

REDUPLICATIVES

The onomatopoeic expressions which occur always doubled with identical components are called reduplicatives. The single words also can be doubled or multiplied further. For example *paṭṭireṇal* can also occur as *paṭirpaṭṭir enal*. But in the case of reduplicatives they cannot occur single. For example, *paḷapaḷaekal* cannot occur as **paḷaenāl*. This is called *iraṭṭai-ū-kiḷavi* by Tamil grammarians. The part of the reduplicated words might have been a free word in the past. For example in *kamagamaenāl*, *kama* is connected with *kamal* which is a free word. But at the present stage *kama* does not occur in isolation and therefore has to be taken as a reduplicative. In a few of the reduplicatives, one part of them occurs separately as a noun.

e.g. *maṭakku*—in *maṭakkumaṭakku enāl*.

But it does not have the onomatopoeic value as a noun. The reduplicatives also take the nominal suffix *-pu* and the verbal noun suffix *-tal*. After the *en-* group, the reduplicatives with *-pu* form a larger group. The duplicatives which are conjugated belong to XII conjugation. As in the case of single words, all the reduplicated words will take *en-*. So the words which take *en-* alone have been given under *en-* group to avoid repetition.

The reduplicatives also introduce new phonemic distribution in Tamil. In the initial position one gets *ṭ*, e.g. *ṭakṭak*.

Reduplicatives

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ēṇal 'tickling sound of a clock', 1, e.g. *lapōlapōṇal* 'Expression of beating the open mouth with the palm of the hand on account of sorrow'. Plosives occur in the final position. e.g. *kak kak enāl* 'chuckling as fowls'. But some times such expressions with new syllabic pattern are changed to be on par with the syllabic structure of other words. e.g. *kapukkuk kapukkenāl* 'sounding impetuously'.

The regular sandhi rules operate in the reduplicatives also. When a vowel is followed by another vowel a glide comes in between, e.g. *iḷaviḷavenāl* 'Expr. denoting luxuriant growth of vegetation'. Sometimes the glide is not found in the onomatopoeic words as they are given in the Tamil Lexicon. But they can get the glide. The final shortened *u* is lost when followed by another vowel, e.g. *kirukirenāl* 'cracking as that of a saw when cutting the timber'. Thenasal is assimilated to the homorganic nasal of the following plosive.

e.g. *kiyyāṅkiyyāmenāl* 'peeping of chickens'

1. With *en-*

All the onomatopoeic reduplicative words can occur with this verb *en-* 'to say'. This verb is usually used for quotes. The reduplicatives which occur only with *-en* from the majority having 100 words to their account out of the reduplicatives.

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| <i>aḷkuvaḷkenāl</i> | 'Expr. of restless wandering' |
| <i>ākavākaenāl</i> | 'An expression which either repudiates or doubts a statement' |
| <i>iḷaviḷavenāl</i> | 'Denoting luxuriant growth of vegetation' |
| <i>kecciccenāl</i> | 'Expr. of scaring away birds etc.' |
| <i>kakkakenāl</i> | 'Chuckling as fowls' |
| <i>kaccukaccenāl</i> | 'Expr. of babbling interminably' |
| <i>kārukārenāl</i> | 'Expression of seeing things with anger' |
| <i>kiccukkeccenāl</i> | 'Signifying chirping as of lizards' |
| <i>kiṭukkiṭukkeṇāl</i> | 'Signifying hallow sound' |

