

S/he’s Putting on a Belt

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a²¹da³³dlo²³hi³ha²

/a²¹/, v.tp-o / v.tr, Equivalent Root, JW p.1, CED p.2

NCMP*	-a ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ h-	Present	
		ga ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ ha ²	<i>I’m putting on a belt.</i>
		ji ²² ya ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ ha ²	<i>I’m putting a belt on him/her.</i>
		a ²¹ gwa ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ ha ²	<i>S/he’s putting a belt on me.</i>
		ha ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ ha ²	<i>You’re putting on a belt.</i>
		a ²¹ da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ ha ²	<i>S/he’s putting on a belt.</i>
		gv ²¹ ya ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ ha ²	<i>I’m putting a belt on you.</i>
		Past	
		ga ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>I was putting on a belt.</i>
		ha ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>You were putting on a belt.</i>
		a ²¹ da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ hv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he was putting on a belt.</i>
		Habitual	
		ga ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ ho ³³ ?i ²	<i>I put on a belt [habitually].</i>
		ha ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ ho ³³ ?i ²	<i>You put on a belt [habitually].</i>
		a ²¹ da ³³ dlo ²³ hi ³ ho ³³ ?i ²	<i>S/he puts on a belt [habitually].</i>
CMP	-a ² da ³³ dlo ²² hl-	Past	
		a ²¹ gwa ² da ³³ dlo ²² hlv ²³ ?i ²	<i>I put on a belt. (or) S/he put a belt on me.</i>
		ja ² da ³³ dlo ²² hlv ²³ ?i ²	<i>You put on a belt. (or) S/he put a belt on you.</i>
		u ²¹ wa ² da ³³ dlo ²² hlv ²³ ?i ²	<i>S/he put on a belt.</i>
		Future	
		da ² ga ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hli ²	<i>Then I will put on a belt.</i>
		ta ² da ³³ dlo ²³ hli ²	<i>Then you will put on a belt.</i>
		dv ²¹ da ³³ dlo ²³ hli ²	<i>Then s/he will put on a belt.</i>
IMM	-a ² da ³³ dlo ²³ g/a ²	Command	
		ha ² da ¹¹ dlo ²³ ga ²	<i>[You] Put on a Belt!</i>
INF	-a ² da ¹¹ dlo ²³ sd/i ²	Basic Infinitive	
		a ²² gwa ² da ¹¹ dlo ²³ sdi ²	<i>For me to put on a belt.</i>
		ja ² da ¹¹ dlo ²³ sdi ²	<i>For you to put on a belt.</i>
		u ²² wa ² da ¹¹ dlo ²³ sdi ²	<i>For him/her to put on a belt.</i>

Notes: This verb’s root is pretty straightforward—the Outsourced Reflexive indicates both a truly reflexive meaning (“verbing” oneself) and indicates the use of an outside object (the belt). The noun root for “a belt,” itself derived from the verb meaning “to meet” (in reference to the belt “meeting” itself at the ends) is then connected to the Processive Adverbial Suffix by the Motion Focus Root Suffix. The

end result is a verb basically meaning “one is in the process of *belting* oneself.” Interestingly, the Outsourced Reflexive is required even in constructions where the Subject and the Object are different (see the Combined Local example at the end of the Present Tense Index Forms). This means the Outsourced Reflexive is lexically “frozen” into this Root, regardless of whether the final construction is *technically* reflexive or not. The high tone seen on the Outsourced Reflexive portion of the root is there to denote a derivation—that the verb is derived from (i.e., being used *differently than*) the Noun root—also, it helps to distinguish this verb from the *other* verb (“meeting”) from which the noun for belt is *itself* derived.

Root Formula:

$/a^2da^{22}(d)/$ <i>Out. Reflexive</i> “Oneself”	+	$/a^2dlo^{22}/$ “To Meet” “Belt”	+	$/h/$ <i>Mot. Foc</i> <i>Root Suff.</i>	+	$/i^3h/a^2/$ <i>Processive.</i> <i>Adv. Suffix</i> <i>PRC Stem</i>	=	$/a^2da^{22}dlo^{23}hi^3ha^2/$	=	<i>Approx. Literal Meaning</i> “One is in the Process of Belting Oneself” “One is Belting Oneself”
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Sentences:

Uwoduhi adadlosdi u²¹da³³dlo²²hlv²³?i² digaduhv ju²¹we³³nv⁴⁴?i². / it-pretty / belt / she put a belt on / town / when he/she went / <i>She put on a pretty belt when she went to town. (~CED)[†]</i>	Yi²ga²da³³dlo²³hi³he³³sdi², doyu utani’i hi’ana asulo. / I should put on a belt / really / too big / these / pants / <i>I should put on a belt, these pants are too big.</i>
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Related Words: They are Meeting, “da²¹na²dlo²³sga²,” No. 353.

[†] Shifted converbal use from CED to CMP Past-Tense “when” clause. Converb is better used for “if/whenever” unreal-type statements. Here, the “going” was real, so the CMP Past with 44 “when clause” tone makes more sense. JW says CVB is best for hypothetical uses, “if-when,” “whenever” type statements.