is that man “over there” dead?

17. Did you(sing) sing a beautiful song at the church?

18. Is this a dangerous place here in Davao?

19. Did Fernando’s sisters cook this food?

20. Will you trust in *Jesus Christ?

* The names Jesus, Jesu Kristo, and Satanas take a proper noun marker -- si, ni, or kang.
(They are names.) The titles Ginoo, Diyos, and yawa take a common noun marker – an or
ha. (They are titles only.)

Hi Jesús	ni Jesus	kan Jesus
Hi Jésu Krísto	ni Jesu Kristo	kan Jesu Kristo
hi Satanás	ni Satanas	kan Satanas
An Ginóo	ha Ginoo	
An Diyos	ha Diyos	
an yáwa	ha yawa	

Vocabulary

ábri - open

-ági - to pass by

ba - (question word)

baláod - law

balítâ - news

espiritú - spirit

Ginóo - Lord

Jésu Krísto - Jesus Christ

kánta - song

magturútdò - teacher

na - now, already

pa - still, yet

pasáylo - to forgive

patáy - dead

salâ - sin

Satanás - Satan

-suwáy - to oppose, go against

tinápáy - bread

uli - to return, go home

waray - no, none (negator)