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14. Conjunctions and constituent combining

14.1. Introduction

Conjunctions are function words “whose main function is to connect clauses, phrases or words” (Asher 1994: 5105). This chapter describes how Papuan Malay combines constituents such as clauses or phrases by overt marking with conjunctions. The Papuan Malay conjunctions can be divided into two major groups, those combining same-type constituents, such as clauses with clauses, and those linking different-type constituents, such as verbs with clauses. In combining constituents, the conjunctions belong to neither of the conjuncts they combine in semantic terms. They do, however, form intonation units with the constituents they mark. Most conjunctions occur at the left periphery of the clause. Typically, an intonational break separates the conjunction from a preceding constituent. A second strategy to combine constituents is juxtaposition which is mentioned only briefly.

Papuan Malay has 21 conjunctions which link same-type constituents and two which combine different-type constituents. Most of the conjunctions conjoining same-type constituents link clauses with clauses. Traditionally, clause-linking conjunctions are divided into coordinating and subordinating ones, both of which are defined as follows: “coordinating conjunctions are those that assign equal rank to the conjoined elements” whereas “subordinating conjunctions are those that assign unequal rank to the conjoined elements, marking one of them as subordinate to the other” (Schachter and Shopen 2007: 45). Modifying this terminology by employing the more general term “dependency” rather than “subordination”, Haspelmath (2007a: 46) defines the distinction between coordination and dependency as follows:

In a coordination structure of the type *A(-link-)B*, *A* and *B* are structurally symmetrical in some sense, whereas in a dependency structure of the type *X(-link-)Y*, *X* and *Y* are not symmetrical, but either *X* or *Y* is the head and the other element is a dependent.

According to Haspelmath (2007a: 46), this distinction between coordination and dependency in terms of symmetry “is often thought of as a difference in the syntactic/structural relations of the elements”. However, he also points out that “it is sometimes not evident whether a construction exhibits a coordination relation or a dependency relation”; this applies, for instance, to “languages that lack agreement and case-marking” (2007a: 46).

The lack of a clear opposition between coordination and dependency in terms of structural relations also applies to clause combining in Papuan Malay: clauses marked with a conjunction are not distinct from unmarked clauses in terms of their morphosyntax and word order. This is shown in (1) to (3) with purpose-marking *supaya* ‘so that’. Omitting the conjunction from the two purpose clauses in (1) leaves two grammatically complete and correct clauses.

Purpose-marking *supaya* ‘so that’ linking two clauses

- (1) saya harus kas makang dia, **supaya** dia kenal saya lebi
 1SG have.to give eat 3SG so.that 3SG know 1SG more

dekat, **supaya** de bisa tau saya punya nama
 near so.that 3SG be.capable know 1SG POSS name
 ‘I have to give him/her food **so that** he/she can know me better, **so that**
 he/she can know my name’ [080919-004-NP.0079]

This also applies when a clause marked with a conjunction is missing an argument. In the purpose clause in (2), for instance, the subject *obat* ‘medicine’ is elided. This elision, however, does not signify a grammaticalized gap that signals the dependent status of the purpose clause marked with *supaya* ‘so that’. Instead, the elision is due to the fact that speakers often omit arguments and other constituents if these can be inferred. In (2) the elided subject *obat* ‘medicine’ is understood from the context.

Purpose clause with elided subject argument

- (2) ibu itu de mo kasi obat, tapi ko harus
 woman D.DIST 3SG want give medicine but 2SG have.to
 priksa dara, **supaya** Ø harus cocok
 check blood so.that have.to be.suitable
 ‘that lady, she wants to give (you) medicine, but you have to (get your)
 blood checked **so that** (the medicine) fits’ [080917-007-CvHt.0003]

In Papuan Malay, elision of core arguments is not limited to clauses marked with conjunctions. It is a generalized phenomenon, as demonstrated with the reported direct speech in (3). The original utterance is given in (3a), while in (3b) the elided constituents are given in brackets, such as purposive *supaya* ‘so that’²³¹ or the subject of the purpose clause, *kaki* ‘foot, leg’.

Elision as a generalized phenomenon

- (3) a. ... malam Kapolsek bilang, kalo dapat
 night head.of.district.police say if get
 tembak kaki pata
 shoot foot break
- b. ... malam Kapolsek bilang, kalo [kam] dapat
 night head.of.district.police say if [2PL] get
 [dia,] tembak [de pu] kaki [**supaya**] [kaki] pata
 [3SG] shoot [3SG POSS] foot [so.that] [foot] break
 [Reply to the question about who the police were looking for:] ‘[(they’re
 looking for Martin ...,) last night the head of the district police said, ‘if
 (you) get (him), shoot (his) leg (**so that** it) breaks’’ [081011-009-
 Cv.0048/0050]

This data shows that, in terms of structural relations, the opposition between coordination and dependency does not apply to purpose-marking *supaya* ‘so that’. Neither does the distinction apply to the other clause-combining conjunctions.

Given the lack of a clear-cut opposition between coordination and dependency in terms of structural relations, Haspelmath (2007a: 46) suggests “to define both

²³¹ Alternatively, the conjunction *sampe* ‘until, with the result that’ could fill this slot.

coordination and dependency in semantic terms”. He also notes, however, that even the distinction on semantic grounds “is often difficult to apply” (2007a: 47; see also Cristofaro 2005: 1–50, and Dixon and Aikhenvald 2009).

This difficulty also applies to clause combining in Papuan Malay. Therefore, in discussing clause combining in Papuan Malay at this point in the current research, no attempt is being made to distinguish between coordination and dependency on semantic grounds. Instead, this chapter describes the following aspects: (1) the meaning which the different Papuan Malay conjunctions convey, (2) the position which a given conjunction takes within its clause, and (3) the position which the clause marked with a conjunction takes vis-à-vis the clause it is conjoined with. For lack of a better term, the clause that is not marked with a conjunction is labeled as the “unmarked clause” throughout the remainder of this chapter. This label is used as a working term only for practical purposes.

Besides the 21 conjunctions combining same-type constituents, Papuan Malay also has two conjunctions which link different-type constituents, namely complementizer *bahwa* ‘so that’ and relativizer *yang* ‘REL’. Both are subordinating conjunctions, in that they “serve to integrate a ... clause into some larger construction” (Schachter and Shopen 2007: 45). Complementizer *bahwa* ‘that’ marks a clause as an argument of the verb, as illustrated in (4), while relativizer *yang* ‘REL’ integrates a relative clause within a noun phrase, as demonstrated in (5).

Conjunctions combining different-type constituents

- (4) sa cuma tau, **bahwa** de ada di sini
 1SG just know that 3SG exist at L.PROX
 ‘I just know **that** he was here’ [080922-010a-CvNF.0180]
- (5) baru Iskia dia pegang sa punya lutut **yang** tida baik
 and.then Iskia 3SG hold 1SG POSS knee REL NEG be.good
 ‘and then Iskia held my knee **that** is not well’ [080916-001-CvNP.0003]

Conjunctions linking same-type constituents are described in §14.2 and those linking different-type constituents are discussed in §14.3. Unless mentioned otherwise, the clausal conjunctions combine clauses with same-subject coreference as well as those with a switch in reference. Juxtaposition is briefly mentioned in §14.4. The main points of this chapter are summarized in §14.5.

14.2. Conjunctions combining same-type constituents

This section discusses conjunctions which combine same-type constituents. In terms of the semantic relations which they signal, the conjunctions fall into six groups, that is conjunctions marking (1) addition (§14.2.1), (2) alternative (§14.2.2), (3) time and/or conditions (§14.2.3), (4) consequence (§14.2.4), (5) contrast (§14.2.5), and (6) similarity (§14.2.6).