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| kiṇukkukkiṇukkeṇal | 'Expr. signifying tinkling sound' |
| kiyyāṇkiyyāmeṇal | 'Signifying peeping of chickens' |
| kiḷkillēṇal | 'Signifying clinking sound' |
| kiṛakirāveṇal | 'Signifying calling repeatedly' |
| kinakināveṇal | 'Expr. signifying confusion' |
| kikkiyeṇal | 'Signifying chirping, peeping sound as of chickness, screaming sound as of birds' |
| kiḷukicēṇal | 'Chirping as of birds' |
| kiccukkicēṇal | —do— |
| kīrkireṇal | 'Signifying cracking as that of a saw when cutting the timber' |
| kīrukireṇal | —do— |
| kuṭukkukkuṭukkeṇal | 'Expr. of rattling noise' |
| kuppukuppeṇal | 'Crackling noise as of flames, signifying jerking' |
| kumiṇkumiṇēṇal | 'Signifying tinkling sound as of anklets' |
| kuvākkuvāveṇal | 'Expr. signifying squalling, crying as a new born infant' |
| kuḷakkukuḷakkeṇal | 'Signifying rumbling sound, hanging loose as arms with feebleness' |
| kūkkūveṇal | 'Signifying crowing sound as of a cock' |
| ketāṇketameṇal | 'Signifying palpitation of heart through fright' |
| kettukketteṇal | 'Chirping cackling sound as of a hen' |
| keruṭṭukkeratteṇal | 'Hoarse sound or rattle as in difficult or hard breathing' |
| koruṭṭukkoratteṇal | —do— |
| cakkatticakkattiyeṇal | 'Expression of repeated thud' |
| cacacaveṇal | 'Expr. signifying the blowing of the wind' |
| capcappeṇal | 'Reproof, silence, lull in sipidity' |
| ciṇukkucicīṇukkeṇal | 'Worrying with frequent crying' |
| cuṭucuṭeṇal | 'Signifying hurry irritability' |
| coṭukkucocoṭukkeṇal | 'Repeated clacking noise of wooden sandals in walking' |

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| cottuccottēṇal | 'Dripping, drizzling' |
| ṭakṭakeṇal | 'Tickling sound of a clock, the chattering noise of boots' |
| ṭapaṭapaveṇal | 'The sound of a drum' |
| ṭamaṭamaveṇal | —do— |
| takuntakumeṇal | 'Cracking sound of fire, beating sound of drum' |
| takkuttakkeṇal | 'Expr. of repeated thumping sound' |
| tapatapaveṇal | 'Expr. of signifying quick succession' |
| tamatamaveṇal | 'Expr. of crackling roaring sound as of burning fire' |
| taḷiintaḷiimeṇal | 'Expr. of rattling as of a drum' |
| tikutikeṇal | 'Expr. of rapid kindling of fire getting excited with anger' |
| timitimiyēṇal | 'Keeping time in dancing or music bustle of a great sound repeated sounds in rapid succession' |
| timutimuveṇal | 'Expr. repeated or beating sound' |
| tukutukuveṇal | 'Expr. of the sound of the flow of at big crowd' |
| nacukkunacukkeṇal | 'Expr. signifying stickiness constant worry' |
| naccunaccēṇal | 'Expr. signifying troubling' |
| noṭukkunoṭukkeṇal | 'Expr. signifying slight tapping or knocking noise' |
| notukkunotukkeṇal | 'Signifying frequent passing of tools' |
| pakapakaveṇal | 'Expr. of crackling of fire; signifying burning sensation of hunger' |
| pacukupacukeṇal | 'Expr. signifying green appearance' |
| patanpatapeṇal | 'Expr. signifying the trembling of the heart' |
| patukkupatukkeṇal | 'Expr. signifying the throbbing of the heart through fear' |
| parakuparakeṇal | 'Expr. signifying utter perplexity; Expr. of scratching sound' |

