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# ABSTRACT

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## Glossing Conventions

It is well known that the world's languages realize widely different sets of morphosyntactic categories (CITE: typological introductions, maybe Dixon's BLT) . Moreover, even when these categories bear the same name, they may differ drastically in their behavior (CITE: Haspelmath? Dixon? Others?) . It is the subject of much debate whether these language-specific categories can be mapped onto each other or compared in any useful way (CITE: Haspelmath 2010, other publications on this debate) . Recognizing these difficulties, I have made no attempt to standardize the linguistic terminology in the interlinear glossed examples throughout this thesis. I have, however, standardized the abbreviations used to refer to those terms. For example, even though one researcher may abbreviate Subject as SUBJ and another researcher abbreviate it as SUB, I nonetheless gloss all Subject morphemes in this thesis as SUBJ.

### A.1 Glossing Abbreviations

The following table provides the meaning of each abbreviation used in interlinear glossed examples throughout this thesis.

SUBJ        subject

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