

Teop

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Language data

language	Teop (ISO 639-3: tio)
affiliation	Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Oceanic, Nehan-Bougainville
area spoken	Papua New Guinea, Bougainville
varieties recorded	Teop island
text type	traditional narratives
sources	Mosel & Thiesen 2007

Corpus data

file name	speaker	date rec'd	text type	length h:mm:ss	clause units
<i>teop_iar</i>	TP01	2003	traditional	14:34	348
<i>teop_mat</i>	TP02	2004	traditional	6:54	210
<i>teop_sii</i>	TP03	2004	traditional	19:21	587
<i>teop_viv</i>	TP04	2004	traditional	5:46	157
<i>totals for the Teop corpus</i>				46:35	1,302

Table 1. List of files in the Teop corpus.

speaker	gender	age	date born	date rec'd	clause units	texts
TP01	female	~70	~1930	2003	348	<i>teop_iar</i>
TP02	female	~30	~1970	2004	210	<i>teop_mat</i>
TP03	female	~60	~1940	2004	587	<i>teop_sii</i>
TP04	female	~30	~1970	2004	157	<i>teop_viv</i>

Table 2. List of Teop corpus speakers.

Background to the recordings

Teop is an Oceanic language of the Nehan-North Bougainville network of the North-West Solomonic group of the Meso-Melanesian cluster (Ross 1988). Accurate figures for the number of speakers are difficult to ascertain; figures from the last decade range from 5,000 to 10,000. The island of Bougainville was torn by a civil war which lasted from 1989 to 1998 and resulted in an estimated 18,000 to 20,000 casualties, with a devastating effect on the speech population. Factors like marriage outside of the Teop speech community, the pressure of neighbouring languages, the growing influence of Tok Pisin as a lingua franca, and the use of English in education all contribute making Teop a highly endangered language.

The Teop texts were recorded by Ulrike Mosel and Enoch Horai Magum during the course of a DOBES language documentation project (principal investigator: Ulrike Mosel) funded by the Volkswagen-Stiftung (grant no. II 77 973). A sketch grammar of Teop (Mosel & Thiesen 2007) and additional materials are available on the DOBES website.¹

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¹ <http://dobes.mpi.nl/projects/teop/>

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Corpus changelog

date	changes	affected texts		
2015-05	added 4 corpus files	<i>teop_*</i> <i>iar,</i> <i>viv</i>	<i>mat,</i>	<i>sii,</i>