LangTime A Posteriori Challenge

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(1)	C'ỳkī ʒjāɹā	ˈtʃwik ʒaɰə	"The mouse is singing."
(2)	C'ỳkiswa ʒjaɹaɹa	ˈtʃwiksɔ ʒaːɰə	"The two mice are singing."
(3)	C'ỳkivúʔ ʒjaɹaɹa	tʃikˈvu ʒːaːɰə	"The mice are singing."
(4)	C'ỳki kopikȭ k'òù ʒjaɹa	ˈtʃwik kopˈkɔku ˈʒaɰə	"The mouse is singing in the marketplace."
(5)	C'ỳki voitemȇʒjaɹa	ˈtʃwik vutʃˈmɛʒaɰə	"The mouse is singing with the rabbit."
(6)	C'ỳki sitsi míʔ	ˈtʃwik sitʃ ˈmi	"The mouse eats the barley corn."
(7)	C'ỳki sitsiníʔ s'oumipìːh	ˈtʃwik sitʃˈni sːumiˈpei	"The mouse doesn't eat the barley corn."
(8)	Mawe nàːta cai	maw ˈnɔtə tʃai	"The owl is boiling water."
(9)	Mawe nàːtaníʔ p'éʔcajìːh	maw nɔtˈni pːeˈtːʃei	"The owl is not boiling water."
(10)	Minìːvúʔ swazáke kúsu	miniˈvu sːɔˈrakə ˈkus	"The turtles are stacking cherries."
(11)	Swazáküní minìːvỳníʔ kosòː	sɔrakˈni minivˈni kːoˈsau	"The cherries are stacking turtles."

- <u>Stress:</u> Tone is no longer present in this form of Wokuthízhű and has evolved into a stress system. I thought of high and low tones as marked and mid tones as unmarked. The stress is assigned to where the last marked tone of a word originally was. This means that entire words might not bear stress at all.

- <u>Syntactic gemination:</u> This change is inspired by the languages of Finland and Italy. [ʔ] and [h] trigger the gemination of a following consonant. This is also true across word boundaries (see (3) (9) for examples).

- <u>Syncope:</u> The vowel before a stressed syllable gets deleted if it was originally short. Here, the sequence [aɹaɹa] has also been simplified as [aːɹa].

- <u>Apocope:</u> Final short high vowels get deleted too. All other final short vowels turn into schwa.

- <u>Diphthongs:</u> Stressed [y] breaks into [wi]. Long vowels evolve into closing diphthongs if stressed ([iː] → [ei]), except for [aː] → [ɔ]. [wa] becomes [ɔ].

- <u>Other changes:</u>
  - Nasalisation lowers vowels before disappearing.
  - Ejective stops become plain stops.
  - Palatalisation occurs: [sitsi] → [sitʃ].
  - The [k'òù] postposition evolved into a locative case [ku].