

<特集「アスペクト」>

ベンバ語のアスペクト\*  
Aspect in Bemba (Bantu M42)

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**Abstract**: This article provides descriptive data on various aspect forms in Bemba, a Bantu language spoken in Copperbelt province in Zambia, collected through the questionnaire “Aspect” designed in *Journal of the Institute of Language Research* 15, 2010.

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2-1 ~さん(固有名詞)は/あの人(は)もう来た。

[自動詞の不完結相。まだ~しない、もう~した、はもつとも基本的な対立で、動詞における表示でテンスのない言語はあっても、この対立のない言語はない(!?)という]

a) *Búpe nááisa (kále)*

bupe    naa=a-is-a            kale  
Bupe    PRS.PERF=SM<sub>1</sub>-come-FV already  
‘Bupe has already come.’

As illustrated in (2-1-a), the aspectual concept of perfect can be expressed by the verbal proclitic *náa=*. The adverbial *kale* can be used to explicitly express the completion of the event. The same construction can be used with different types of verbs including non-volitional verbs (2-1-c).



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\* All examples are provided in a four-line format. The first line is a modified orthographic description with surface vowel length and tone marking added. This means that these additional annotations may be inconsistent and should not be regarded as phonological representations. The second line provides a morphological description with a gloss of each morpheme given in the third line. The fourth line shows the English translation of each sentence.

b) *Ulyá úmíntú nááisa (kále)*

u-lyá            u-muntu            naa=a-is-a            kale  
 PPx<sub>1</sub>-DEM.D    aug-1.person    PRS.PERF=SM<sub>1</sub>-come-FV    already  
 ‘That person has already come.’

c) *Búpe náabuuka (kále)*

bupe            naa=a-buuk-a            kale  
 Bupe            PRS.PERF=SM<sub>1</sub>-wake\_up-FV            already  
 ‘Bupe has already woken up.’

2-2 ~さん（固有名詞）は／あの人はもう来ている。

[上の(2-1)と同じ表現になる言語は、その旨のみ記していただければ幸いです。]

a) *Búpe nááisa (kále)* [= (2-1-a)]

The proclitic *naa=* implies the connotation of ‘resultant state’, i.e., the same morphological form can be used for both aspectual categories, i.e., ‘anteriority’ as shown in 2-1 and ‘stativity’ as in 2-2.

2-3 ~さん（固有名詞）は／あの人はまだ来っていない。

[自動詞の完結相。主語が不要な言語では主語の部分は無くともよいです。移動動詞ではアスペクトの例文を得るのに不都合がある言語では、他の動詞でもよいです。「起きる」、「乗る」などの例文が考えられます（ただ「起きる」だと制御不能の動詞となる言語もあるでしょうし、「乗る」だと場所の名詞項が必要になるかもしれません）。(2-1)～(2-7)はなるべく同じ動詞で統一されていることが望ましいです。ただやむを得ない場合は、(2-1)～(2-4)と(2-5)～(2-7)が別の動詞になったりしてもかまいません。]

a) *Búpe taláisa*

bupe            ta-a-laa-is-a  
 Bupe            NEG-SM<sub>1</sub>-TA-come-FV  
 ‘Bupe hasn’t come yet.’

b) *Búpe talaabúuka*

bupe            ta-a-laa-buuk-a  
 Bupe            NEG-SM<sub>1</sub>-TA-wake\_up-FV  
 ‘Bupe hasn’t woken up yet.’

The negation of the finite main verb is achieved through the prefix *ta-*, which precedes the subject marker, except for the 1st person singular subject which has a designated negative subject marker, *shi-*.

2-4 ~さん (固有名詞) は/あの人は まだ来ない。

[上の(2-3)と同じ表現になる言語は、その旨のみ記していただければ幸いです。上の(2-3)とは意志性などに関して対立を示す言語の場合には、それについて教えて下さい。]

a) *Búpe taláisa* [= (2-3-a)]

Morphosyntactic distinction between 2-3 and 2-4 in this language has not been identified.

2-5 ~さん (固有名詞) は/あの人は もう (すぐ) 来る。

[中国語など、このようなケースで一種の完結相 (モダリティかもしれないが) を使える言語がある。]

a) *Búpe alaaísa* (*nómbalíne*)

bupe a-ala-a-is-a nombaline

Bupe SM<sub>I</sub>-FUT-come-FV soon

‘Bupe will come soon.’

b) *Búpe aláabíuka* (*nómbalíne*)

bupe a-ala-a-buuk-a nombaline

Bupe SM<sub>I</sub>-FUT-wake\_up-FV soon

‘Bupe will wake up soon.’

