

MARKING OF SYNTACTIC RELATIONS: PREPOSITIONAL AND NOUN PHRASES

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Abstract: The main topic of this article are double indirect object constructions in which the dative pronominal clitic co-refers with a noun phrase but not with a prepositional na-phrase. This specific doubling pattern is the result of omission of the preposition na as an overt marker of the syntactic relationship between the predicate and its argument. The dative pronominal clitic subsequently becomes the sole object case marker. The transformation is observed in unprepared spontaneous oral speech as well as in written informal computer-mediated communication.

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