

## IDEA FOR OVERHAULING THE FORMS OF CASE-ASSESSOR AFFIXES AND CASE-STACKING AFFIXES

u/uakci has presented me with examples showing the cumbersomeness and ambiguity of utilizing case-assessor affixes in Slot VIII. It is similar to the problem I noticed myself when attempting to utilize case-assessor affixes and case-stacking adjuncts in affix-scoping adjuncts, particularly for Cases 37 through 68 whose vocalic pseudo- $V_x$  forms contain glottal-stops.

As a result, I have concluded that the original idea that case-assessor and case-stacking affixes should substitute  $V_c$  case-markers for the usual  $V_x$  values, while well-intended and facilitating memorization, just doesn't work morpho-phonologically. I have therefore come up with the following new approach to case-assessor and case-stacking affixes:

	Case Assessor Affix				Inverse Case Assessor Affix				Case-Stacking Affix		
	Type 1		Type 2		Type 1		Type 2		$V_x =$ Series No.	$C_s =$	
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<b>Cases 1 thru 9</b>	1	<b>ll</b>	1	<b>lw</b>	1	<b>kk</b>	1	<b>tt</b>	1	<b>pp</b>	
<b>Cases 10 thru 18</b>	2		2		2		2		2		2
<b>Cases 19 thru 27</b>	3		3		3		3		3		3
<b>Cases 28 thru 36</b>	4		4		4		4		4		4
<b>Cases 37 thru 44 *</b>	1	<b>rr</b>	1	<b>ly</b>	1	<b>gg</b>	1	<b>dd</b>	1	<b>bb</b>	
<b>Cases 45 thru 52 *</b>	2		2		2		2		2		2
<b>Cases 53 thru 60 *</b>	3		3		3		3		3		3
<b>Cases 61 thru 68 *</b>	4		4		4		4		4		4

\* For Cases 37 through 68: since these four case-groups each contain only eight cases rather than nine and Vowel-Form No. 8 (the ü-tier) for each group is not used, similarly the eighth tier of vowel-forms are not used for these case-assessor or case-stacking affixes.

To implement the above I will have to re-assign new values to the existing affixes **-pp**, **-kk**, and **-gg**, which are already in use.

The advantages of the above system are that case-assessor and case-stacking affixes will now be able to appear in Slot VIII or Slot X or in affix-scoping adjuncts without any ambiguity, and without glottal-stops piling up. The geminated form of the  $C_s$  increment (or the **-lw** and **-ly** forms) will be an easy tell-tale sign that the affix is a case-assessor or case-stacking affix, while the  $V_x$  values will parallel the values of the actual  $V_c$  case-markers for Cases 1 through 36, and will be "simplified" forms with no glottal-stop for Cases 37 through 68.