

## Pronouns

Pronouns in Balti are marked for number (singular or plural) and person (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>). Furthermore, third person pronouns vary in gender (masculine or feminine) and second person pronouns have different levels of formality (formal and informal). Table 1 shows all pronouns used in Balti.

*Table 1: Base (Absolutive) forms of pronouns*

Person	Number	Formality	Gender	Form
1	sg			ŋa
	pl			ŋaja
2	sg	form		k <sup>h</sup> jaŋ
		inform		jaŋ
	pl	form		k <sup>h</sup> ɪdəŋ
		inform		ɟɪdəŋ
3	sg		m	k <sup>h</sup> o
			f	mo
	pl		m/mixed	k <sup>h</sup> oŋ
			f	moŋ

It should be noted that the gender distinction only applies to human nouns and some animal terms. Other nouns in the language do not exhibit any gender and use masculine pronouns as their default.

All of these pronouns can also be inflected for grammatical case. As with nouns, pronouns in the absolutive form do not take any marking, as show in Table 1. and, therefore, they will be considered the base form of the pronouns. There are two additional sets of reflexive and reflexive-possessive pronouns. Tables 2 through 7 exemplify the other forms of the pronouns

Table 2: Ergative forms of pronouns

Person	Number	Formality	Gender	Form
1	sg			ɲas
	pl			ɲajas
2	sg	form		k <sup>h</sup> jaŋɪs
		inform		jaŋɪs
	pl	form		k <sup>h</sup> ɪdəŋɪs
		inform		ɟɪdəŋɪs
3	sg		m	k <sup>h</sup> o:s
			f	mo:s
	pl		m/mixed	k <sup>h</sup> oŋɪs
			f	moŋɪs

Table 3: Dative forms of pronouns

Person	Number	Formality	Gender	Form
1	sg			ɲala
	pl			ɲadaŋla

2	sg	form	k <sup>h</sup> jaŋla
		inform	jaŋla
	pl	form	k <sup>h</sup> ɪdəŋla
		inform	ɟɪdəŋla
3	sg	m	k <sup>h</sup> ola
		f	mola
	pl	m/mixed	k <sup>h</sup> oŋla
		f	moŋla

*Table 4: Genitive forms of pronouns*

Person	Number	Formality	Gender	Form
1	sg			ɟi
	pl			ŋaj
2	sg	form		k <sup>h</sup> jeɾi
		inform		jeɾi
	pl	form		k <sup>h</sup> jeɾi
		inform		jeɾi

3	sg	m	k <sup>h</sup> oj
		f	møj
	pl	m/mixed	k <sup>h</sup> oŋi
		f	møŋi

Table 5: Comparative forms of pronouns

Person	Number	Formality	Gender	Form
1	sg			ŋətpa
	pl			<sup>1</sup>
2	sg	form		<sup>1</sup>
		inform		jəpa
	pl	form		<sup>1</sup>
		inform		<sup>1</sup>
3	sg	m	k <sup>h</sup> opa	
		f	mopa	
	pl	m/mixed	k <sup>h</sup> oŋpa	
		f	møŋpa	

<sup>1</sup> Forms not attested in data.

Table 6: Reflexive forms of pronouns

Person	Number	Formality	Gender	Form
1	sg			ŋaŋ
	pl			naŋ
2	sg	form		kjaŋ
		inform		jaŋ
	pl	form		<sup>1</sup>
		inform		<sup>1</sup>
3	sg		m	kwaŋ
			f	mwaŋ
	pl		m/mixed	k <sup>h</sup> odaŋi
			f	modaŋi

<sup>1</sup> Forms not attested in data.

Table 7: Reflexive-possessive forms of pronouns

Person	Number	Formality	Gender	Form
1	sg			ŋi
	pl			ŋaj
2	sg	form		k <sup>h</sup> ɛri

		inform	jəri
	pl	form	k <sup>h</sup> eti
		inform	jeti
3	sg	m	k <sup>h</sup> uri
		f	muri
	pl	m/mixed	k <sup>h</sup> eti
		f	meti