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## Nominal classification and pronominal system in Laalaa

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The Laalaa is about the least described of the linguistic community called “Cangin”. *Cangin* was classified, according to [...] Joseph Greenberg (1970) as belonging to the West Atlantic branch of Niger-Congo of congo-kordofanian family (SIL 1993). The Laalaa is most often likened to Noon. Indeed, they have a common lexicon estimated at 86% (cf. D'Alton, P. 1987: p. 19).

The objective of this study is, through the presentation of the morphology of the nominal classification and the pronominal system of Laalaa, to put particular emphasis on interactions between these two systems. This leads us to explore the notion of substitution and the representation of the nominal category. The regularity of pronouns from the nominal classification prompts us to examine the pattern of agreement. The generated pronouns, in this way, allow better understanding of the pronominalization in Laalaa particularly and the languages [called] *Cangin*.