Near future is marked by the TAM marker *alaa-*, which is contrastive with the present progressive form *aléebuuka*, with the TA prefix *lée-*, as well as with the present habitual *álabuuka* with the TA prefix *la-* (for further description, see 2-13).

2-6 (あ!) ~さんが来た! [その人が来るのに気づいた場面での発話]

[いわゆる日本語学でいう「発見のタ」。このようなケースで「過去形」が使える言語は少なくともアジアにはいくつかある、できれば来ることを予想していた場合と予想していなかった場合の両方が聞けるとよい。]

a) *A! Búpe aisa!*

a bupe a-Ø-is-a

INTERJ Bupe SM<sub>I</sub>-CJ.PRS-come-FV

‘Oh! Bupe has come.’

b) *A! Búpe abíuka!*

a bupe a-Ø-buuk-a

INTERJ Bupe SM<sub>I</sub>-CJ.PRS-wake\_up-FV

‘Oh! Bupe has woken up.’

It should be pointed out that this type of presentational sentences, where focus is not assigned on a specific constituent,

can be expressed by a conjoint present form. In Bemba, the conjoint form of the present tense is marked by  $\emptyset$ - (cf. Nurse 2008). Conjoint (CJ) is generally defined as a verb form, which does not take a post-verbal element to which a constituent focus may be assigned.

2-7 昨日～さんが来たよ。

[ (2-1)の例文と対比するのに、単純な過去形の例が必要なため。「起きる」などの動詞を使った場合には「さっき～さんは起きたよ」のように副詞等を若干変えてもかまいません。]

a) *Búpe ááliisa mailo*

bupe a-alii-is-a mailo  
 Búpe SM<sub>1</sub>-PST.R-come-FV the\_day\_before/after  
 ‘Bupe came yesterday.’

b) *Búpe ááliibiúuka mailo*

bupe a-alii-buk-a mailo  
 Búpe SM<sub>1</sub>-PST.R-wake\_up-FV the\_day\_before/after  
 ‘Bupe woke up yesterday.’

According to Nurse (2008), four contrastive simple past forms can be distinguished in the TA system of Bemba. These sentences are in the simple past tense marked by the TA prefix *alii-*, which is contrastive with the prefix *áci-* that indicates more recent past.

2-8 昨日～さんは来なかったよ。

[ まだ来ていない、との対比。否定を示す要素において、アスペクトの違いが現れる言語（中国語など）があるため。日本語でも(2-1)との対比で問題となる文である。]

a) *Búpe taláisa* [= (2-3-a)]

bupe ta-a-laa-is-a  
 Búpe NEG-SM<sub>1</sub>-TA-come-FV  
 ‘Bupe hasn’t come yet.’

The same TA form observed in (2-3-a) is used in this context. The negation of an expectation can be expressed in the near past tense marked by the prefix *áci-* as illustrated in (2-8-b).

b) *Búpe táciisa*

bupe ta-a-aci-is-a  
 Búpe NEG-SM<sub>1</sub>-PST.N-come-FV  
 ‘S/he (probably was expected to but) didn’t come.’

2-9 (私は) あのリンゴをもう食べた。

[自動詞／他動詞の別で完結相／未完結相が異なってくる言語があるため。こちらは他動詞の例。「リンゴ」の部分は別の名詞でもけっこうです。不規則動詞である、とか文化的な理由がある、などの理由で「食べる」という動詞では例文が採りづらい言語の場合には、「本を読む」などでもけっこうです。その際には、(2-10)、(2-11)も同じ動詞で統一して下さい。] 完了形などに限って能格型になる言語があります(ヒンディーなど)。行為者を明示することができない言語もあると思いますが、その場合行為者は無くてけっこうです。]

a) *Nindya (kále) ubo ubwali*

N-N-li-a            kale       ubo       u-bu-ali  
SM<sub>1</sub>ISG-ANT-eat-FV   already   DEM.HP<sub>14</sub>   AUG-14-nshima  
'I have already eaten that nshima.'

In this sentence, the aspectual perfect, or probably more precisely 'anteriority', seems to be expressed by the TA prefix *N-*, which is semantically contrastive with the clitic *náa=*.

2-10 私はあのリンゴをまだ食べていない。／私はあのリンゴをまだ食べない。

[他動詞の未完結相の否定の場合です。スラッシュの前後で表現が変わってくる言語の場合は、それについても教えて下さい。]

a) *Nshilaalyá ubo ubwali*

Nshi-laa-li-a            ubo       u-bu-ali  
SM<sub>1</sub>ISG.NEG-TA-eat-FV   DEM.HP<sub>14</sub>   AUG-14-nshima  
'I haven't yet eaten that nshima.'

While it is confirmed that there is a functional contrast between *N-* and *náa=*, both of which must be associated with aspectual perfect, the distinction seems to be neutralized in the context of negation which is marked by *laa-* in both cases (cf. 2-3).

2-11 あの人は今(ちょうど)そのリンゴを食べています／食べているところです。

[進行形はあるか? 現在形と同じか? 基本的に単に現在形で示すが、もしさらに現在進行であることを明示する形式がある場合には、ぜひその例もあげてください。日本語の「(～て) いる」のように補助動詞を使う場合にはその動詞の元の意味(単独で使った場合の意味)も教えて下さい。]

a) *Ulya umuntu aléelya ubwali ubo*

ulya       u-muntu       a-lee-li-a            u-bu-ali            ubo  
DEM.D<sub>1</sub>   AUG-1.person   SM<sub>1</sub>-PROG-eat-FV   AUG-14-nshima       DEM.HP<sub>14</sub>  
'That person is eating that nshima.'

Progressive is expressed by the TA prefix *lée-*, which is morphologically differentiated from the present tense marker, which is  $\emptyset$ - in CJ forms and *la-* in disjoint (DJ) forms.

2-12 窓が開いている／窓が開いていた。

[限界動詞による結果状態の継続。進行形がある言語では、進行形と同じか？ 「窓が開けてある」のような、行為者の存在を含意した構文がさらに別にあれば、それについてもぜひ記してください。]

- a) *Iciíbi náaciísuka*  
 i-ci-ibi naa=ci-i-suk-a  
 AUG-7-door PRS.PERF=SM7-TA-be\_open-FV  
 ‘The door is open.’

The aspectual resultant state can morphologically be expressed by the verbal proclitic *náa=*, tentatively labeled as present perfect, which is contrastive with the (present) progressive form marked by the TA prefix *lée-* (cf. 2-11-a). It is also to be noted that there seems to be an additional vowel prefix, which may be identified as *i-* based on the following example, inserted in the preverbal TAM slot. The function, however, is still unclear.

- b) *Akánwá náakeésuka*  
 a-ka-nwa naa=ka-i-suk-a  
 AUG-12-mouth PRS.PERF=SM12-TA-be\_open-FV  
 ‘The mouth is open.’

2-13 私は毎朝新聞を読む／読んでいます。

[習慣を示すアスペクト的形式。もし新聞やそれを読むことが一般的でない言語や文化などの場合、「散歩をする」とか「水汲みに行く」などでもよい。]

- a) *Ndabelenga icítábó (lyónsé) úlúceélo*  
 N-la-beleng-a i-ci-tabo lyonse u-lu-celo  
 SM<sub>1SG</sub>-DJ.PRS-read-FV AUG-7-book every AUG-11-morning  
 ‘I read a book every morning.’

- b) *Ndatapa áménshi (lyónsé) úlúceélo*  
 N-la-tap-a a-ma-inshi lyonse u-lu-celo  
 SM<sub>1SG</sub>-DJ.PRS-fetch-FV AUG-6-water every AUG-11-morning  
 ‘I fetch water every morning.’

Habitual aspect can be expressed by DJ present marker *la-* as in the above examples (see also Kula 2017). More precisely, present habitual seems to be part of the semantic area that can be encoded by the TA marker *la-* and the morphosyntactic template of DJ in this language. Note, however, that DJ in Bemba does not always follow the general restriction that it should not be followed by any post verbal constituent.

