

(A) The Tortoise and the Rabbit (1/1) [Solution]

A1.	Malagasy	English
	(a) Mihaona ny alika ny sokatra.	The tortoise meets the dog.
	Nitsiky ny sokatra mainty.	(b) The black tortoise smiled.

A2.	Malagasy	English
	(a) Miteny ity alika kely ity.	This small dog speaks.
	Niaro ny saka ity bitro lehibe ity.	(b) This large rabbit protected the cat.
	(c) Niarahaba iny sahona kely iny ity vorona maitso ity.	This green bird greeted that small frog.

Vocabulary:

Nouns:	Adjectives:	Determiners:	Verbs:
sokatra = tortoise	kely = small	ny = the	mihaona = meets
alika = dog	mainty = black	ity ... ity = this	miarao = protects
bitro = rabbit	lehibe = large	iny ... iny = that	mitsiky = smiles
vorona = bird	maitso = green		miarahaba = greets
saka = cat			miteny = speaks
sahona = frog			

Morphology:

The present tense of each verb starts with m-. To make it past tense, change the m- to n-.

Word order:

The basic word order of the sentence is Verb-Object-Subject.

Adjectives go after nouns.

“The” goes before the noun.

Demonstratives (“this” and “that”) appear twice, once before and once after the noun. If there is an adjective, it appears inside of the demonstrative pair with the noun (e.g., “this frog green this”).

