
analytical methods in morphology and syntax

practice problems #6: grammatical relations

Due Wednesday, July 30th, in class.

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exercise 6.1: Gujarati

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| (1) | Ramesh pen khəridto həto (male name) pen(fem) | 'Ramesh was buying the pen.' |
| (2) | Rameshe pen khəridyi | 'Ramesh bought the pen.' |
| (3) | Ramesh awyo | 'Ramesh came.' |
| (4) | Sudha awyi (fem. name) | 'Sudha came.' |
| (5) | Sudha awti həti | 'Sudha was coming.' |
| (6) | Ramesh awto həto | 'Ramesh was coming.' |
| (7) | Sudhae pen khəridyi | 'Sudha bought the pen.' |

A. What structural features distinguish grammatical relations in Gujarati?

B. What system or systems for organizing grammatical relations does it use?
Give evidence for your claims.

exercise 6.3: Endo

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| 1. | Kícho Pëëlyòn | 'Elephant came.' |
| 2. | Kícho Kíplêkwà | 'Hare came.' |
| 3. | Kílëchí Kíplêkwà Pëëlyón | 'Hare told Elephant . . .' |
| 4. | Kílëchí Pëëlyón Kíplêkwà | 'Hare told Elephant . . .' |
| 5. | Kílëchí Kìplêkwà Pëëlyòn | 'Elephant told Hare . . .' |
| 6. | Kílëchí Pëëlyòn Kìplêkwà | 'Elephant told Hare . . .' |
| 7. | Kípka pííč | 'People came.' |
| 8. | Kíro pííč | 'People saw (him/her/it).' |
| 9. | Kíro pîîč | 'He/she saw people.' |
| 10. | Kíro Kiplêkwà | |
| 11. | Kíro Kíplêkwà | |

A. Where is Endo spoken? What language family does it belong to?

B. What structural features distinguish grammatical relations for full noun phrases in Endo?

C. What system for organizing grammatical relations is employed?

D. Translate #10 and #11.

exercise 6.10: Walmatjari

Adapted from Merrifield, et al., problem 214

A. Where is Walmatjari spoken?

B. What language family does it belong to?

C. Describe the system or systems for organizing grammatical relations, noting all structural features that express grammatical relations.

1. kunyarr pa laparni 'The dog ran.'
2. kunyarr pa pinya nganpayirlu. 'The man hit the dog.'
3. kakaji pa laparni 'The goanna ran.'
4. nganpayi pa pajani kakajirlu 'The goanna bit the man.'

exercise 6.3: Avar

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| 1. | Vas vigiana. | 'The boy got up.' |
| 2. | Vas vegana. | 'The boy lay down.' |
| 3. | Yas yigiana. | 'The girl got up.' |
| 4. | Yas yegana. | 'The girl lay down.' |
| 5. | Vasas yas yettsana. | 'The boy praised the girl.' |
| 6. | _____ | 'The girl praised the boy.' |

A. What language family does Avar belong to?

B. What is the probable translation of number 6 in Avar?

C. What structural features reflect grammatical relations in Avar?

D. Describe the system for organizing grammatical relations in Avar. Give all of the evidence.