14.2.1. Addition

Addition-marking conjunctions combine constituents denoting events, states, or entities which are “closely linked and ... valid simultaneously” (Rudolph 1996: 20).

Besides conjunctive *dang* ‘and’ (§14.2.1.1), Papuan Malay employs two prepositions to signal addition, namely comitative *dengan* ‘with’ (§14.2.1.2), and goal-oriented *sama* ‘to’ (§14.2.1.3).

14.2.1.1. Conjunctive *dang* ‘and’

The conjunction *dang* ‘and’ typically links two clauses, as in (6). Less often, it links verb phrases as in (7) or noun phrases, as (8) and (9). Usually, the noun phrases have human referents as in (8); coordination of inanimate referents, as in (9), is rare.

- (6) de pegang de punya prahu, **dang** de dayung, **dang** de
3SG hold 3SG POSS boat and 3SG paddle and 3SG
bilang, ...
say
‘he took his boat **and** he paddled **and** he said, ...’ [080917-008-NP.0018]²³²
- (7) pagi helikopter turun, **dang** kembali ke Anggruk
morning helicopter descend and return to Anggruk
‘in the morning the helicopter came down **and** returned to Anggruk’
[081011-022-Cv.0228]
- (8) sa kas taw mama, **dang** mama-ade, nanti kam ...
1SG give know mother and aunt later 2PL
‘I let mother **and** aunt know, ‘later you ...’ [080919-007-CvNP.0001]
- (9) de suda taw ruma **dang** kampung
3SG already know house and village
‘he already knew the house **and** the village’ [080923-006-CvNP.0002]

14.2.1.2. Comitative *deng(an)* ‘with’

The comitative preposition *dengan* ‘with’, with its short form *deng*, typically conjoins noun phrases. The conjoined referents can be animate, as in (10), or inanimate, as in (11). The fact that Papuan Malay employs the same marker for “noun phrase conjunction and comitative phrases” suggests that, in terms of Stassen’s (2011a: 1) typology, Papuan Malay is a “WITH-language”. Occasionally, *deng(an)* ‘with’ links verb phrases as in (12). The linking of clauses with comitative *dengan* ‘with’ is unattested in the present corpus. (Besides, comitative *deng(an)* ‘with’ is also used to encode inclusory conjunction constructions, as discussed in §6.1.4; for a detailed discussion of preposition *dengan* ‘with’, see §10.2.1.)

- (10) malam hari atur, tong **deng** ana~ana makang
night day arrange 1PL with RDP~child eat
‘in the evening (my wife) arranges (the food), we **and** the children eat’
[080919-004-NP.0007]

²³² The subscript letters keep track of what each term refers to.

- (11) ... apa biologi **dengan** apa astronomi **dengan** bahasa Inggris
 what biology with what astronomy with language England
 [About a school competition] '[later they'll participate in the Olympiad
 contest in,] what, biology **and**, what, astronomy **and** English' [081115-001a-
 Cv.0111-0113]
- (12) nene jam dua malam datang **deng** menangis
 grandmother hour two night come with cry
 'at two o'clock in the morning grandmother came crying' (Lit. 'come **with**
 cry') [081014-008-CvNP.0001]

14.2.1.3. Goal-oriented *sama* 'to'

The goal-oriented preposition *sama* 'to' occasionally links noun phrases with human referents, as in (13). The coordination of clauses or verb phrases with *sama* 'to' is unattested in the present corpus. (See §10.2.2 for a detailed discussion of preposition *sama* 'to' and how it is distinct from comitative *dengan* 'with'.)

- (13) ... Aris **sama** Siduas_i deng de_i pu maytua, **sama** dep_i,
 Aris to Siduas with 3SG POSS wife to 3SG:POSS
 de_i punya maytua
 3SG POSS wife
 '[all (of you will) be taken (on board ...)] Aris **and** Siduas_i and his wife,
and his_i, his_i wife' [080922-001a-CvPh.0493/0497]²³³

14.2.2. **Alternative**

In Papuan Malay, two conjunctions mark alternative, disjunctive *ato* 'or' (§14.2.2.1) and disjunctive *ka* 'or' (§14.2.2.2).

14.2.2.1. Disjunctive *ato* 'or'

Disjunctive *ato* 'or' occurs at the left periphery of the constituents it combines. Here it signals that "a logical relationship between propositions" in the sense that "[i]f the logical disjunction of two propositions is true, then one or both of the component propositions can be true" (Payne 1997: 305). Most often, *ato* 'or' disjoins clauses, as in (14). Also quite often, *ato* 'or' links noun phrases as in (15). Only rarely *ato* 'or' links prepositional phrases as in (16), or verb phrases as in (17).

- (14) kalo saya susa, **ato** saya biking acara, nanti dia bantu saya
 if 1SG be.difficult or 1SG make ceremony later 3SG help 1SG
 'if I have difficulties **or** I make a festivity, then he'll help me' [080919-004-
 NP.0065]

²³³ The subscript letters indicate which pronouns have which referents.

- (15) kalo tong pu uang satu juta, **ato** satu juta lima
 if 1PL POSS money one million or one million five
 ratus, tong bisa bakar natal
 hundred 1PL be.capable burn Christmas
 ‘if we had one million **or** one million five hundred (rupiah), we could have
 a Christmas party’ (Lit. ‘burn (the) Christmas (fire)’) [081006-017-Cv.0016]
- (16) jadi kalo dia, suku dari situ, dari Masep suda
 so if 3SG ethnic.group from L.MED from Masep already
 bunu orang di, a, Karfasia, **ato** di Waim, na ...
 kill person at umh Karfasia or at Waim well
 ‘so if the, the ethnic group from there, from Masep has already killed
 someone at, umh Karfasia **or** at Waim, well ...’ [081006-027-CvEx.0002]
- (17) dong bilang, a, tunggu minum dulu, **ato** makang dulu
 3PL say ah! wait drink be.prior or eat be.prior
 ‘they said, ‘ah, wait, please drink **or** eat’’ (Lit. ‘drink first **or** eat first’)
 [080925-003-Cv.0111]

14.2.2.2. Disjunctive *ka* ‘or’

Disjunctive *ka* ‘or’ signals series or sequences of alternatives. Occurring at the right periphery of a constituent, it indicates that a list of alternatives is not exhaustive. That is, a few possible options are overtly mentioned, while others are implied. To make the notion of ‘non-exhaustive list of alternatives’ explicit, the conjunction marks an interrogative as the final enumerated constituent. Typically, disjunctive *ka* ‘or’ links noun phrases, as in (18) and (19). In (18), the notion of a ‘non-exhaustive list’ is implied, while in (19) it is overtly marked with *apa ka* ‘or something else’ (literally ‘what or’). Less often, *ka* ‘or’ combines prepositional phrases as in (20), or clauses as in (21); the linking of verbs with *ka* ‘or’ is unattested in the present corpus. Another function of *ka* ‘or’, not discussed here, is to mark interrogative clauses (see §13.2.3).