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| paripariyeṇal | 'An Expr. used for controlling elephants' |
| palapalaveṇal | 'Sounding chirping' |
| paṇakupaṇakeṇal | 'Expr. of scratching' |
| paṇṇapaṇaveṇal | 'Expr. signifying repetition' |
| pilapileṇal | 'The rustling sound of dry leaves while falling down' |
| pilipiliyeṇal | 'Expr. signifying the noise of a gathering crowd' |
| pilupiluveṇal | 'Expr. signifying the rustling sound of dry leaves while falling down; the noise of a gathering crowd' |
| pukupuṇeṇal | 'Expr. of gushing out as water; coming in puffs as wind' |
| pukkupukkeṇal | 'Expr. of crackling sound fire' |
| puccipucciyeṇal | 'Expr. of being unnecessarily afraid' |
| pūttuppūttēṇal | 'Expr. of hard breathing as from running, sudden swelling of the body' |
| pūrpūreṇal | 'Expr. of swelling enlarging suddenly or growing rapidly' |
| paraipūraiyeṇal | 'Expr. signifying enough enough' |
| poriporiyeṇal | 'Expr. signifying scolding, rapid speaking' |
| polapolaveṇal | 'Expr. signifying crumbling as of earth, looseness' |
| maṭakkumaṭakkeṇal | 'Expr. signifying gurgling of water in drinking' |
| maṇamaṇeṇal | 'Expr. of crashing' |
| mākkumākkeṇal | 'Expr. of sobbing violently, doing anything violently' |
| māyomāyoveṇal | 'Expr. of the mewing of cats' |
| mukamuṇeṇal | 'Humming of the bees' |
| mūcāmūceṇal | 'Expr. of crushing sound as of cattle eating seeds; breathing hard as when intensely at work' |
| meṇameṇeṇal | 'Expr. murmuring, discontent' |

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| mokamokeṇal | 'Expr. of boiling; gurgling sound as of water poured from a narrow necked vessel' |
| mocukkumocukkeṇal | 'Expr. being resonant' |
| moccumocceṇal | Expr. of munching' |
| moṭukkumoṭukkeṇal | 'Expr. of gulping' |
| motumōteṇal | 'Expr. signifying sound of swallowing or suckling in liquid; crowding together' |
| mollumollenal | 'Expr. signifying noisy clamour' |
| lapolapoveṇal | 'Expr. of beating the open mouth with the palm of the hand on account of sorrow' |
| lavālavāveṇal | 'Expr. being distressed or knocked about in life; crying in sorrow' |
| lavvālavvaveṇal | —do— |
| loṇkuloṇkeṇal | 'Expr. signifying physical exhaustion' |
| loṭukkuloṭukkeṇal | 'Expr. signifying shakiness as of a running carriage' |
| loṭṭuloṭṭeṇal | 'Expr. of beating hard; giving repeated blows; hollow sound' |
| vakkuvakkeṇal | 'Expr. of running to exhaustion' |
| valukkuvalukkeṇal | 'Expr. of toughness' |
| vāyvāyeṇal | 'Expr. of threatening' |
| viṭēlviṭēleṇal | 'An imitative sound' |
| viṭuviṭeṇa | 'Expr. of being busy trembling in fear etc., being angry' |
| vitavitaveṇal | 'Expr. of being luke-warm' |
| vitukvitukkeṇal | 'Expr. of palpitation of heart due to fear' |
| veccuvecceṇal | 'Expr. of being hot; becoming heat' |
| veṭṭuveṭṭeṇal | 'Expr. of being angry' |

ii. With-ttal

The verbal noun suffix-ttal is added to 57 words. 19 among the reduplicative with -pu take -ttal also. That is they can be conjugated. These words can not be made into nouns

by adding the *-ppu* suffix. The reduplicatives which take *-ttal* suffix are always the reduplication of the pattern CVCV.

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| kapakapattal | 'The sound of gurgling' |
| kamakamattal | 'To be very fragrant' |
| karukaruattal | 'To become very black' |
| kiṭukiṭuttal | 'To tremble' |
| kiṇukiṇuttal | 'To buzz as mosquitoes; to hum as bees' |
| kiṭukiṭuttal | 'To feel joy' |
| kuṇukuṇuttal | 'Whimpering, whining' |
| kumiḷkumiṭtal | 'To spread fragrance to send whiffs of odour' |
| kurukuruttaḷ | 'To break out as prickly heat' |
| kulukuluttal | 'To creep or crawl noisily as vermin in a basket' |
| kuḷaikuḷaittal | 'To become confused' |
| kuḷakuḷattal | 'To grow soft as jaggery; to become puply' signifying gurgling sound' |
| kuḷikuḷittal | 'To be delivered of a child' |
| kuḷukuḷuttal | 'To grow luxuriantly, to become pale' |
| kotikotittal | 'To bubble up as boiling rice' |
| kolakolattal | 'To become loose, deranged in parts' |
| koḷukoḷuttal | —do— |
| koḷakoḷattal | 'To be soft as an over ripe fruit; gurgling of sound speaking indistinctly and foolishly' |
| koḷukoḷuttal | 'To become loose; deranged in parts' |
| koṟukoṟuttal | 'To bubble with anger' |
| caṭacaṭattal | 'Crash, peal of repeated sound' |
| ciṭuciṭuttal | 'To be chattering, to decay' |
| cuṟucuṟuttal | 'Signifying rapid burning as combustible; twitching with pain' |
| cuṟucuṟuttal | —do— |
| ceḷuceḷuttal | 'To be extremely fertile' |

