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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

References

SOURCES OF EXAMPLES

The references listed in this section are the sources for the interlinear glossed examples in this thesis.

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