

6. III person honorific singular
 7. III person non-human singular
 and 8. III person non-human plural

5.2 Third Person Pronominal Terminations

5.2.1 Masculine Singular

If the subject of a sentence is in masculine gender and singular number, then the verb should end with the suffix denoting masculine gender and singular number. Tolkappiar lists the following suffixes as masculine suffixes :

- an, - a:n, - o:n. In old Tamil, - an suffix is used often. But in middle Tamil, - a:n is found to be used often.

The present day language use also has - a:n suffix. The examples are given below :

avan po:na:n	'he went'
avan po:ra:n	'he goes'
avan po:va:n	'he will go'

The suffix -tu/-ccu is used to a person to whom moderate honour is shown as in the following example:

annen <u>vantuccu</u>	'elder brother came' (Mod. Hon.)
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