- (18) ... nanti banjir **ka**, hujang **ka**, guntur **ka**
 later flooding or rain or thunder or
 ‘[it’s not allowed to kill the snake otherwise] later (there’ll be) flooding, **or**
 rains, **or** thunder (**or something else**)’ [081006-022-CvEx.0004]
- (19) sa deng kaka Petrus pikir, mungking klapa **ka**, **apa ka**
 1SG with oSb Petrus think maybe coconut or what or
 yang ada di depang
 REL exist at front
 [About a motorbike trip:] ‘I and older brother Petrus thought it was maybe a
 coconut **or something else** that was in front (of us)’ [081023-004-Cv.0002]

- (20) ko lapor di umum **ka**, di keuangang **ka**
 2SG report at general or at finance.affairs or
 [About a government office:] ‘you (should) report to the general (office), or
 the finance (office) (**or some other** office)’ [081005-001-Cv.0011]
- (21) ... waktu ko ada potong babi **ka**, potong ikang **ka**, ato
 time 2SG exist cut pig or cut fish or or
 dapat ikang ka kuskus ka, waktu lewat kasi saja
 get fish or cuscus or time pass.by give just
 ‘[when (your) friends and relatives,] when you are carving a pig **or** carving
 fish (**or** carving **something else**), or (when you) get a fish or cuscus (or
 something else), when (they) walk by, just share (it with them)’ [080919-
 004-NP.0060]

14.2.3. Time and/or condition

Conjunctions marking temporal relations indicate relative time, “where the reference point for location of a situation is some point in time given by the context” (Comrie 1985: 56). Providing a reference point for the events or states depicted in the unmarked clause, time-marking conjunctions signal sequence relations, anteriority, or posteriority. Condition-marking conjunctions introduce a clause which expresses a condition, while the unmarked clause describes an event or state which could come about once the condition has been met. In many languages, there is no distinction between conditional ‘if’ and temporal ‘when’ clauses (Thompson et al. 2007: 257). This also applies to Papuan Malay. Therefore, both types of linkings are discussed here.

This section describes five conjunctions: sequential *trus* ‘next’ (§14.2.3.1) and *baru* ‘and then’ (§14.2.3.2), anteriority-marking *sampe* ‘until’ (§14.2.3.3) and *seblum* ‘before’ (§14.2.3.4), and posteriority-marking/conditional *kalo* ‘when, if’ (§14.2.3.5).²³⁴

14.2.3.1. Sequential *trus* ‘next’

The sequential conjunction *trus* ‘next’ is related to the monovalent verb *trus* ‘be continuous’ (see §5.16). It marks temporal relations between clauses or phrases in an iconic way by ordering events or entities “in logical and time sequence” (Bril 2010: 285). When combining clauses, it always occurs in clause-initial position.

In terms of subject reference, an initial investigation of the attested *trus* ‘next’ tokens in the present corpus suggests the following. The conjunction more often links clauses with a switch in reference (269 tokens), as in (22), than those with

²³⁴ Papuan Malay does not have a conjunction that marks temporal simultaneity between two clauses. Instead speakers use the common noun *waktu* ‘time’ when they want to signal that the events described in each clause happened at the same time:

waktu saya ... tinggal di kampung sa kerja sperti laki-laki
 time 1SG stay at village 1SG work similar.to man
 ‘when I lived in the village, I worked like a man’ (Lit. ‘(at) that time’) [081014-007-Pr.0048]

same-subject coreference (101 tokens). This quantitative data is in contrast to Donohue's (to be published: 42) observations that *trus* 'next' "is a commonly used connective when there is same-subject coreference condition between clauses". Less often, *trus* 'next' combines noun phrases, as in (23), or prepositional phrases, as in (24).

- (22) waktu Sofia lewat mandi to? di kamar mandi, **trus** Nusa
 when Sofia pass.by bathe right? at room bathe next Nusa
 juga lewat, Sofia ikat handuk, de mo lewat masuk ke
 also pass.by Sofia tie.up towel 3SG want pass.by enter to
 kamar, **trus** Nusa de bicara dia
 room next Nusa 3SG speak 3SG
 'when Sofia passed by to bathe, right?, in the bathroom, **then** Nusa also
 passed by, Sofia had tied (her) towel (around her waist), she wanted to pass
 by (and) enter the (bath)room, **then** Nusa spoke to her' [081115-001a-
 Cv.0263]
- (23) de pu potong selesay ambil ubi, **trus** daung petatas
 3SG POSS cut finish get purple.yam next leaf sweet.potato
 daung singkong, **trus** apa lagi sayur bayam
 leaf cassava next what again vegetable amaranth
 [A recipe:] '(once) the cutting up (of the pig meat) is done, take purple
 yam, **then** sweet potato leaves, cassava leaves, **then** what else amaranth
 vegetables' [081014-017-CvPr.0033]
- (24) ... jalang banyak to?, di atas, tenga, **trus** di laut,
 road many right? at top middle next at ocean
trus di pante sana
 then at coast L.DIST
 '[I was confused (about) the road, you know,] (there) were many roads,
 right?, in the upper part (of the village), in the middle, **and then** at the
 ocean, **and then** at the beach over there' [081025-008-Cv.0018]

14.2.3.2. Sequential *baru* 'and then'

The sequential conjunction *baru* 'and then' is related to the stative verb *baru* 'be new' (see §5.16). Most often, it marks temporal succession by organizing events in their logical or temporal order, as shown in (25). In addition, although less often, the conjunction marks contrast, as illustrated in (26).

Typically, *baru* 'and then' occurs in clause-initial position where it marks an immediate subsequent event or action, similar to sequential *trus* 'next' (§14.2.3.1). Concurrently, however, the conjunction signals another piece of information, as shown in (25) (note that this example presents contiguous text). Depending on the context, the conjunction marks noteworthy parts and/or signals a new aspect or perspective regarding the event or discourse unfolding. In this case *baru* translates with 'but then', as in (25b) or 'and then' as in (25c). Alternatively, the conjunction signals that the event depicted in its clause does not occur until after the event of the

preceding clause. In this case, it translates with ‘only then’, as in (25a). In marking contrastive sequentiality, *baru* ‘and then’ differs from *trus* ‘next’ which indicates neutral sequentiality (see §14.2.3).

As for subject reference, an initial inspection of the *baru* ‘and then’ tokens in the present corpus suggests that the conjunction more often links clauses with a switch in reference (524 tokens), as in (25b), than clauses with same-subject coreference (455 tokens), as in (25a, c). In this respect, *baru* ‘and then’ behaves like *trus* ‘next’ (see §14.2.3).

Combining clauses with *baru* ‘and then’ in clause initial position: Sequential reading

- (25) a. tong ... jaga dia_i sampe jam satu, **baru** tong tidor,
1PL guard 3SG until hour one and.then 1PL sleep
[About a sick relative:] ‘we ... watched her until one o’clock, **only then** did we sleep’
- b. **baru** Pawlus de_j sandar di de_i pu badan begini,
and.then Pawlus 3SG lean at 3SG POSS body like.this
‘**but then** Pawlus was leaning against her body like this’
- c. **baru** de_j kas pata leher ke bawa di atas
and.then 3SG give break neck to bottom at top
de_i pu bahu
3SG POSS shoulder
‘**and then** he bent his neck down onto her shoulder’ (Lit. ‘caused his head to be broken’) [080916-001-CvNP.0005-0006]

Occasionally, the conjunction occurs at the right periphery of a contrast clause. Summarizing what has been said before, it marks the propositional content of its clause as true despite the contents of the preceding unmarked clause. In this case, the conjunction receives the reading ‘after all’, as in (26). As this contrast-marking function of the conjunction is marginal, it is not further discussed in §14.2.5.

