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Topic: 'La' and 'e': what are their roles in the Maututu dialect of the Nakanai language?

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Abstract

The use of 'la' and 'e' varies in the Maututu dialect of the Nakanai language even when one hears the indigenous speakers use it. It is both used and understood by the native speakers. 'La' is used in a variety form whereas 'e' alters. A close examination of the speakers' usage of language finds its course. This study will focus specifically on the Maututu speakers of the Nakanai language as well as other surrounding language related to Nakanai in Bialla, West New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea.