

While interacting with the relations, the wives are referred to by the pronoun ava and pronominal termination -a: by their husbands. In other situations, they are referred to as atu and the termination used for them is -ccu/-u/-um depending upon the tense and aspect.

However, the educated and professional informants refer their wives by using the pronoun avũka and the pronominal termination used for them is -a:ñka in formal situations.

5.4.1.6 Grand Parents

Among the grand parents, grand fathers are referred to as avar, avũka and atu. The pronominal terminations used for grand fathers are -a:r, -a:ñka and -ccu/-u/-um. In the forward communities, the pronominal terminations -a:r and -a:ñka are used whereas in the backward communities and schedule communities the pronominal terminations -a:r, -a:ñka and -ccu/-u/-um are used.

-ccu and -um are used in the sense of giving moderate honour by the people of the low income backward and scheduled communities.