Kunwinjku Verb Conjugations

| | NON- PAST | PERFECT- IVE | IMPER- FECTIVE | IRREALIS | IMPERATIVE | |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| -me | karr me | karr meng | karr meni | karr meninj | karr men | have, hold |
| -ke | ngal ke | ngal keng | ngal keni | ngal keyinj | ngal kemen | find |
| -kan | bek kan | bek kang | bek kani | bek kayinj | bek ka | touch, listen |
| -nan | nah nan | nah nang | nah nani | nah nayinj | nah na | watch over |
| -won | ba won | ba wong | ba woni | ba woyinj | ba wo | leave off, quit |
| -wan | ya wan | ya wam | ya wani | ya wayinj | ya wa | look for |
| -bun | bim bun | bim bom | bim buni | bim buyinj | bim bu | write, paint |
| -rung | rung | ruy | rungi | ruyinj | ru | burn |
| -mang | mang | mey | mangi | mayi | ma | take, get |
| -dan | way dan | way di | way danj | way da- ngemeninj | way da | be raised |
| -di | di | di | di | diwirrinj | din | be, be standing |
| -yo | yo | yoy | yoy | yuwirrinj | yun | lie |
| -ге | ге | wam | гауі | rayinj | гау | go |
| -rren | burren | bu rrinj | bu rreni | bu rremeninj | bu rremen | fight |
| -men | warre- men | warre- minj | warre- meni | warre- mimen | warre- meninj | go bad |

Most Kunwinjku verbs are conjugated according to the above patterns. E.g. for yime say, do we would have: yime, yimeng, yemeni, yimen, yimeninj.

Nonpast: present and future, e.g. ngamang, *I take it, I will take it*Perfective: completed actions in the past, e.g. ngamey, *I took it*Imperfective: ongoing actions in the past, e.g. ngamangi, *I was taking it*

Irrealis: actions not manifested, e.g. minj ngamayi, *I didn't take it;* yimayi? would you take it?

Imperative: when giving orders, e.g. yima! take it!





