

Typology HW 3
Due 28 September 2017

1. In HW 2, I asked how you could tell the subject and object apart in your language (agreement, Case, word order or a mix). After reading chapter 9, agreement and Case marking should be a little clearer.
Could you therefore now give some sentences (with good glosses) that show (a) that `your' language has agreement or not, and (b) that your languages has Case or not.
2. This question is probably difficult and I can talk a little about this in class. Is your language nominative/accusative or ergative/absolutive or neither?
Again, provide well-glossed examples! A few of you have ergative language but don't worry. Just do this as best as you can!
3. How is definiteness expressed in your language? For instance, `the dog' as opposed to `a/some dog' could be expressed by a suffix or an article or a demonstrative pronoun, or agreement on the verb, or by a special Case, or by its position in the sentence.
Explain with at least 3 examples what you think is going on.
4. Is gender relevant in the language you selected? Give examples that suggest it does or doesn't.