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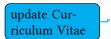
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ABSTRACT

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List of Abbreviations

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

1	first person
2	second person
3	third person
SUBJ	subject

A Note on Linguistic Conventions

This brief note documents the conventions I have adopted regarding linguistic data and terminology throughout this thesis.

It is well known that the world's languages realize widely different sets of morphosyntactic categories (Whaley 1997: 58, Haspelmath 2007). Moreover, even when these categories bear the same name, they may differ drastically in their behavior (Dixon 2010: 9). It is the subject of much debate whether these language-specific categories can be mapped onto each other or compared in any useful way (Croft 2003: 13–19, Haspelmath 2010a,b, Newmeyer 2010, Hieber 2013: 308–310, Croft 2014, Plank 2016). 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. See the List of Abbreviations (p. xiii) for a complete list of glossing abbreviations. I have also followed the standard formatting conventions of the Leipzig Glossing Rules (Bickel, Comrie & Haspelmath 2015) throughout.

In contrast, I have made no attempt to standardize the transcription systems and orthographies used in the examples throughout this thesis. All examples are given as transcribed in their original source. The reader should consult those original sources for further details regarding orthography. The source of each interlinear glossed example in this thesis is provided following the example itself.

It is an increasingly common convention in typological studies to write terms and categories that are particular to specific languages with an initial capital letter, while writing terms that refer to language-general or semantic/functional concepts (e.g. the crosslinguistic notion of subject) in lowercase (Haspelmath 2010a: 674, Croft 2014: 535). For example, the English Participle suffix -ing is, obviously, specific to English, and does not exist in any other language; therefore it capitalized and written as *Participle*. If, however, a writer is discussing the category of participles generally and crosslinguistically, not specific to any particular languages, it is written in lowercase as *participle*. I follow these same capitalization conventions in this thesis.

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