2-14 あなたは (あなたの) お母さんに似ている。

[現在形や進行形が使えるか? 朝鮮語などでは過去形になる。この文では形容詞や分詞、名詞による表現になってしまって、動詞のアスペクトに関する例文が得られない、という言語の場合、「彼女は結婚している」などの文でもよい。それでも動詞によるアスペクト的な形式が得られない言語の場合、その形容詞や分詞、名詞による表現を書きいただければありがたいです (その事実も貴重なので) 。]

a) *Walípálá báamayó bóobe*

u-ali-pal-a                      ba-mayo ba-obe  
SM<sub>2SG</sub>-PRS.STAT-look\_like-FV2-mother 2-POSS.2SG  
'You look like your mother.'

b) *Áalyuupwa*

a-ali-up-w-a  
SM<sub>1</sub>-PRS.STAT-marry-PASS-FV  
'She is married.'

The TA marker *ali-*, which tonally and segmentally contrasts with the remote past marker *alii-*, is used to express the stative aspect in the present tense.

2-15 私はその頃毎日学校に通っていた。

[英語の *used to* のような形があるか。]

a) *Nalééyá kusukúlu cíla bushiku*

N-alee-i-a                      ku-sukulu cíla              bu-shiku  
SM<sub>1SG</sub>-HAB.PST-go\_towards-FV 17-school every 14-day  
'I used to go to school every day.'

Habitual past is seemingly expressed by the prefixal form *aléé-*, which might be decomposed into multiple morphemes.

2-16 私は～に (大きな街の名前など) 行ったことがある。

[経験について。進行形のある言語では、ここでそれが使えるかも訊きたい。]

a) *Nalíyápo ku Lusaka*

N-ali-i-a=po                      ku-lusaka  
SM<sub>1SG</sub>-PRS.STAT-go\_towards-FV=ENCL<sub>16</sub> 17-Lusaka  
'I have been to Lusaka before.'

Experience (of visiting a place) can be expressed by the present stative form of the verb 'go\_towards' with the locative

class 16 enclitic =*po*, which can also be used with different types of verbs to express aspectual/modal concept of ‘experience’.

- b) N-ali-mona=*po*  
 SM<sub>1SG</sub>-PRS.STAT-see=*ENCL*<sub>16</sub>  
 ‘I’ve seen before.’

Along with the class 17 enclitic =*ko*, these locative clitics show a wide range of functionality, which is partly shown in the following examples.

2-17 やっとバスは走り出した／走り始めた。

[開始的なアスペクト表現。]

- a) *Básu yambá ukwenda*  
 basu i-Ø-amb-a u-ku-end-a  
 9.bus SM<sub>9</sub>-CJ.PRS-start-FV AUG-INF-go\_away-FV  
 ‘The bus has started to move.’

Inchoative aspect can be expressed through the unmarked CJ form of the verb *-amba* ‘start’, which is used as an auxiliary verb followed by an infinitive verb.

2-18 昨日彼女はずっと寝ていた。

[長時間の継続。]

- a) *Mailo áaleeléeefye*  
 mailo a-a-lal-ile fye  
 the\_day\_before/after SM<sub>1</sub>-PST-sleep-STAT just  
 ‘She just slept all day yesterday.’

Aspectual stativity in the past tense can be expressed by the suffix *-ile*, which may tentatively be labeled as a stative marker. Aspectual duration in the past can also be expressed by the past progressive form which is marked by the prefixal form *alee-*, which may be decomposed into *a-* (Past of imperfective?) followed by *lée-* (Progressive).

- b) *Mailo ááléeláláfye*  
 mailo a-a-lee-lal-a fye  
 the\_day\_before/after SM<sub>1</sub>-PST-PROG-sleep-FV just  
 ‘She was just sleeping all day yesterday.’

2-19 私はそれをちょっと食べてみた。

[試行的なアスペクト表現。]



a) *Naliéshá úkulyáko íco*

N-alii-esh-a                      u-ku-li-a=ko                      íco  
SM<sub>1</sub>SG-PST.R-try-FV              AUG-INF-eat-FV=ENCL<sub>17</sub>      DEM.HA<sub>7</sub>  
'I tried to eat that.'

In (2-19-a) the locative enclitic =*ko* seems to express an adnominal notion of 'a little'. Interestingly the same morpheme can also be used as part of honorific expression to express 'humbleness' as in *Njeleléni=ko* 'please, forgive me [humblest]' (cf. *Njeleléni* 'forgive me [humble: to a singular addressee or neutral: to plural addressees]' *Njelelá* 'forgive me [neutral: to a singular addressee]').

