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1. Although it has incorporated some features of the Austronesian languages surrounding it, Abui clearly belongs to the Trans New Guinea family.
2. In Abui, there is a strong parallel between the Noun Phrase and the Verb Phrase.
3. In Abui, pronouns can only refer to specific referents.
4. Languages with semantic alignment have fewer verbs.
5. The function of generic verbs corresponds largely to that of adpositions in other languages except that they are verbs.
6. It is natural for speakers to extend the use of demonstratives from the spatial to the temporal dimension.
7. Native speakers often find linguist's questions dull and doubt the quality of education that the linguist in question received.
8. Understanding of a problem creates more problems.
9. Chewing betel nut is beneficial for one's dental and mental health.
10. On average, it takes about twenty minutes to walk from any place in a Dutch town to the train station.