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| colucoluttal | 'The state of continuous drizzling the state of being mashy as ever-boiled rice' |
| coḷucoḷuttal | 'To become muddy slippery as the growth by rain' |
| taṭataṭattal | 'To totter from age, to be loose' |
| taḷutaḷuttal | 'To falter or stammer from ecstatic joy, love or other emotion' |
| taṟataṟattal | 'The sound caused by the discharge of watery stools; breaking wind etc. Beating of the heart through fear, signifying speed' |
| tiṭutiṭuttal | 'To stare; look wild as one in fear' |
| tiṟutiṟuttal | 'To feel grit in the mouth along with food' |
| naṟunaṟuttal | 'Grinding the teeth' |
| naḷunaḷuttal | 'To speak evasively' |
| naṟanaṟattal | 'Grinding the teeth' |
| nikunikuttal | 'Crashing sound as of a falling tree' |
| neruneruttal | 'To feel sudden pain as in the stomach' |
| neṟaneṟattal | 'Grinding the teeth' |
| neṟuneṟuttal | —do— |
| noṭunoṭuttal | 'To be fidgety', restless, to be rude, |
| noṇanoṇattal | 'Sound of speaking through nose' |
| noḷunoḷuttal | 'To become soft from over ripeness, to be mashy' |
| noḷanoḷattal | —do— |
| pocupocuttal | 'To whisper' |
| poṭupoṭuttal | 'To snap as cords' |
| malamalattal | 'To produce the sound of buffing or flowing abundantly' |
| maḷamaḷattal | 'To crash, rattle sound loudly as branches in snapping' |
| muṟumuṟuttal | 'To murmur, grumble' |
| mokumokuttal | 'To resound' |

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| moṭamoṭattal | 'To rustle as dried skin, starched cloth to rumble as bowles' |
| moramorattal | 'To murmur, grumble' |
| mokumokuttal | 'To resound' |
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| morumoruttal | 'To murmur, grumble' |
| molumoluttal | 'To murmur, to clamour' |
| loṭaloṭattal | 'To become rickety, to be hollow or empty' |
| viṭaviṭattal | 'Trembling as from being lean' |
| veruveruttal | 'To be afraid' |

iii. With -āy/āka

The adverbial suffix -āy/āka is added to the reduplicatives under this head. This is a very small group. They are 5 in number. This adverbial suffix is generally added to the nouns. On this pattern these reduplicatives should be treated as nouns. This suffix can also be added to the reduplicatives after they have taken the nominal suffix -pu.

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| akkakk-āy/āka | 'A sunder' |
| alakkalakkāy/āka | 'Seperately' |
| tartār-āy/āka | 'In pieces, in shreds' |
| pīrpīr-āy/āka | 'In streams' |
| yātayātām-āy/āka | 'To be wandering to and fro' |

v. With -pu

The nominal suffix -pu is added to 85 reduplicatives to make them nouns. As the reduplicatives that take -ttal these forms are also the reduplication of the syllabic type CVCV. There is no other syllabic structure in this category.

