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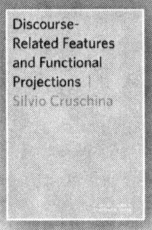
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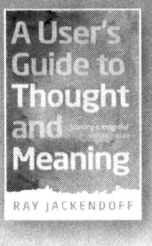
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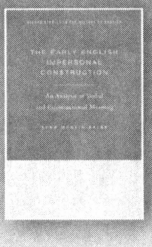
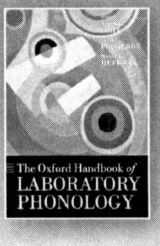
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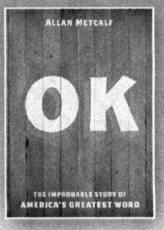
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Descrição e análise morfossintática do nome e do verbo em Pykobjê-Gavião (Timbira)

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No presente estudo descrevemos e analisamos, sob o viés morfossintático, as partes do discurso que se diferenciam no dialeto Timbira conhecido como Pykobjê-Gavião (Tronco Macro-Jê, Família Jê). Através de uma abordagem tipológico-funcionalista, discutimos (i) aspectos de tipologia e ordem de palavras, (ii) distinção entre as duas classes de palavras mais comuns no rol das línguas naturais do mundo, isto é, nome e verbo e (iii) demais classes de palavras observáveis nessa variante linguística, na medida em que se relacionam a nome e verbo.

Veremos que os nomes funcionam em Pykobjê-Gavião, basicamente, como núcleo de argumento; ao passo que o verbo, que é mais fomentador de relações, tem como principal atribuição dentro da frase atuar como núcleo de predicado. Os verbos se dividem, por sua vez, em verbos intransitivos simples (único argumento: Sa, So ou Sio) ou intransitivos estendidos e verbos transitivos simples (dois argumentos: A e P) ou transitivos estendidos. Para fundamentar a análise utilizaremos, principalmente, Comrie (1985), Dik (1997), Dryer (1999), Givón (1997, 2001), Payne (1997) e Schachter (2007).

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Dusner is a fairly rigidly SVO language. Verbs do not show distinctions in tense, aspect, mood, or voice, but there is a rich subject agreement paradigm with an inclusive/exclusive distinction in the first person and a three-way number distinction (singular, dual, plural). Subject pro-drop is common. Alongside a default third-person plural form, there is a separate form for agreement with nonhumans in the third person, as well as a third person plural pronoun whose reference is restricted to nonhumans. This violates Greenberg's universal 45, which states that if a language has gender distinctions in the plural, it always has some gender distinctions in the singular as well. Nouns are invariant except for a small class of inalienably possessed stems which must appear with possessive suffixes. In periphrastic possessive constructions, a pronominal possessor follows the head noun and shows agreement with both the head noun and the possessor. There are very few adjectives, and only a small class of prepositions, though there is a rich inventory of adverbial locative expressions. The number system is quintenary.

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Persian makes use of so-called numeral classifiers. This word class occurs in a tripartite numeral classifier phrase comprised of a numeral, the classifier and a noun. In studies of Persian grammar, neither the types nor the characteristics of the word class have been examined. By means of a corpus-based analysis, this study aims to describe the types of numeral classifiers found in Persian and to compose an inventory of each type. It also investigates the nature of the word class as well as its syntactic, semantic and functional behavior. In providing a lucid account of the characteristics of numeral classifiers, basic linguistic theory is applied as a theoretical framework.

Numeral classifiers occur quite frequently in both formal and colloquial language use. However, not every noun can be associated with a numeral classifier. There are nouns that do not take any classifier whereas other nouns require the use of specific classifiers when counted. Furthermore, the usage of numeral classifiers is optional in Persian, although there are constructions in which the use of a numeral classifier appears to be obligatory. Moreover, the exact number of numeral classifiers in Persian is difficult to estimate. It has been conjectured that there are anywhere between a few dozen to one hundred such classifiers in Persian. Some of them have very specialized uses or are archaic and only a few classifiers are regularly used. Semantically speaking, the numeral classifiers must be seen as part of a continuum from carrying a light semantic meaning to being highly informative. The semantic parameters that Persian numeral classifiers cluster around are categories such as animacy or physical properties such as shape or function. Among other functions (for instance classification, the primary function of classifiers), classifiers in Persian serve to mark the importance of participants in discourse to highlight culturally valued objects or objects that are prominent to life in the Persian community.