Combining clauses with *baru* ‘and then’ in clause final position: Contrastive reading

- (26) sa tra akang kasi kaing, sa juga dinging stenga mati,
1SG NEG will give cloth 1SG also be.cold half dead
ada anging **baru**
exist wind and.then
‘I wasn’t going to give (her my) cloth, I was also (half dead from being) cold, it was windy **after all**’ [081025-006-Cv.0048]

14.2.3.3. Anteriority-marking *sampe* ‘until’

The conjunction *sampe* ‘until’ is related to the bivalent verb *sampe* ‘reach’ (see §5.16; see also §10.1.4 for the prepositional uses of *sampe* ‘until’). It introduces a temporal clause which follows the unmarked clause. Usually, *sampe* ‘until’ marks

anteriority. That is, it signals that the event or state of the unmarked clause occurs prior to that of the temporal clause, as shown in (27). Concurrently, *sampe* ‘until’ marks temporal extent in that it indicates that the event or state of the unmarked clause continues until the event or state of the temporal clause comes about. Depending on the context, temporal *sampe* ‘until’ can also receive a resultative reading in the sense of ‘with the result that’, as in (28). Given that the resultative reading of *sampe* ‘until’ is the derived, marginal one, this result-marking function of *sampe* ‘until’ is not further discussed in §14.2.4.

- (27) ... de harus taru di mata-hari, **sampe** de jadi papeda
 3SG have.to put at sun until 3SG become sagu.porridge
 [Before an ancestor had fire to heat water:] ‘[when he wanted to make sagu porridge,] he had to leave it out in the sun **until** it turned into sagu porridge’
 [080922-010a-CvNF.007-0008]
- (28) Fredi pu tangang dia palungku kaca, jadi dia rabik,
 Fredi POSS hand 3SG punch glass so 3SG tear
sampe brapa jahitang
 until how.many stitch
 [About an accident:] ‘Fredi’s hand hit glass, so it was torn **with the result that** (he got) several stitches’ [081006-032-Cv.0066]

14.2.3.4. Anteriority-marking *seblum* ‘before’

Anteriority-marking *seblum* ‘before’ also introduces a temporal clause.²³⁵ It indicates – similar to *sampe* ‘until’ – that the event or state of the unmarked clause occurs prior to that of the temporal clause. Unlike *sampe* ‘until’, however, *seblum* ‘before’ does not signal extent. The temporal clause with *seblum* ‘before’ can precede or follow the unmarked clause, as shown in (29) and (30), respectively. In the present corpus, however, the temporal clause more often precedes the unmarked clause (21 tokens) rather than follows it (8 tokens).

- (29) ... say suda punya rencana juga, **seblum** sa keluar
 1SG already have plan also before 1SG go.out
 ‘[when I hunt without taking dogs, I leave in the night,] I also already have a plan **before** I leave’ [080919-004-NP.0002]
- (30) de bilang, **seblum** kitong pergi ke kota, kitong cuci muka dulu
 3SG say before 1PL go to city 1PL wash front prior
 ‘he said, ‘**before** we go to the city, we wash (our) faces first’’ [080917-008-NP.0126]

²³⁵ The conjunction *seblum* ‘before’ is historically derived from the aspectual adverb *blum* ‘not yet’: *se-blum* ‘one-not.yet’ (see §2.4.4.2 and §3.1).

14.2.3.5. Posteriority-marking/conditional *kalo* ‘when, if’

The conjunction *kalo* ‘when, if’ signals temporal relations, namely posteriority, and/or conditional relations between two clauses. The clause it introduces always precedes the unmarked clause.

Whether *kalo* ‘when, if’ receives a temporal reading as in (31) and (32), or a conditional reading, as in (41) and (34), is context-dependent. Quite often, though, both interpretations are possible, as shown in (35). This lack of a “distinction between ‘if’ clauses and ‘when’ clauses” is also found in other languages, such as “Indonesian and certain languages of Papua New Guinea”, as Thompson et al. (2007: 257) point out.

When marking posteriority, *kalo* translates with ‘when’; it signals that the event or state of unmarked main clause occurs subsequent to that of the temporal clause, as in (31). When the conjunction co-occurs with the retrospective adverb *su(da)* ‘already’, it projects these events or states to the future; in this case *kalo* translates with ‘once’. That is, in combination with *su(da)* ‘already’, the conjunction signals that the event or state of the unmarked clause will eventuate, once that of the temporal clause has come about, as in (32).

Combining clauses with *kalo* ‘when/after’: Temporal reading

- (31) *kalo* dong tendang de pu kaki tu, dia pegang bola
 when 3PL kick 3SG POSS foot D.DIST 3SG hold ball
 [About a football match:] ‘**when** they kicked those legs of his, he grabbed the ball’ [081006-014-Cv.0004]
- (32) jadi *kalo* dong *su* tinggal di kota begini, dong
 so if 3PL already stay at city like.this 3PL
 snang tinggal, tida maw pulang ke kampung
 feel.happy(.about) stay NEG want go.home to village
 ‘so **once** they’ve lived in the city like this, they’re happy to stay (here), (they) don’t want to return home to the village’ [080927-009-CvNP.0059]

In a different context, the conjunction receives a conditional reading and signals “indicative conditional” relations or “counterfactual conditional” relations (Kaufmann 2006: 6), in which case *kalo* translates with ‘if’. An indicative conditional indicates that it is possible for the condition presented in its clause to be met; in this case the event or state of the unmarked clause will also come about. This is shown in (41). When conditional *kalo* ‘if’ co-occurs with retrospective *su(da)* ‘already’, the clause receives a counterfactual conditional reading. That is, it signals that the condition was not met in the past. If the condition had been met, however, then the event or state of the unmarked clause would also have come about. This is illustrated in (34).

Combining clauses with *kalo* ‘if’: Conditional reading

- (33) *kalo* ko alpa, kitong tra jalang
 if 2SG be.absent 1PL NEG walk
 [Talking to her son about an upcoming trip:] ‘**if** you play hooky, we won’t go’ [080917-003a-CvEx.0038]

- (34) **kalo** sa **su** pake em kaca-mata tu,
 if 1SG already use uh glasses D.DIST
 mungkin sa su gila
 maybe 1SG already be.crazy
 ‘if I’d been wearing, uh, those (sun)glasses, I might already be crazy’
 [080919-005-Cv.0007]

Rather commonly, *kalo* ‘when, if’ allows both a temporal and a conditional reading, as in (35).

Combining clauses with *kalo* ‘when, if’: Temporal and/or conditional reading

- (35) **kalo** bapa datang, pluk bapa
 when/if father come embrace father
 ‘when/if you (‘father’) come (here), (I’ll) embrace you (‘father’)’ [080922-001a-CvPh.0360]

14.2.4. Consequence

A consequence-marking conjunction indicates that the event or state of its clause is the outcome of an event or state depicted in the unmarked clause. More specifically, the unmarked clause describes a result or purpose, while the clause marked with the conjunction expresses a cause or reason. This section describes five conjunctions: resultative/causal *jadi* ‘so, since’ (§14.2.4.1), purposive *supaya* ‘so that’ (§14.2.4.2), purposive *untuk* ‘for’ (§14.2.4.3), causal *karna* ‘because’ (§14.2.4.4), and causal *gara-gara* ‘because’ (§14.2.4.5). In addition, although rarely, temporal *sampe* ‘until’ has result-marking function in the sense of ‘with the result that’; given that this function is marginal, it is discussed in §14.2.3.3 and not here.

14.2.4.1. Resultative/causal *jadi* ‘so, since’

The resultative/causal conjunction *jadi* ‘so, since’ is related to the bivalent verb *jadi* ‘become’ (see §5.16). Most often, it marks a resultative relation between two clauses, as shown in (36). In addition, although less often, the conjunction signals a causal relation, as illustrated in (37).

Typically, *jadi* ‘so, since’ occurs in initial position of a result clause that follows the unmarked clause. Here, the conjunction signals that the event or state of its clause results from that of the unmarked clause, as in (36); hence, *jadi* translates with ‘so’.

