

Grammatical Relations

In the domain of nominal and pronominal NP head and verb agreement in Kambera

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Domain: Nominal NP Head

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- (1) Na='màì na 'sopir
3SG.N=come ART driver
'The driver comes'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 48]

- (2) I Ama na=kei=nja rí
ART father 3SG.N=buy=3PL.D vegetable
'Father buys them vegetables'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 63]

- (3) Nda ku=màka=a pa=kaliti hidu
NEG 1SG.N=be-able=MOD CTR=ride horse
'I cannot ride a horse'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 74]

Domain: Pronominal NP Head

Pronominal NP Head - S^A and S^P distinction

- (4) Na='màì na 'sopir
3SG.N=come ART driver
'The driver comes'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 48]

- (5) Na àì na=ta-mbuta dàŋu amung
ART wood 3SG.N=drop-out with root
'That tree is uprooted'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 63]

Pronominal NP Head - S, A and P distinction

- (6) Na='mài na 'sopir
3sg.N=come ART driver

'The driver comes'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 48]

- (7) Na=ɲàndi=ha iwa
3SG.N=take=3PL.A flood

'A flood took them'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 68]

- (8) Pa=meti=bia=mu=ɲga, nda ɲàrà ehi
CAU=die=just=2SG.G=1SG.D NEG shat content

'(You) just kill me, it doesn't matter'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 65]

Pronominal NP Head - Definite vs. indefinite arguments

- (9) a. Mbàda manahu=**da**=ka uhu
already cook=**3PL.G**=PRF rice
'They have already cooked (some) rice'
- b. Mbàda manahu=**da**=**nya**=ka na uhu
already cook=**3PL.G**=**3SG.D**=PRF ART rice
'They have already cooked the rice'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 68]

Pronominal NP Head - Clitic structure

NOM → Predicate XP → DAT1 → ACC → DAT2 (1)

Predicate XP → GEN → DAT1 → DAT2 (2)

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 79]

Domain: Verb Agreement

- (10) Na='màì na 'sopir
3sg.N=come ART driver
'The driver comes'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 48]

- (11) Na=wua=nja
3sg.N=give=3SG.D
'He gives it'

[Klamer and Klamer, 1998, p. 81]



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