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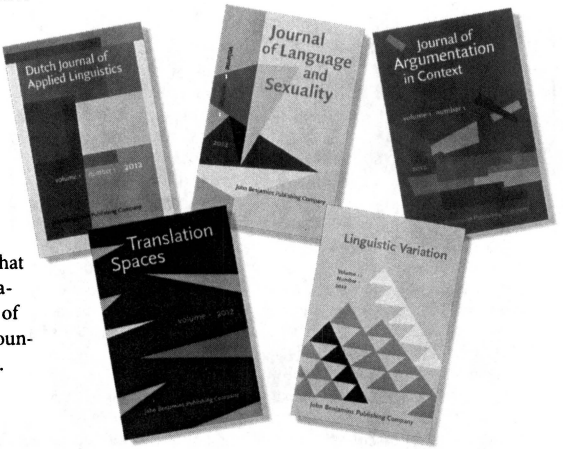
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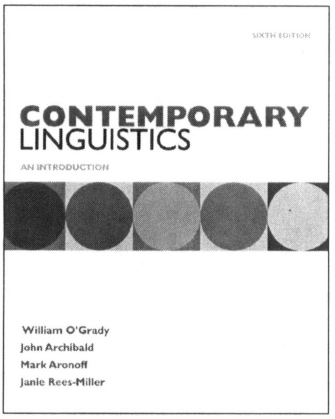
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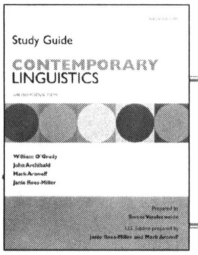
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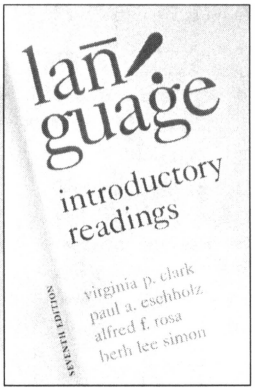
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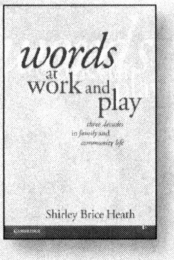
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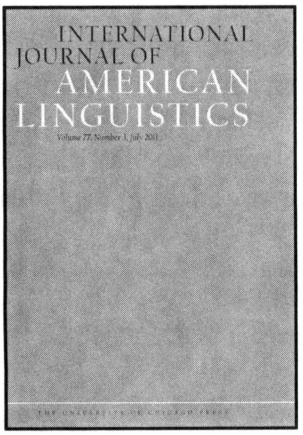
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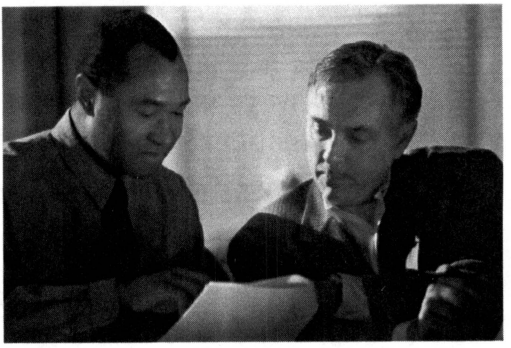
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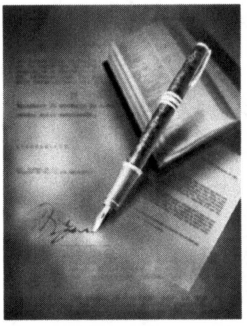
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