

# Lesson 64:

## Relative Marker -PO-

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The time adverb marker **-PO-** [when] goes into the verb in the same way as an object marker. When used in a sentence, **-PO-** refers specifically to time.

#### A). Forming Sentences with Relative Marker -PO-

##### 1. Mark anacheza kamari. Yeye hufurahi.

Mark an**apo**cheza kamari, yeye hufurahi.

[When Mark gambles, he is happy.]

##### 2. Tulicheza nje. Niliumia.

Tul**ipo**cheza nje, niliumia.

[When we played outside, I hurt myself.]

##### 3. Tutasoma habari. Tutacheka sana.

Tut**apo**soma habari, tutacheka sana.

[When we will read the news, we will laugh a lot.]

##### 4. Uliuliza swali. Nilijibu.

Uli**po**uliza swali, nilijibu.

[When you asked a question, I answered.]

##### 5. Mvua ilinyesha / ilianguka. Nilikwenda nyumbani.

Mvua ili**po**nyesha, nilikwenda nyumbani.

[When it rained, I went home.]

##### 6. Mwalimu alipika chakula. Sikula.

Mwalimu ali**po**pika chakula, sikula.

[When the teacher cooked food, I did not eat.]

### **7. Mgeni aliingia darasani. Wanafunzi walisimama.**

Mgeni alipoingia darasani, wanafunzi walisimama.

[When the guest entered the classroom, the students stood up.]

### **8. Nilifanya kosa. Mama yangu alikasirika.**

Nilipofanya kosa, mama yangu alikasirika.

[When I made a mistake, my mother was irritated / annoyed.]

### **9. Niliamka asubuhi. Nilikunywa kikombe cha kahawa.**

Nilipoamka asubuhi, nilikunywa kikombe cha kahawa.

[When I woke up in the morning, I drank a cup of coffee.]

### **10. Nitasafiri Michigan. Nitaona maziwa mengi.**

Nitakaposafiri Michigan, nitaona maziwa mengi

[When I travel to Michigan, I will see a lot of milk.]

## **B). Another Way of Forming Sentences with Relative Marker -PO-**

You can also combine the sentences in reverse order.

Mifano:

### **1. Mark anacheza kamari. Yeye hufurahi.**

Mark hufurahi, anapocheza kamari.

[Mark is usually happy when he gambles.]

### **2. Tulicheza nje. Niliumia.**

Niliumia, tulipocheza nje.

[I hurt myself when we played outside.]

### **3. Tutasoma habari. Tutacheka sana.**

Tutacheka sana, tutakaposoma habari.

[We will laugh a lot when we will read the news.]

#### **4. Uliuliza swali. Nilijibu.**

Nilijibu, ulipouliza swali.

[I answered when you asked a question.]

#### **5. Mvua ilinyesha / ilianguka. Nilikwenda nyumbani.**

Nilikwenda nyumbani, mvua iliponyesha.

[I went home when it rained.]

#### **6. Mwalimu alipika chakula. Sikula.**

Sikula, mwalimu alipopika chakula.

[I did not eat when the teacher cooked food.]

#### **7. Mgeni aliingia darasani. Wanafunzi walisimama.**

Wanafunzi walisimama, mgeni alipoingia darasani.

[The students stood up when the guest entered the classroom.]

#### **8. Nilifanya kosa. Mama yangu alikasirika.**

Mama yangu alikasirika, nilipofanya kosa.

[My mother became irritated when I made a mistake.]

#### **9. Niliamka asubuhi. Nilikunywa kikombe cha kahawa.**

Nilikunywa kikombe cha kahawa, nilipoamka asubuhi.

[I drank a cup of coffee when I woke up in the morning.]

#### **10. Nitasafiri Michigan. Nitaona maziwa mengi.**

Nitaona maziwa mengi, nitakaposafiri Michigan.

[I will see a lot of milk when I travel to Michigan.]

**1. Nilienda mkahawani nilinunua chakula.**

Nilipoenda mkahawani, nilinunua chakula.

**2. Nitaenda sokoni. Nitanutua matunda mengi.**

Nitakapoenda sokoni, nitanunua matunda mengi.

**3. Anaenda baani. Hukunywa / Hunywa pombe nyingi.**

Anapoenda baari, yeye hunywa pombe nyingi.

**4. Alienda maktabani. Alisoma sana.**

Alipoenda maktabani, alisoma sana.

**5. Wanafunzi walifanya kazi ya nyumbani. Walichoka sana.**

Wanafunzi walipofanya kazi ya nyumbani, walichoka sana.