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| kacakacappu | 'Perspiration and being hot' |
| kacikacippu | 'being damp, damp moist to the touch' |
| kacukacuppu | —do— |
| kaṭakaṭappu | 'To become loose; clatteaing; rumbling' |

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| kaṭukaṭuppu | 'Sign of hot temper' |
| kaṇakaṇappu | 'Temperature of the body slightly more than the normal; ringing of bells' |
| karakarappu | 'Irritation in the throat; hoarseness of voice; dragging violently' |
| kalakalappu | 'Rustling; sociability' |
| kaṭakaṭappu | 'Loud and confused noise' |
| karakarappu | 'Reiterative sound crapsness' |
| kicukicuppu | 'Signifying hissing as a rocket' |
| kilukiluppu | 'Childs rattle' |
| kiṭukiṭuppu | 'Giddiness, haughtiness' |
| kucukucuppu | 'Whispering' |
| kuṭukuṭuppu | 'Hurry; haste; to rumble; toralle' |
| kutukutuppu | 'Desire; eagerness; shivering with cold' |
| kuḷakuḷappu | 'To be mashy; to be timid' |
| kuṟukuṟuppu | 'Mutrering in displeasure active ness' |
| kotukotuppu | 'Throbbing with pain, slight raiser of temperature in the body' |
| koṟakoṟappu | 'Rattling in the root' |
| caṭacaṭappu | 'Sound of falling trees' |
| caracarappu | 'Rustling; rustling as of starched cloth' |
| calacalappu | 'To rustle, to be talking incessantly' |
| caḷacaḷappu | 'Babbling, splashing as of rain; to become watery as vegetables' |
| ciṭuciṭuppu | 'Frowning of hissing noise' |
| ciluciluppu | 'Chill, guerulousness' |
| curacurappu | 'Roughness as of wollen cloth' |
| curucuruppu | 'Deligence activity' |
| cūcūcūruppu | 'Bustling; hurrying' |
| cotacotappu | 'The state of being marshy' |
| takatakappu | 'Dazzling, glowing boiling as water bubbling' |
| taḷataḷappu | 'Being plump' |

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| tuṭituṭippu | 'To be in great flurry' |
| tunatuṇappu | 'To worry with ceaseless talk' |
| turuturuppu | 'Restlessness, impatience' |
| turutuṇuppu | 'Activeness' |
| tonatonappu | 'Chattering, babbling' |
| toḷatoḷappu | 'To be loose fitting' |
| tonutonuppu | 'Chattering, babbling' |
| nacanacappu | 'To waver, to be continually drizzling' |
| nacunacuppu | —do— |
| notunotuppu | 'To be soft as rice over boiled' |
| norunoruppu | 'Brittleness or crispness' |
| pacapacappu | 'To grumble in a suppressed tone, to mutter' |
| paṭapaṭappu | 'Precipitancy; agitation as through fear or anger' |
| paraparappu | 'Hurry, haste' |
| paḷapaḷappu | 'Glittering; radiance' |
| paraṇaṇappu | 'Hurry, to make a burring noise' |
| macamacappu | 'To itch; to be slow and indecisive' |
| matamatarppu | 'To be vivacious, |
| matamatappu | 'Insensitiveness; arrogance flourishing condition' |
| maḷamaḷappu | 'Tenderness softness smoothness, |
| maḷumaḷappu | 'Indefiniteness in speech or action. |
| miṭumiṇuppu | 'Smoothness' |
| miṇumiṇuppu | 'Snapping noise' |
| miṇumiṇuppu | 'Haste' |
| mucumucuppu | 'Mumbling' |
| muṭamuṭappu | 'Polish glitter' |
| muṇamuṇappu | 'Sound of boiling, sound of scratching produced by itching; eager attention' |
| mnṇumuṇuppu | 'Cracking noise' |
| muramurappu | 'To mutter, murmur' |
| | —do— |
| | 'Forming crackling in the mouth' |

