



Phasal Polarity particles in Kusaal

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One of the least addressed topics in a less researched language is PhP expressions in Kusaal, a Mabia (Gur) language spoken in Ghana, though this language interestingly has various particles for expressing almost all the four identified PhP expressions in English (Van Baar 1997).

1. *kun, nan* 'already'
2. *kun, kpeŋ* 'still'
3. *nan* 'yet'
4. *nan pu, kun pu* 'not yet'
5. *pu leŋ* 'no longer'

Kusaal can be said to have a flexible PhP coverage with identical particles used in expressing more than one PhP notion. The questions to be addressed include: (i) what are the various structural and semantic parameters of PhP particles in Kusaal? And (ii), are there any constraints underlying the use of PhP particles in the language? These will be addressed following Kramer (n.d.).

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