

Recorded Text Example

1. It was many years ago when my father was born.
2. He grew up in a time of many problems.
3. When he grew up, he married a wife.
4. In addition to my mother, he married two other women.
5. By these three women, my father had nine sons and seven daughters.
6. My brothers and I, also, once we had grown, we each got married.
7. Now, my brothers and I have a total of 16 children.
8. Now, when my brothers and I were growing up, my father loved to hunt.
9. He went hunting often. Lions, warthogs, porcupines and leopards were what he was killing.
10. Some of the animals were used by others in the village to make medicine.
11. Some of the others were used for skins, but all were used for food.
12. He used to also kill duiker and bushbuck frequently.
13. There were many animals in this area, when we were young.
14. So, generally speaking, my father killed many animals for the purpose of eating...
15. only a few were for other purposes.
16. One day a highlander came to our area, the Gumuz country.
17. Everyone saw him walking toward the forest.
18. He told the local villagers that he was going hunting.
19. He walked up to Oni mountain.
20. There was a lion in the forest, up on the mountain, and this highlander shot the lion on the right leg with his gun.
21. After he saw that the lion was injured, the highlander came running back to our village

22. in order to call for the men to come and help him track it, so he could finish killing it.
23. And so a large group of men, including my father, left the village because they, too, wanted to find the lion and to kill it.
24. They were accompanying this highlander on the hunt for the injured lion.
25. When the men arrived to the place where the lion was, the lion was very angry.
26. The lion stood up so that he could attack the men. The men scampered up the trees.
27. Every man went up the trees, but one.
28. My father remained on the ground, in front of the lion.
29. Only he remained.
30. My father was full of courage.
31. In his gun were seven bullets.
32. At that time, the lion lunged at my father, and my father was kicking the lion.
33. The lion was very strong. It hit my father on the shoulder with its claws.
34. Even though my father was hit on the shoulder,
35. he was able to shoot his gun once.
36. He shot the lion and it fell to the ground. It was dead.
37. Then my father fell to the ground, too.
38. The men up in the trees began to come down.
39. Two men ran to find water for my father.
40. The men wanted to wash his shoulder and to give him water to drink.
41. The men gave my father water and then built a bed out of wood from the forest.
42. They put my father on top of the bed and let him rest.
43. One by one, while my father rested, the men bent down and kissed him.

44. Then the men took the lion and skinned him.
45. Then they all returned to the village, carrying the meat, the skin
46. and my father up on the bed.
47. When they arrived in our village,
48. my mother saw my father and began to scream
49. because she thought he was dead.
50. My mother grabbed an axe which was on the ground by our house and began to walk toward the highlander.
51. She wanted to kill him because she believed it was his fault that my father was dead.
52. But the others in the village explained that my father was not dead.
53. Just as soon as she heard that he was alive,
54. she dropped the axe and went to my father.
55. Some of the the elders in the village told the highlander that he should not come here again because there might be trouble.
56. The highlander left that day and never came back.
57. My father recovered from his wounds and then began to hunt again.
58. But from that time forward, we each went with my father on the hunts.
59. It was my mother's idea.