

## 14.16 The आशीर् लिङ् : The Benedictive

Grouped by the grammarians with the विधि लिङ्, but not formed from the present stem, is a somewhat rare conjugational mode known as the आशीर् लिङ्, or optative of blessing. It is used as the name implies mainly for uttering blessings or prayers. Its detailed formation is complicated and need not concern the beginning student. However, its परस्मैपद प्रथम° forms may be encountered occasionally.

Examples:

	एक°	द्वि°	बहु°
प्र°	भूयात्	भूयास्ताम्	भूयासुः
	May it be!	May those two be!	May they be!

## EXERCISES

- A. Translate the reading into English.
- B. List and identify all लिङ् (optative) forms and substitute for them the corresponding लोट् (imperative) forms.
- C. Translate the following into Sanskrit (See “English-Sanskrit Glossary” at end of lesson):
  1. If a man would experience bliss, let him go to the forest and there sit long in meditation.
  2. Having left the city and become a *muni*, how then should I speak to you, friend.
  3. Are all brahmans men of stabilized mind? How should I know? It is not known to me whether they are all *munis* or not (use यत् and न वेति [वा + इति]).
  4. Having done what, might men attain liberation? A man should do what is written in the *śāstras*. Thereby he may become liberated.
  5. If I should not see the faces of Rāma and Lakṣmaṇa (use द्वन्द्व) again, I should surely be afflicted by great sorrow.
  6. Let Lakṣmaṇa go with Sītā and Rāma (use द्वन्द्व) if he wishes to fulfill (use √कृ) truth and duty (धर्मः, use द्वन्द्व).