2-20 あの人はそれ（ら）をみんなに分け与えた。

[多くの（間接）目的語に対する多回的なアスペクト表現。]

a) *Ulyá úmúntú aalípeláko ifi kuli bonsé*

ulya      u-muntu      a-alii-pel-a=ko                      ifi  
DEM.D<sub>1</sub>      AUG-1.person      SM<sub>1</sub>-PST.R-give=ENCL<sub>17</sub>              DEM.CD<sub>8</sub>  
kuli      ba-onse  
PP.LOC      2-all  
'Did that person share these with everyone?'

The locative clitic *ko=* can also be part of a way of expressing pluractionality, e.g. distributing something to different persons, as illustrated in (2-20-a). The clitic, in this context means 'some' and this usage is more frequently attested in question sentences. This sentence can be paraphrased by using the verb *-akanya* 'to share', which, however, is usually not followed by the clitic =*ko*.

b) *Ulyá úmúntú aalíákányá ifi na bonsé*

ulya      u-muntu      a-alii-akani-a                      ifi      na      ba-onse  
DEM.D<sub>1</sub>      AUG-1.person      SM<sub>1</sub>-PST.R-share-FV              DEM.CD<sub>8</sub>      with 2-all  
'Did that person share these with everyone?'

2-21 さあ、（私たちは）行くよ！

[このような表現で、「過去形」を使う言語がある]

a) *Tuléeyeni*

tu-lee-i-e=ni  
SM<sub>1</sub>PL-TA-go\_towards-SBJV=PLADD  
'Let's go!'

This type of sentence can be expressed in the subjunctive mood, which is marked by the inflectional suffix *-e*, which is traced back to the Proto Bantu \**-é*. In (2-21-a), the subjunctive verb is used with the enclitic =*ni* that indicates the plurality of addressees. Subjunctive forms (of the 1st person plural subject) without the clitic tend to be used as interrogative sentences.

- b) *Tubelenge*  
 tu-beleng-e  
 SM<sub>1PL</sub>-read-SBJV  
 ‘Shall we read?’

2-22 地球は太陽の周りを回っている。  
 [いわゆる「恒常的な真理」の表現]

- a) *Ákásubá kálashingúluka icaalo*  
 a-ka-suba ka-la-shinguluk-a i-ci.alo  
 AUG-12-sun SM<sub>12</sub>- DJ.PRS-turn-FV AUG -7.earth  
 ‘The sun evolves around the Earth.’

This type of sentence can be expressed through the habitual form, which is marked by the present DJ prefix *la-* (2-13). The habitual form constitutes a near tonal minimal pair with the future form marked by the TA prefix *aláa-* as illustrated in (2-22-b) and (2-22-c).

- b) *Balashingúluka*  
 ba-la-shinguluk-a  
 SM<sub>2</sub>-DJ.PRS-turn-FV  
 ‘They turn around.’
- c) *Báláashingúluka*  
 ba-alaa-shinguluk-a  
 SM<sub>2</sub>-FUT-turn-FV  
 ‘They will turn around’

2-23 あの木は今にも倒れそうだ。  
 [いわゆる将然相]

- a) *Icó icímúti cááláaponá*  
 ico i-ci-muti ci-alaa-pon-a  
 DEM.HP<sub>7</sub> AUG-7-tree SM<sub>7</sub>-FUT-fall-FV  
 ‘That tree is about to fall.’

The prospective aspect can be expressed by the TA prefix *aláa-*, which is one of the future tense markers that indicates the nearest future.

2-24 (私は) あやうく転ぶところだった。  
 [未実現の事態]

- a) *Nga naacipóná*  
nga N-aci-pon-a  
if SM<sub>1SG</sub>-PST.N-fall-FV  
'I almost fell.'

The particle *nga*, which is a conditional marker, can be used to express an event which is/was almost unintentionally happening. The situation may also be expressed through the auxiliary use of the verb *-fwaya* 'want'.

- b) *Nacifwáaya úkupona*  
N-aci-fway-a u-ku-pon-a  
SM<sub>1SG</sub>-PST.N-TA-want-FV AUG-INF-fall-FV  
'I was about to fall.'

