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(1) a. \* Vano-si tavisi tav-ii ti xaTav-s.

 Vano-acc self’s self-nom draw-pres

 (lit.) ‘Himselfi is drawing Vanoi.’

 b. Nino-si tavisii deida ti xaTav-s.

 Nino-acc self’s aunt.nom draw-pres

 ‘Heri aunt is drawing Ninoi.’

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