

The set of roots with which *-buyiga* and its variants can form modifying compounds is slightly larger than that found with other modifiers, taking in a number of time nominals that do not normally incorporate, such as ‘tomorrow’ and ‘yesterday’ (5.216) as well as *dird* ‘month’ (11.131d). The only attestations of these as anything like incorporated or compounded nouns is in the collocations *malayi-barrhbun* (Dj) ‘day break, day dawn’ and *dird-kan* (W) ‘hunt by moonlight’, in both of which they are arguably lexicalised rather than productive incorporating elements. The extended set of combinatorial possibilities for *-buyiga* suggests it is on its way to being grammaticalised as a suffix rather than a simple compounding element.

5.216	<i>malayi-buyiga</i>	<i>wolewoleh-buyigah-ni</i>
Dj	tomorrow-another	yesterday-other-P
	‘the day after tomorrow’	‘the day before yesterday’

5.4.4 *Mishap nicknames*

Nicknames identifying people by a mishap that has befallen them have the form X-Y, where X denotes the body part affected by the mishap, and Y the source of the mishap. As Mick Alderson explained this practice, ‘whatever you get hit by, you get a nickname’. Examples of such nicknames:

5.217	<i>ngorrk-madjawarr</i>
Dj	flank-goose.spear
	‘hit in the flank by a goose spear’
5.218	<i>mad-djarrang</i>
Dj	ankle-horse
	‘kicked in the ankle by a horse’
5.219	<i>garre-ginga</i>
Dj	calf-crocodile
	‘bitten on the calf by a crocodile’
5.220	<i>denge-wamba</i>
I	foot-shark
	‘bitten on the foot by a shark’

5.4.5 *Taste compounds*

The order expected in taste/smell compounds, by analogy with other modifying compounds (§5.4.3), is exemplified by forms such as *man-manj-mak* [III-taste-good] ‘delicious’ and *na-manj-warre* [I-taste-bad] ‘saltwater crocodile’, said to taste foul. Often the two-part element *manj-warre* [taste-bad] is further compounded after the tasted entity, as in *an-bo-manj-warre* ‘stagnant water’ and *guk-manj-warre* [body-taste-bad] ‘filthy, disgusting to taste’ (said of black bats in contradistinction to fruit bats).

However, a second and unexpected order is found in a handful of other taste/smell compounds. These unexpectedly have the second element as head, preceded by a modifier giving the type of smell (e.g. *an-nguk-manj* [III-shit-taste, i.e. tasting like shit] ‘cheese fruit *morinda citrifolia*’). What appears to be this order is found in many names for plants and