Combining clauses with *jadi* ‘so, since’: Clause-initial position

- (36) tong tra snang dengan dia, **jadi** kitong malas
 1PL NEG feel.happy(.about) with 3SG so 1PL be.listless
 datang dia pu ruma
 come 3SG POSS house
 ‘we don’t feel happy about her, so we don’t want to come to her house’
 [080927-006-CvNP.0032]

Alternatively, but less often, conjunction occurs in clause-final position of a cause clause where it marks a causal relation with the preceding unmarked clause, as in (37). That is, the conjunction signals that something depicted in its clause is the cause for the event or state of the unmarked clause, and that the result depicted in the unmarked clause is anticipated. Hence, *jadi* translates with ‘since’. In that the result is expected, causal *jadi* ‘since’ differs from neutral causality-marking *karna* ‘because’ (see §14.2.4.4).

Combining clauses with *jadi* ‘so, since’: Clause-final position

- (37) Musa ini, e, de loyo~loyo ini, de bangun tidor **jadi**
 Musa D.PROX uh 3SG RDP~be.weak this 3SG wake.up sleep so
 [About a small boy:] ‘Musa here, uh, right now he’s kind of weak **since** he
 woke up from sleeping’ [080922-001a-CvPh.1435/1437]

14.2.4.2. Purposive *supaya* ‘so that’

Purposive *supaya* ‘so that’ introduces a purpose clause which follows the unmarked clause. The conjunction signals that the event or state of its clause is the intended outcome of the deliberate activity depicted in the unmarked clause. Most often, *supaya* ‘so that’ introduces a purpose clause with overt subject, as in (38). Less often, the conjunction introduces a purpose clause with elided subject, as in (39).

- (38) mace ko sendiri yang ikut, **supaya** ko atur
 wife 2SG alone REL follow so.that 2SG arrange
 makangang di sana!
 food at L.DIST
 ‘you wife yourself (should) go with (them) **so that** you organize the
 catering over there!’ (Lit. ‘(it’s) you wife yourself who ...’) [081025-009a-
 Cv.0032]
- (39) e, angkat muka, **supaya** Ø liat orang!
 hey! lift front so.that see person
 ‘hey, lift (your) face **so that** (you) see (the other) people!’ [081110-008-
 CvNP.0101]

14.2.4.3. Purposive *untuk* ‘for’

As a conjunction, the benefactive preposition *untuk* ‘for, to’ signals a purpose relation between two clauses (for a description of preposition *untuk* ‘for, to’, see §10.2.3). Purposive *untuk* ‘for’, like *supaya* ‘so that’ (see §14.2.4.2), introduces a purpose clause which expresses the intended outcome of the purposeful activity depicted in the preceding unmarked clause, as shown in (40) and (41). Usually, *untuk* ‘for, to’ introduces a purpose clause with elided subject, as shown with the second *untuk* ‘for, to’ token in (40). Much less often the conjunction introduces a purpose clause with overt subject, as shown with the first *untuk* ‘for, to’ token in (40), or as in (41). Thereby, *untuk* ‘for, to’ differs from purposive *supaya* ‘so that’.

- (40) tadi ana bilang, ... bapa dorang siap saja, **untuk** kita
 earlier child say father 3PL get.ready just for 1PL
 ke sana a, sa juga siap, **untuk** bawa kamu ke sini
 to L.DIST ah! 1SG also get.ready for bring 2PL to L.PROX
 ‘a short while ago you (‘child’) said, ‘... father and the others are ready **for**
 us (to move) to (Sarmi over) there’, ah (in that case) I’m also ready **to** bring
 you (to Sarmi) here’ [080922-001a-CvPh.1241]
- (41) ... tida bole, ini, kamu datang, **untuk** kamu skola
 NEG may D.PROX 2PL come for 2PL go.to.school
 ‘[you shouldn’t hate each other, (you) shouldn’t infuriate each other,] (you)
 shouldn’t (do all this), what’s-its-name, you came here **to** go to school’ (Lit.
 ‘**for** you (to) go to school’) [081115-001a-Cv.0272]

14.2.4.4. Causal *karna* ‘because’

Causal *karna* ‘because’ signals a neutral causal relation between two clauses by introducing a cause clause which gives the reason for the event or state depicted in the unmarked clause. Usually the cause clause follows the unmarked clause, as in (42). In combination with adversative *tapi* ‘but’ (see §14.2.5.1), however, it can precede the unmarked clause as in (43). In this case the unmarked clause is often introduced with resultative *jadi* ‘so’. Signaling neutral causality, *karna* ‘because’ is distinct from causal *jadi* ‘since’ which marks expected results (see §14.2.4.1), and from causal *gara-gara* ‘because’ which marks emotive causal relations (see §14.2.4.5).

- (42) saya bisa pulang, **karna** sa su dapat babi
 1SG be.capable go.home because 1SG already get pig
 [Hunting a wild pig:] ‘I can return home **because** I already got the pig’
 [080919-004-NP.0024]
- (43) dong memang piara de di situ, **tapi karna** mama dong
 3PL indeed raise 3SG at L.MED but because mother 3PL
 pu bapa-ade ..., **tapi karna** tete meninggal, **jadi**
 POSS uncle but because grandfather die so
 dong pu keluarga ini yang piara
 3PL POSS family D.PROX REL raise
 ‘they took indeed care of him there, **but because** mama’s uncle [umh,
 who’s actually the youngest offspring,] **but because** grandfather died, **so**
 (it’s) their family who took care of him’ [080919-006-CvNP.0006-0008]

14.2.4.5. Causal *gara-gara* ‘because’

The causal conjunction *gara-gara* ‘because’ is related to the bivalent verb *gara* ‘irritate’ (see §5.16). It indicates an emotive causal relation between two clauses by introducing a cause clause which gives the reason for the circumstances depicted in the unmarked clause. Most often, the cause clause follows the unmarked clause, as

in (44). Alternatively, the cause clause can precede the unmarked clause. In this case adversative *tapi* ‘but’ (see §14.2.5.1) precedes *gara-gara* ‘because’, as in (45), as is the case with *karna* ‘because’ (see §14.2.4.4). In that *gara-gara* ‘because’ signals an emotive causal relation between its clause and the unmarked clause, it is distinct from *karna* ‘because’ which marks neutral causal relations.

- (44) sap prut sakit, **gara-gara** sa makang nasi
 1SG:POSS stomach be.sick because 1SG eat cooked.rice
 ‘my stomach was sick **because** I ate rice’ [081025-009a-Cv.0046]
- (45) ... **tapi gara-gara** Nofela bi, **gara-gara** Nofela bicara
 but because Nofela TRU-speak because Nofela speak
 deng bapa, bapa pu hati tergrak ...
 with father father POSS liver be.moved
 [Phone conversation between a father and his daughter:] ‘[(if) I had just spoken to Siduas, maybe I wouldn’t have felt moved to come (and pick you up), right?], **but because** you (‘Nofela’) spoke[TRU], **because** you (‘Nofela’) spoke with me, my (‘father’s) heart was moved [so I’ll definitely come (and pick you up)]’ [080922-001a-CvPh.1082-1083]

14.2.5. Contrast

Contrast-marking conjunctions signal that the events or states described in two clauses “are valid simultaneously”, but that the information given in one clause “marks a contrast to the information” given in the other clause (Rudolph 1996: 20). This section describes four contrast-marking conjunctions: adversative *tapi* ‘but’ and *habis* ‘after all’ (§14.2.5.2 and §14.2.5.1), oppositive *padahal* ‘but actually’ (§14.2.5.3), and concessive *biar* ‘although’ (§14.2.5.4). In addition, temporal *baru* ‘and then’ has contrast-marking function in that it signals counter-expectation in the sense of ‘after all’; as this function is marginal it is discussed in §14.2.3.2 and not here.

