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*te*  
*Strang te*  
*sth’ôqwi.*  

barbecue-INTR  
DET Strang  
DET fish  

‘Strang barbecues the fish.’  

(Wiltschko 2006: 202)

(2)  

a)  
*bawiä lagahk loä.*
I saw SELF me

‘I saw myself.’

(Gast and Siemund 2006: 355)

b) lagahk Juan kayuhn-ni rolihdz-ni.

SELF Juan is.building-3SG house-3SG.POSS

‘Juan himself is building his house.’

(Gast and Siemund 2006: 355)

c) Juan ensilaani kayuhn-ni rolihdz-ni.

Juan SELF.AO is.building-3SG house-3SG.POSS

‘Juan is building his house himself.’

(Gast and Siemund 2006: 355)

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