2-25 明日客が来るので、パンを買っておく。

[準備。「～ておく」のような補助動詞、もしくはそれに相当するものがあるかどうか]

- a) *Nfúilé náashítá umukaáte kailí máilo abeni bakesa*  
N-fwil-e N-a-shit-a u-mu-kate  
SM<sub>1SG</sub>-have\_to-SBJV SM<sub>1SG</sub>-TA-buy-FV AUG-3-bread  
kaili mailo a-ba-eni ba-ka-is-a  
because the\_day\_before/after AUG-2-guest SM<sub>2</sub>-ITV-come-FV  
'I have to buy bread because a guest is coming tomorrow.'

The situation where one prepares something beforehand can be expressed by using the form SM-*fwile*, which is almost equivalent to 'S have/has to'. Forms lexically correspond to 'teoku' in Japanese has not been identified.

2-26 (私は) ～に (街とか市場とか) 行ったとき、この袋を買った。

- a) *Nashitílé ícólá ící ninshí náile kú máliketi*  
N-a-shit-i-ile i-ci-ola ici  
SM<sub>1SG</sub>-PST-buy-APPL-STAT AUG-7-bag DEM.CD7  
ninshi N-a-i-ile ku-maliketi  
when SM<sub>1SG</sub>-PST-go\_towards-STAT 17-9.market  
'I bought this bag when I went to the market.'

The temporal adverbial clause, or the 'when' clause, is introduced by the adverbial *ninshi*. A similar expression without specification of the subject can be achieved by an infinitive that is affixed by the locative class 16 prefix *pa-* as illustrated in (2-27-a), where *pakuya* is literally translated as 'while/when going'.

2-27 (私は) ~に (街とか市場とか) 行く時/行く前に, この袋を買った。

- a) *Nashitiilé ícolá ící pakúya kú máliketi*  
N-a-shit-i-ile                      i-ci-ola              ici  
SM<sub>1SG</sub>-PST-buy-APPL-STAT    AUG-7-bag            DEM.CD<sub>7</sub>  
pa-ku-i-a                      ku-maliketi  
16-INF-go\_towards -FV    17-9.market  
'I bought this bag when I was going to the market.'

2-28 (私は) 彼が市場でこの袋を買ったのを知っていた。

[上記の3つの例文は時制の一致や相対テンスの有無を知るためのもの]

- a) *Naliishibé ati áshitiilé ícola ící kú máliketi*  
N-alii-shib-ile                      ati              a-a-shit-ile              i-ci-ola              ici  
SM<sub>1SG</sub>-PST.R-know-STAT            COMP            SM<sub>1</sub>-TA-buy-STAT    AUG-7-bag            DEM.CD<sub>7</sub>  
ku-maliketi  
17-9.market  
'I knew that he bought this bag at the market.'

The verb in the temporal clause in (2-26-a) *naile* is inflected by the same tense marker *-ile* used in the main clause. On the other hand, the complement clause in (2-28-a) does not show a tense agreement with the main clause verb, which is TA-marked by the prefix *alii-* and the inflectional suffix *-ile*.

### Abbreviations

- 1, 2, 3, ...: Noun class numbers
- 1sg, 2pl, ...: Person and Number
- ANT: Anterior
- AUG: AUGment (initial vowel prefixed to a noun class prefix)
- CJ: Conjoint (a verbal form obligatorily followed by a post-verbal constituent)
- COMP: Complementiser
- DEM.CD: Demonstrative (Counter-Distal)
- DEM.D: Demonstrative (Distal)
- DEM.HP: Demonstrative (Hearer-Proximate)
- DJ: Disjoint (a verbal form usually not followed by a post-verbal constituent)
- EXT: Existential
- FV: Final Vowel (default inflectional suffix of the finite verb)
- HAB: Habitual
- INC: Inchoative
- INF: Infinitive
- INTERJ: Interjective
- ITV: Itive
- PP.LOC: Locative preposition

NEG: Negative marker  
OM<sub>n</sub>: Object Marker (agreement property is shown by the subscript)  
PASS: Passive  
PERF: Perfect  
PLADD: Plural addressees  
POSS: Possessive pronoun  
PROG: Progressive  
PRS: Present  
PST.R: Remote Past  
PST.N: Near Past  
SBJV: Subjunctive  
SM<sub>n</sub>: Subject Marker (agreement property is shown by the subscript)  
STAT: Stative  
TA: Tense and/or Aspect marker with unidentifiable meaning

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