14.2.5.1. Adversative *tapi* ‘but’

Adversative *tapi* ‘but’ occurs in interclausal position where it introduces a contrast clause. It marks a contrast relation between its clause and the unmarked clause, as shown in (46) and (47).

- (46) de bisa maing gitar, **tapi** de malu
 3SG be.able play guitar but 3SG feel.embarrassed(.about)
 ‘she can play the guitar **but** she feels shy (about it)’ [081014-015-Cv.0008]
- (47) jadi sa punya bapa kasi saya untuk Iskia, **tapi** Iskia
 so 1SG POSS father give 1SG for Iskia but Iskia

kawin sala, Iskia kawin sa punya kaka
 marry be.wrong Iskia marry 1SG POSS oSb
 ‘so my father gave me to Iskia, **but** Iskia married improperly, Iskia married
 my older sister’ [081006-028-CvEx.0005]

14.2.5.2. Adversative *habis* ‘after all’

Adversative *habis* ‘after all’ is related to the monovalent verb *habis* ‘be used up, be finished’ (see §5.16). It marks an adversative relation between two clauses, as shown in (48) and (49). Introducing a contrast clause that follows the unmarked clause, the conjunction summarizes what has been said before and signals that the propositional content of its clause is true in spite of the content of the preceding unmarked clause. At the same time, it signals that the interlocutor is expected to know that this content is true. Thereby *habis* ‘after all’ is distinct from adversative *baru* ‘and then’ which merely summarizes what has been said before (see §14.2.3.2). The exchange in (49) illustrates that there does not need to be an overt unmarked clause which precedes the contrast clause: speakers also use *habis* ‘after all’ to reply to an interlocutor’s statements.

- (48) bilang bapa, kirim tong uang, **habis** sa susa to?
 say father send 1PL money after.all 1SG difficult right?
 ‘say (to) father, ‘send us money, **after all**, I have difficulties, right?’
 [080922-001a-CvPh.0866]
- (49) a. Speaker-1: ko baru masuk klas satu ini?
 2SG recently enter class one D.PROX
 Speaker-1: ‘recently you got into first grade (of middle school)?’
- b. Speaker-2: yo, **habis** sa gagal
 yes after.all 1SG fail
 Speaker-2: ‘yes, **after all**, I failed (the last exams)’ [080922-001a-
 CvPh.0965-0966]

14.2.5.3. Oppositive *padahal* ‘but actually’

The conjunction *padahal* ‘but actually’ introduces a contrast clause, which follows the unmarked clause. Concurrent to marking contrast, the conjunction signals that the propositional content of its clause is surprising and unexpected given the content of the unmarked clause. Thereby, *padahal* ‘but actually’ is more oppositive than *tapi* ‘but’ (see §14.2.5.1). This is illustrated in (50) and (51).

- (50) ana ini, sa pikir de suda lewat, **padahal** de
 child D.PROX 1SG think 3SG already pass.by but.actually 3SG

tidor atas kayu~kayu
 sleep top RDP~wood
 ‘this child, I thought he’d already passed by, **but actually** he was sleeping
 on top of the wood’ [081013-004.Cv.0004]

- (51) bulang oktober sa pu alpa cuma dua saja, bayangkang,
 month October 1SG POSS be.absent just two just image
padahal sa alpa banyak
 but.actually 1SG absent many
 [About the speaker’s school attendance:] ‘imagine!, in October I had just
 only two (official) absences, **but actually** I was absent many times’ (Lit.
 ‘my absences were many’) [081023-004-Cv.0014]

14.2.5.4. Concessive *biar* ‘although’

Concessive *biar* ‘although’ is related to the monovalent verb *biar* ‘be permitted’ (see §5.16). It marks concessive relations between two clauses. Introducing a concession clause, the conjunction signals that despite the event or state depicted in its clause, the event or state depicted in the unmarked clause occurred. Usually, the concession clause precedes the unmarked clause, whereby the concession is emphasized, as in (52). Alternatively, although less often, it can follow the unmarked clause, in which case the content of the latter clause is emphasized, as in (53).

- (52) yo, **biar** makangang tinggi, de ambil
 yes although food be.high 3SG fetch
 [About a greedy child:] ‘yes, **although** the food is (placed) high (up on a
 shelf), he takes (it)’ [081025-006-Cv.0256]
- (53) ... jangang tinggal di ruma, tida bole, **biar** dulu
 NEG.IMP stay at house NEG may although be.prior
 orang-tua dong bilang begini
 parent 3PL say like.this
 ‘[so you kids have to go to school,] don’t stay home, (that’s) not allowed,
although the parents said so in the past’ [081110-008-CvNP.0036]

14.2.6. **Similarity**

As conjunctions, the similative prepositions *sperti* ‘similar to’ and *kaya* ‘like’ mark similarity between two clauses. Introducing similarity clauses, both signal that the event or state depicted in the unmarked clause is similar to that described in the similarity clause. The similarity clause always follows the unmarked clause.

Derived from their prepositional semantics, *sperti* ‘similar to’ signals likeness in some, often implied, respect, while *kaya* ‘like’ marks overall resemblance, as shown in (54) and (55), respectively. (See §10.3.1 and §10.3.2 for a detailed discussion of the prepositions *sperti* ‘similar to’ and *kaya* ‘like’ and their semantics.)

- (54) mama dia lupa kamu, **sperti** kacang lupa kulit
 mother 3SG forget 2PL similar.to bean forget skin
 ‘mother forgot you (in a way that is) **similar to** a bean forgetting its skin’
 [080922-001a-CvPh.0932]
- (55) ... tong taputar, **kaya** kitong ni ana~ana
 1PL be.turned.around like 1PL D.PROX RDP~child
 perjalangang yang taputar
 journey REL be.turned.around
 ‘[we were looking for a bathroom ..., good grief! there weren’t (any)
 bathrooms,] we wandered around **like** we here were children on a trip who
 wandered around’ [081025-009a-Cv.0059]

14.3. Conjunctions combining different-type constituents

This section describes two conjunctions which combine different-type constituents. Complementizer *bahwa* ‘that’ links a clause to a bivalent verb (§14.3.1), while relativizer *yang* ‘REL’ integrates a relative clause within a noun phrase (§14.3.2).

14.3.1. Complementizer *bahwa* ‘that’

The complementizer *bahwa* ‘that’ marks “a clause as the complement of a verb” (Schachter and Shopen 2007: 49). Cross-linguistically, it is typically bivalent “verbs of utterance and cognition” that take complements (Payne 1997: 279). This also applies to Papuan Malay. The present corpus contains 68 complement clauses with *bahwa* ‘that’. In 37 cases, the complement-taking verb is *taw* ‘know’, followed by *bilang* ‘say’ (5 tokens), *ceritra* ‘tell’ (4 tokens), and *liat* ‘see’ (3 tokens).

Two structural patterns are attested for complementation with *bahwa* ‘that’. Usually, the verb is followed by the clausal complement with *bahwa* ‘that’ (61 tokens), as in (56) and (57). Alternatively, although much less often, the verb is followed by an object which is followed by the clausal complement (8 tokens), as in (58).

