EMPHATIC/INDEPENDENT PRONOUNS

Lesson 21

The emphatic or independent pronouns correspond in person and number to the subject pronouns, but are used for emphasis and one-word responses, never directly before the verb:

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I nako Tarawa ngaia.
N na karaokia ngai.
Ko kabaoa ngkoe?
E a tia n roko ngaia.
Ti na nako ngaira.
Kam karaokia ngkamii.
A a tia n roko ngaia.

I went to Tarawa.
I will do it.
Did you buy it?
He already came.
We will go.
You did it.
They already came.

These are the forms that are used with numerals:

A na nako ngaia teniman.
Ti na tiku ngaira uoman.

Those three will go.
We two will stay.

After the preposition ma (with):

E na roko ma ngkoe.
A nakonako ma ngai.

He will come with you.
They walked with me.

For one-word responses:

Antai ae e a roko? Ngai.
Antai Tiaoni? Ngaia.

Who came? Me.
Who is John? Him.

As shown above, when it is the expressed subject of a sentence it always comes in final position, like any other subject noun.
A. Insert the emphatic pronoun which agrees with the subject pronoun in the following sentences:

1. I nako Tarawa.
   go to
2. Ko nako Beru.
3. E na karaia.
   do it
4. E na nako n akawa.
   fishing
5. Kam na tiku.
   stay
6. Ti na nako.
   go
7. A na koroia.
   cut it
8. N na kabooa.
   buy it
   take fish
10. E mooi n te miriki.
    drink milk
11. I tiku n te auti.
    stay house
12. Kam na uoti mai.
    bring it here
13. Ti na uaua.
    swim
    about to go
15. N nangi matuu.
    sleep
    must
17. E riai ni motirawa.
    rest
18. Kam nang am'arake.
    eat
19. Ti riai n nako.
    go
20. A nang kiba nako Abemama.
    fly
B. Add subject and emphatic pronouns to make sentences of the following as indicated:

1. I a tia n nako went
2. you karaora did it
3. he kanna ate it
4. she nimma drink it
5. we na tiku will stay
6. they tuai n nako not yet gone
7. I nangi matuu about to sleep
8. you(p) karabaa hide it
9. she ukou kora natina search for his child
10. he nangi nako Butaritari about to go to
11. we takaakaro n te booro play ball
12. they b'aate re dance
13. you na am'arake will eat
14. I tiku ikai stay here
15. you(p) kabutia make it go
16. he wewetea i call me
17. she uota te tee i bring the child
18. we kukurei (be) happy
19. they bootaki gather together
20. you karekea te am'arake get food
C. Change the pronouns in the following sentences to those indicated:

1. we
   I roko mai Bairiki ngai.
   came from

2. they
   E karekea te am'arake ngaia.
   got food

3. I
   Kam na mooi n te ran ngkamii.
   drink water

4. you
   N nangi nako ngaia.
   about to go

5. she
   Ko kabooa te raiti ngkoe.
   buy rice

6. he
   I akawa ngaia.
   fish

7. we
   A tekateka ngaiaa.
   sit

8. they
   Ti koroboki ngaia.
   write

9. I
   E kukurei ngaia.
   happy

10. you(p)
    A booti been ngaia.
    gather coconuts

11. we
    E biri nakon te titoa ngaia.
    run to store

12. you
    Ti nakonako ngaia.
    walk

13. he
    A takaakaro ngaiaa.
    play

14. they
    Ko anganai te ran ngkoe.
    give me water

15. you(p)
    I orea te booro ngaia.
    hit ball

16. we
    A bootaki n te auti ngaia.
    gather house

17. she
    I uota te buua ngaia.
    bring bag

18. I
    E anganna kanana ngaia.
    gave him his meal

19. we
    Kam a nakon te um'antabu ngkamii.
    church

20. you
    A bubuti te m'ane ngaia.
    borrow money
D. Translate the following sentences into Kiribati. Use emphatic pronouns:

1. They bought some rice.

2. We saw the ship.

3. He came to the school.

4. I ate fish and coconut.

5. You caught some fish.

6. She cooked the food.

7. They played in the field.

8. We ran from the school.

9. He walked to the store.

10. I will go to Nikunau.