

LOCATIVE EXPRESSIONS

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Locative Adverbs

A set of locative adverbs parallels the set for time and the demonstrative pronouns, in that there are three degrees of relative distance:

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| ikai | here |
| ikanne | there (near you) |
| ikekei | there (far from us) |

These adverbs, like all the other adverbs, are usually placed at the end of the sentence:

Akea te boki ikai.
There are no books here.

lai teniman te aomata ikekei.
There are three people there.

Prepositions

Most often location is indicated by the use of prepositional expressions of the form i-...-n, meaning roughly 'at the...of'. These expressions are followed by nouns. If followed by pronouns they take the possessive suffixes in place of the n:

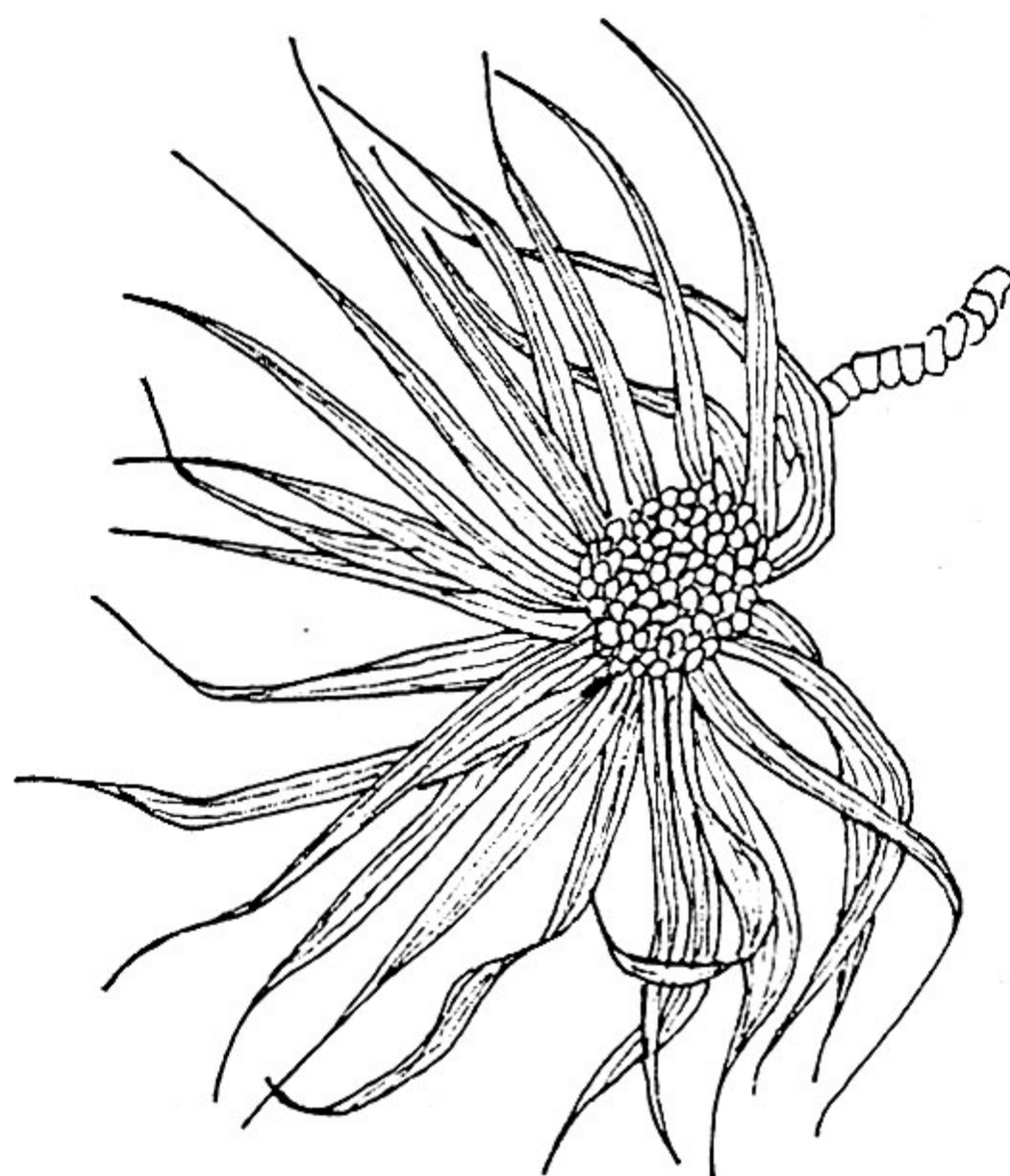
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| irarikin | beside |
| imarenan | between |
| iaan | below |
| iaon | on |
| riaon | over |
| rinanon | through |
| inanon | inside |
| iakuun | behind |
| ibukin | behind |
| imatan | in front of |
| maiaon | beyond |
| mairoun | from |
| nanon | into |

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They are placed directly before the noun they refer to:

E mena iaon te taibora.
It is (located) on the table.

E nakonako rinanon te marenaua.
He walked through the countryside.



A. Translate the following sentences into Kiribati:

1. There are no houses here.

2. Is my book there?

3. I see some smoke there in the trees.

4. Is there a doctor here?

5. We found many things there.

6. Do you see my pencil there by you?

7. She came here three times last month.

8. My mother went there in December.

9. Have you tried the food here?

10. I don't think there are any people there now.

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B. Translate the following sentences into Kiribati:

1. His car is beside the house.

2. The dog is in front of the church.

3. He went into his room.

4. The children ran through the village.

5. Her books are under the table over there.

6. Look inside the box!

7. My house is between those two over there.

8. His hat is on the roof of the house.

9. I got the book into my bag.

10. Three birds flew over our house.

C. Written. Translate the following sentences into Kiribati:

1. Four men came here yesterday.

2. Look under the bed for your box.

3. She ran through the house.

4. Is there a ship there now?

5. I know I left it there by you yesterday.

6. I put your bag behind the door.

7. They sailed beyond Nikunau in their canoe.

8. Leave the food on the table.

9. Do you sell tobacco here?

10. That's his dog next to the school there.