VERB – *bahwa* ‘that’ (OBJECT) – CLAUSAL COMPLEMENT

- (56) sa tida **taw** **bahwa** jam tiga itu de su meninggal
 1SG NEG know that hour three D.DIST 3SG already die
 ‘I didn’t **know that** by three o’clock she had already died’ [080917-001-
 CvNP.0005]
- (57) kalo blum nika itu, greja **bilang** **bahwa** dong dua
 if not.yet marry D.DIST church say that 3PL two
 blum jadi swami istri
 not.yet become husband wife
 ‘if (they) haven’t (officially) married yet, (then) the church **says that** the
 two of them haven’t yet become husband and wife’ [081110-006-CvEx.0196]

- (58) jadi Raymon **tuntut sama kita** to?, **sama kitorang**
 so Raymon demand from 1PL right? from 1PL
bahwa kamu harus ganti lagi
 that 2PL have.to replace also
 [About bride-price customs:] ‘so Raymon **demanded from us**, right?, **from us that** we also had to compensate (for that wife)’ (Lit. ‘... **from us that** you had to replace’) [081006-024-CvEx.0019]²³⁶

14.3.2. Relativizer *yang* ‘REL’

Relativizer *yang* ‘REL’ introduces a relative clause which functions “as a modifier within a noun phrase” (Asher 1994: 5165) (see also §8.2.8). Typically, the relative clause follows its head nominal, as in (59) and (61a). However, *yang* ‘REL’ can also introduce a headless relative clause “when the head noun is non-specific”, as in (60), or when “the specific reference to the head is clear” (Payne 1997: 295), as in (61b) (“∅” signifies the implied head nominal).

Relative clauses with overt head nominal and headless relative clauses

- (59) kitong mo hancurkang **tugu yang** ada di Sarmi itu
 1PL want shatter monument REL exist at Sarmi D.DIST
 ‘we want to destroy **the statue that** is in Sarmi there’ [080917-008-NP.0043]
- (60) tong tra ke kampung, tra ada ∅ **yang** jalang ke kampung
 1PL NEG to village NEG exist REL walk to village
 ‘we don’t (go) to the village, there is (**nobody**) **who** goes to the village’
 [080917-003a-CvEx.0048]
- (61) a. Speaker-1: **Nelci itu yang** mana?
 Nelci D.DIST REL where
 Speaker-1: ‘**which** one is **that Nelci**?’
- b. Speaker-2: ∅ **yang** kecil~kecil ... ∅ **yang** rajing~rajing
 REL RDP~be.small REL RDP~be.diligent
 Speaker-2: ‘(**the one**) **who**’s kind of small ... (**the one**) **who**’s very diligent’ [081115-001a-Cv.0285-0292]

The remainder of this section describes the grammatical positions which can be relativized in Papuan Malay. The data in the present corpus shows that in terms of Keenan and Comrie’s (1977) “Accessibility Hierarchy”, Papuan Malay allows relativization on all five positions, namely:

SUBJECT > DIRECT OBJECT > INDIRECT OBJECT > OBLIQUE > POSSESSOR

Relativizing these positions involves two different “case recoverability strategies” that allow to identify “the role of the referent of the head noun *within the relative clause*” (Payne 1997: 297). In Papuan Malay, relativization of subject, direct and

²³⁶ Typically, speakers report direct speech in the form of direct speech rather than indirect speech (see also §6.2.1.1).

indirect object arguments is achieved with the “gap strategy”, while relativization of obliques and possessors involves “pronoun retention” (1997: 297, 298).

When core arguments are relativized, a gap is left. This gap, signified with “Ø”, occurs where the relativized noun phrase would be situated if it were expressed overtly. The example in (62) illustrates relativization of a subject argument, in (63) of a direct object argument, and in (64) of an indirect object argument.

Relativization of the subject and direct object positions

- (62) tong bagi buat **kitorang yang** Ø potong itu ...,
 1PL divide for 1PL REL cut D.DIST
 buat **sodara~sodara yang** Ø tinggal di kampung
 for RDP~sibling REL stay at village
 [About hunting a wild pig:] we divided (the meat) for **us who** cut (it) up
 that day, (and) then for **the relatives and friends who** live in the village’
 [080919-003-NP.0014]
- (63) saya kas makang anjing deng **papeda yang** sa pu
 1SG give eat dog with sagu.porridge REL 1SG POSS
 bini biking Ø malam untuk anjing dorang
 wife make night for dog 3PL
 ‘I fed the dogs with **the sagu porridge which** my wife had prepared for the
 dogs in the evening’ [080919-003-NP.0002]
- (64) **Fitri yang** de bapa kasi Ø ijin mo ikut ke kampung
 Fitri REL 3SG father give permission want follow to village
 ‘**Fitri, whom** her husband gave permission, wants to go with (us) to the
 village’ [080925-003-Cv.0211]

Obliques and possessors are relativized via pronoun retention. That is, a retained pronoun explicitly marks the relativized position within the relative clause. This is illustrated with the relativization of an oblique argument in (65), and of a possessor in (66) (see also Chapter 9 on adnominal possessive constructions).

Relativization of the indirect direct object, oblique, and possessor positions

- (65) kalo **ana mana yang** sa duduk ceritra **deng dia**,
 if child where REL 1SG sit tell with 3SG
 itu ana itu, de hormat torang
 D.DIST child D.DIST 3SG respect 1PL
 ‘as for **which kid with whom** I sit and talk, that is that kid, she respects us’
 [081115-001a-Cv.0282]
- (66) itu **kaka satu itu yang dia punya** ade prempuang
 D.DIST oSb one D.DIST REL 3SG POSS ySb woman
 itu tinggal deng Natanael tu
 D.DIST stay with Natanael D.DIST
 ‘that is **that one older brother whose** younger sister is staying with
 Natanael’ [080922-001a-CvPh.0888]

14.4. Juxtaposition

Juxtaposition is another strategy in Papuan Malay to link constituents, namely same-type constituents, such as noun phrases, prepositional phrases, verbs, or clauses.

Juxtaposition of noun phrases, as in (67) to (72), occurs considerably less often in the present corpus than conjoining with a conjunction. Three, four or five noun phrases are juxtaposed to enumerate entities; juxtaposition of two noun phrases occurs less often. These findings reflect the results of Stassen's (2000) typological study of noun phrase conjunction which shows that juxtaposition is "a minor strategy" which is often used "in list-like enumerations".²³⁷

Papuan Malay combines different prosodic features to indicate the structure of the juxtaposed noun phrases: final vowel lengthening (orthographically represented by a sequence of three vowels), slight increase in pitch of the stressed syllable ("´"), intonation breaks ("|"), non-final intonation pattern with level pitch ("—"), and end-of-list intonation with fall pitch ("˘"). The enumeration structure in (67) is indicated with an increase in pitch, and the last item is marked off by the demonstrative *itu* 'D.DIST'. In (68), the enumeration is signaled with an increase in pitch as well as intonation breaks; the last item has an end-of-list intonation. In (69), the structure is marked with a slight increase in pitch and final vowel lengthening of the first and third coordinands while the fourth item has an end-of-list intonation. The second and third coordinands form a compact intonation unit, separated from the first and fourth coordinands by intonation breaks. After another intonation break following the fourth coordinand, the fifth coordinand is added as an afterthought.

Juxtaposition of noun phrases

- (67) — — — ———
 gúntur kílát hújang itu dia sambar
 thunder lightning rain D.DIST 3SG strike.one.after.the.other
 ruma itu sampeee
 house D.DIST reach
 'that **thunder, lightning, (and) rain**, it hit one house after the other ON
 AND ON' [081006-022-CvEx.0007]

²³⁷ According to Stassen (2000: 7–8), "the general trend all over the world is that zero-coordination tends to be marginalized into specific functions or is replaced altogether by overt marking strategies". Mithun (1988: 351–357) suggests that this development is due to the global increase in bilingualism and in literacy. With respect to bilingualism Mithun (1988: 351) observes that "an astonishing number of coordinating conjunctions have been recently borrowed into languages that previously had none". As for the role of literacy, Mithun (1988: 356) notes that, whereas in oral language intonation suffices to signal the syntactic structure of juxtaposed constituents, written language requires the overt and "systematic specification of the precise nature of link" to disambiguate syntactic relations.