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| muramurappu | 'Cleanliness, roughness stiffness as of washed cloth' |
| muṇumuṇuppu | —do— 'to murmur' |
| meṇameṇappu | 'Murmuring, discontent' |
| metumetuppu | 'Softness, having a soft surface' |
| melumeluppu | 'To be soft to the touch' |
| moṭamoṭappu | 'Rattling sound as of dried skin' |
| moramorappu | 'Rustling, cleanliness' |
| moḷamoḷappu | 'Smooth and soft' |
| moḷumoḷuppu | 'Plump' |
| moṇamoṇappu | 'Cleanliness, dryness' |
| vaḷavaḷappu | 'Slipperiness, smoothness' |
| vaḷuvaḷappu | 'Clamminess; slimmness' |
| vaḷavaḷappu | 'Talkativeness woodiness vain talk' |
| vaḷuvaḷuppu | 'To be slimmy, to be uncertain or indecisive' |
| vaṇavaṇappu | 'Becoming dry and hard' |
| vituvituppu | 'Longing, desire, throbbing pain' |
| viruviruppu | trembling' |
| | 'Tingling sensation, itching with sexual desire' |
| vilavilappu | 'To be faint with fatigue' |
| viluviluppu | 'Sliminess; slipperiness' |
| viṇuviṇuppu | 'To be pungent; to fret with anger' |
| veṭuveṭuppu | 'Churlishness, crabbedness' |
| veṭuveṭuppu | 'lukewarmness, warmth' |
| veḷuveḷuppu | 'Whiteness' |
| jilujiluppu | 'To be pleasant' |

v. With Auxiliary Verbs

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| kiccukiccupaṇṇutal | 'To tickle with a view' |
| kiccukiccumuṭṭutal | 'To make one laugh' |

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A few reduplicatives take auxiliary verbs and these verbs are then conjugated. There is only one such onomatopoeic reduplicative which takes two different auxiliaries.

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| kiccukiccupaṇṇutal | 'To tickle with a view' |
| kiccukiccumūṭṭutal | 'To make one laugh' |

v. With other nominal suffixes

The other nominal suffixes that are added to the reduplicatives are *i*, *ai*, and *ān*. They are mostly agentive suffixes. By the addition of this they denote the objects which produce the sounds. The addition of *ai* makes sometimes the reduplicatives into abstract nouns.

e.g. *kuḷukuḷuppai* 'The state of being pale and bloated in countenance'

This *ai* suffix and the suffix *-ān* are added after the reduplicatives take a formative suffix.

e.g. *kicukicuttān* 'Small paper kite without a tail'
kicukicuppān —do—

(a) With *-i*

Two words in this section take nominal/agentive suffix *-i*.

kiṇkiṇi 'Tinkling ornament'
kilukili 'Children's rattle box'

(b) With *-ai*

Five words in this section take nominal suffix *-ai*. The addition of two different formatives to *kuṭukuṭu* gives two different but related meanings.

kilukiluppai 'Child's rattle'
kuṭukuṭukkai 'Ripe cocanut in which the kernel rattles'
kuṭukuṭuppai 'Anything making a rattling sound'
kuḷukuḷuppai 'The state of being pale and bloated in countenance'
kuṇukuṇuppai 'Snoring; stertorous breathing'

(c) With *-an*

Two words in this section take the suffix *-an*. One word takes two different formatives.

kicukicuttān 'small paper kite without a tail'

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kicukicuppān
kuṭukuṭuttān

—do—

'One who is always in hungry'

vii. -as Attributes

A few reduplicated words come as attributes of nouns.

They are 10 in number.

kiccukkiccutampalam 'A child's play
kiṭukiṭupātālam 'Abzsmall depth of causing fright'
kiṇkiṇittāmam 'String of small tinkling bells for the waist; ankles of woman'

kiṇkiṇippālai 'Needle leaved swallow wort'

kiṇkiṇimālai —do—

kiccānkiccāntappuḷḷān 'Child's game of finding out a small stick hidden in a ridge of sand'

kiccukkiccutampalam —do—

kiccukkiccutāmpālam —do—

kuṭukuṭukilavaṇ 'To uttering descrepit old man'

kuṭukuṭuppāṇṭi 'Professional beggar who goes about rattling

akuṭukuṭuppai 'And telling fortunes'

viii. Objects

A few reduplicatives as such without any nominal suffix denote the object which produce such sounds. They are 2 in number.

kakkā 'Crow'

kiṭukiṭu 'A small drum'