

## Shughni 'Um'

The *um* particle only occurs in sentences containing the first person singular.

- (1)    **woxum**  
      fall-  
      'I fall.'
- (2)    **ozum**                wɛxt  
      I-                    fell  
      'I fell.'
- (3)    **wɛrdum**            oz                hoš        vod  
      he(dat)-        I(nom)        like        (past)  
      'He liked me.'
- (4)    oz + ta                wɛxt**um**  
      I + (future tense)    fall-  
      'I will fall'
- (5)    **guxtum**            hud  
      meat-            ate  
      'I ate meat.'

## Distribution

In sentences in the present and future tense, *um* is suffixed at the end of the verb as in (1) and (4). In the past tense however it appears suffixed to the first word of the clause as in (2) and (3).

In the case of (6), the *um* suffixes to the first word of the clause, which in this case is the verb, in the same position as the other form in the past tense (2).

- (6)    **wɛxdum**  
      fell-  
      'I fell.'

The *um* suffixes to the whatever the first word of the clause is in the past tense, whether it is the subject of the sentence as in (2) and (3), or to the verb (6), or to the object (5).

In the present tense *um* suffixes to the verb at the end of the sentence (7) and (8). In the future tense it also suffixes to the end of the verb as in example (4), and the tense marker is suffixing to the first word. It might be tempting to conclude that tense is keeping *um* from suffixing there, however it is possible that it follows the same pattern as the present tense regardless.

- (7)    oz        noš                tatad    daak**um**  
       I        apricot            father   give-  
       'I give father the apricot.'
- (8)    mo + tatad                oz                noš                daak**um**  
       my + father(dat)        I(nom)           apricot           give-  
       'I give my father apricot.'

List of *um* in sentences:

waf**um** 'I weave'  
 \*oz**um** waf 'I weave'  
 wift**um** 'I wove'  
 \*oz**um** wift 'I wove'

wox**um** 'I fall'  
 wɛxd**um** 'I fell'  
 oz**um** wɛxt 'I fell'  
 ozta wɛxt**um** 'I will fall'  
 \*oz wɛxt**um** 'I fell'  
 oz**um** nə wɛxt 'I didn't fall'  
 nəwɛxt**um** 'I didn't fall'  
 oz momkin wox**um** 'I might fall'

oz**um** guxt hud 'I ate meat'  
 guxt**um** hud 'I ate meat'  
 \*guxt hud**um** 'I ate meat'  
 \*oz guxt hud**um** 'I ate meat'

oz**um** šint 'I laughed'  
 šint**um** 'I laughed'

pidz**um** 'I cook'  
 oz**um** paxt 'I cooked'  
 paxt**um** 'I cooked'  
 \*oz paxt**um** 'I cooked'  
 oz momkin piz**um** 'I may cook'  
 oz boyad pidz**um** 'I must cook'

oz**um** wiŋt wɛ 'I saw him'  
 oz**um** wiŋt wam 'I saw her'  
 oz**um** tɔ wiŋt 'I saw you'  
 oz**um** xa wiŋt 'I saw myself'  
 \*oz xa wiŋt**um** 'I saw myself'  
 oz**um** to wiŋt 'I saw you'

wiŋ**tum** to 'I saw you'  
wiŋ**tum** xa 'I saw myself'  
oz**um** wam ɖost wiŋt 'I saw her hand'

oz daak**um** 'I give'  
\*oz**um** daak 'I give'  
ozta daak**um** 'I will give'  
oz noš daak**um** 'I give apricot'  
\*noš oz daak**um** 'I give apricot'  
oz noš tatad daak**um** 'I give father the apricot'  
oz noš motatad daak**um** 'I give my father apricot'  
motatad oz noš daak**um** 'I give my father apricot'

oz**um** wam žinj 'I like her'

wɛrd**um** oz hoš vod 'he liked me'  
wɛrd**um** oz hoš nɪst 'he didn't like me'  
wɛrdta oz hoš yad**um** 'He will like me' (not culturally appropriate)

oz**um** tort yordam čud 'I helped you'

oz**um** wɛ peɪst 'I asked him'  
oz**um** aswɛ peɪsxt čaɪɛ pɛxt 'I asked him who cooked'

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