- (68) — — — — \
- káing** | **bántal** | **smúa** | **tíkar**
 cloth pillow all plaited.mat
 [Listing laundry items:] ‘**the cloths, pillows, everything, the plaited mats**’
 [081025-006-Cv.0057]

- (69) — — — — \ — — — —
- kita pake **búmbuuu** | **fetsin** **gáraaam** | **sere** | **ricaaa**
 1PL use spice MSG salt lemon.grass red.pepper
 ‘we used **spices, flavoring spice, salt, lemongrass, red pepper**’ [080919-004-NP.0037]

Juxtaposition of prepositional phrases, verbs, or clauses is illustrated in (70) to (72). Three prepositional phrases introduced with relative *dari* ‘from’ are juxtaposed in (70), three verbs in (71), and three clauses in (72) (for easier recognition the first constituent of each of the linked clauses is bolded).

Juxtaposition of prepositional phrases, verbs, or clauses

- (70) baru sa punya bapa dia turun **dari** atas
 and.then 1SG POSS father 3SG descend from top
dari pedalamang **dari** Siantoa
 from interior from Siantoa
 ‘and then my father came down **from** the hills, **from** the interior, **from** Siantoa’ [080927-009-CvNP.0010]
- (71) kepala desa mantang Arbais ada **duduk** **ceritra** **minum**
 head village former Arbais exist sit tell drink
 ‘the former mayor of Arbais was **sitting** (there and) **talking** (and) **drinking**’ [081011-024-Cv.0135]
- (72) **Oktofernus** tra makang, **Mateus** tra makang, **Wili** tra
 Oktofernus NEG eat Mateus NEG eat Wili NEG
 makang, e, **paytua** tra makang
 eat uh husband NEG eat
 ‘**Oktofernus** didn’t eat, **Mateus** didn’t eat, **Wili** didn’t eat, uh, (my) **husband** didn’t eat’ [080921-003-CvNP.0005]

14.5. Summary

Papuan Malay conjunctions typically conjoin same-type constituents. Most of them combine clauses with clauses. Only two link different-type constituents, such as verbs with clauses. Typically, the conjunctions occur at the left periphery of the constituent they mark.

The 21 conjunctions linking same-type constituents are divided into six groups according to the semantic relations they signal:

1. Addition: *dang* ‘and’, *dengan* ‘with’, *sama* ‘to’.

2. Alternative: *ato* ‘or’ and *ka* ‘or’.
3. Time and/or condition: *trus* ‘next’, *baru* ‘and then’, *sampe* ‘until’, *seblum* ‘before’, and *kalo* ‘when, if’.
4. Consequence: *jadi* ‘so, since’, *supaya* ‘so that’, *untuk* ‘for’, *karna* ‘because’, and *gara-gara* ‘because’; time-marking *sampe* also signals consequence in the sense of ‘with the result that’.
5. Contrast: *tapi* ‘but’, *habis* ‘after all’, *padahal* ‘but actually’, and *biar* ‘although’; time-marking *baru* also marks contrast in the sense of ‘after all’.
6. Similarity: *sperti* ‘similar to’ and *kaya* ‘like’.

The main features of these conjunctions are summarized in two tables. Table 1 lists the conjunctions and the different types of constituents they link. For those linking more than one constituent type, the primary type is underlined. Empty cells signal unattested constituent combinations.

Table 1: Conjunctions linking same-type constituents and the constituents they combine²³⁸

| CONJUNCTIONS | | CL-CL | NP-NP | PP-PP | VP-VP |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Addition | <i>dang</i> ‘and’ <i>dengan</i> ‘with’ <i>sama</i> ‘to’ | <u>X</u> | X <u>X</u> <u>X</u> | | X X X |
| Alt. | <i>ato</i> ‘or’ <i>ka</i> ‘or’ | <u>X</u> X | X <u>X</u> | X X | X |
| Time and Condition | <i>trus</i> ‘next’ <i>baru</i> ‘and then’ <i>sampe</i> ‘until’ <i>seblum</i> ‘before’ <i>kalo</i> ‘when, if’ | <u>X</u> X X X X | X | X | |
| Consequence | <i>jadi</i> ‘if, since’ <i>supaya</i> ‘so that’ <i>untuk</i> ‘for’ <i>sampe</i> ‘with the result that’ <i>karna</i> ‘because’ <i>gara-gara</i> ‘because’ | X X X X X X | | | |
| Contrast | <i>tapi</i> ‘but’ <i>habis</i> ‘after all’ <i>baru</i> ‘after all’ <i>padahal</i> ‘but actually’ <i>biar</i> ‘although’ | X X X X X | | | |

²³⁸ Abbreviations: CL = clause, NP = noun phrase, PP = prepositional phrases, VP = verb phrase, Alt. = alternative, Sim. = similarity.

| CONJUNCTIONS | | CL-CL | NP-NP | PP-PP | VP-VP |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sim. | <i>sperti</i> 'similar to' | X | | | |
| | <i>kaya</i> 'like' | X | | | |

Table 2 gives an overview of the positions which the conjunctions take within the clause, and the position the clause marked with a conjunction takes vis-à-vis the unmarked clause. Almost all conjunctions occur in clause-initial position, while only two occur in clause-final position. Typically, the clause marked with a conjunction follows the unmarked clause; only a few conjunctions mark clauses which precede the unmarked clause. Two of the conjunctions have two functions each, which belong to different semantic groupings, namely *baru* 'and then, after all' and *sampe* 'until, with the result that'. Both conjunctions are listed in each of the respective groupings.

Table 2: Conjunctions linking same-type constituents and their positions

| CONJUNCTIONS | | CL [CNJ CL] | [CNJ CL] CL | CL [CL CNJ] |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Addition | <i>dang</i> 'and' | X | | |
| | <i>dengan</i> 'with' | X | | |
| | <i>sama</i> 'to' | X | | |
| Alt. | <i>ato</i> 'or' | X | | |
| | <i>ka</i> 'or' | X | | |
| Time and Condition | <i>trus</i> 'next' | X | | |
| | <i>baru</i> 'and then' | X | | |
| | <i>sampe</i> 'until' | X | | |
| | <i>sebelum</i> 'before' | X | X | |
| | <i>kalo</i> 'when, if' | X | X | |
| Consequence | <i>jadi</i> 'if, since' | X | | X |
| | <i>supaya</i> 'so that' | X | | |
| | <i>untuk</i> 'for' | X | | |
| | <i>sampe</i> 'with the result that' | X | | |
| | <i>karna</i> 'because' | X | X | |
| | <i>gara-gara</i> 'because' | X | | |
| Contrast | <i>tapi</i> 'but' | X | | |
| | <i>habis</i> 'after all' | X | | |
| | <i>baru</i> 'after all' | | | X |
| | <i>padahal</i> 'but actually' | X | | |
| | <i>biar</i> 'although' | X | X | |
| Sim. | <i>sperti</i> 'similar to' | X | | |
| | <i>kaya</i> 'like' | X | | |

The conjunctions combining different-type constituents discussed in this chapter are the complementizer *bahwa* 'that' and the relativizer *yang* 'REL'. Complementizer *bahwa* 'that' links a clause to a bivalent verb, while relativizer *yang* 'REL' integrates a relative clause within a noun phrase.