

# Lesson 2: Nominal Tripartite Sentences (Indefinite Predicate)

## Indefinite Predicate Sentences

There are two forms of nominal tripartite sentences when the object is indefinite. These forms are translated to English in the same way as the ones with a definite object.

The forms are:

**<Definite Subject> <Indefinite Object> <Copula>**

<Definite Subject>	<Indefinite Object>	ⲁⲓ /ⲁⲓ /ⲁⲓ	Translation
ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓ	my father is a man
ⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓ	I am a man
ⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓ ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁ	ⲁⲓ	I am a woman
ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓ	She is a mother
ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓ	They are women
ⲁⲓⲁⲓ ⲁ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓ ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁ	ⲁⲓ	He is a teacher
ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓ	This man is a physician
ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓ	My brother is a physician
ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁ	ⲁⲓ	My father is a presbyter (priest)

**<Indefinite Object> <Copula> <Definite Subject>**

<Indefinite Object>	ⲁⲓ /ⲁⲓ /ⲁⲓ	<Definite Subject>	Translation
ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁ	my father is a man
ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓ	I am a man
ⲁⲓ ⲁⲓⲁⲓⲁ	ⲁⲓ	ⲁⲓⲁⲓ	I am a woman

## Application



Translate the following text:

## Resources

- "A Study in Bohairic Coptic" by Nabil Matar; p162
- See Moawad Daoud Lesson 2
- See Sameh Younan page 59 in the PDF
- ACTS 2990 Introduction to the Coptic Language (Bohairic) with Hany Takla Lesson 3A

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