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Language Typology 2004 this book is intended as a systemic functional contribution to language typology both for those who would like to understand and describe particular languages against the background of generalizations about a wide range of languages and also for those who would like to develop typological accounts that are based on and embody descriptions of the systems of particular languages rather than isolated constructions the book is a unique contribution in at least two respects on the one hand it is the first book based on systemic functional theory that is specifically concerned with language typology on the other hand the book combines the particular with the general in the description of languages it presents comparable sketches of particular languages while at the same time identifying generalizations based on the languages described here as well as on other languages the volume explores eight languages covering seven language families french german pitjantjatjara tagalog telugu vietnamese chinese and japanese

Systemic Functional Language Description 2019-10-08 this volume showcases previously unpublished research on theoretical descriptive and methodological innovations for understanding language patterns grounded in a systemic functional linguistic perspective featuring contributions from an international range of scholars the book demonstrates how advances in sfl have developed to reflect the breadth of variation in language and how descriptive methodologies for language have evolved in turn taken together the volume offers a comprehensive account of systemic functional language description providing a foundation for practice and further research for students and scholars in descriptive linguistics sfl and theoretical linguistics

Functional Discourse Grammar 2008-08-07 this is the first comprehensive presentation of functional discourse grammar the authors set out its nature and origins and show how it relates to contemporary linguistic theory they demonstrate and test its explanatory power and descriptive utility against linguistic facts from over 150 languages across a full range of linguistic families

Interpersonal Grammar 2021-05 this book focuses on the grammar of interpersonal systems in eight different languages mongolian mandarin tagalog pitjantjatjara spanish brazilian portuguese british sign language and scottish gaelic from the perspective of systemic functional linguistics sfl with a focus on mood modality polarity tagging vocation and comment systems the chapters have been designed to illustrate the methodology whereby sfl grammatical descriptions are developed including the concerns of data collection and criterial argumentation the book accordingly provides a model for functional grammatical description and can thus be used to inform work on system and structure across languages as a foundation for functional language typology

The Role of Functions in Syntax 2016-03-10 the main aim of this book is to address a fundamental question in linguistics namely why languages are similar and why they are different the study proposes that languages are fundamentally similar when they encode the same meanings in their grammatical systems and that languages are different when they encode different meanings even if languages encode the same meaning they may differ with respect to the formal means used to code those meanings this approach allows for a typology based on functional domains subdomains and functions coded in individual languages the outcome of the study is a unified approach to language theory linguistic typology and descriptive linguistics the argumentation for the hypotheses and the proposed approach is supported by analyses of data from more than a dozen languages including english polish french wandala mina hdi and several other chadic languages the study is accessible to a wide variety of linguists

Verbs, Clauses and Constructions 2018-11-22 this volume brings together a collection of twenty contributions which offer a diversity of methodological tools and analytical issues concerning the study of different aspects of the role of verbs clauses and constructions in a rich variety of languages such as present day english old english old saxon french spanish arabic german upper sorbian latvian sino tibetan and the australian dialects pitjantjatjara yankunytjatjara and ngaanyatjarra the use of empirical data and the wide range of languages are the two main challenges addressed here the book will serve to contribute to current literature on functional oriented linguistics incorporating linguistic typology and corpus based and contrastive perspectives the volume is divided into three main parts the first brings together eight contributions centrally related to the category of the verb both from a synchronic and diachronic perspective the second part consists of five chapters which revolve around the syntax and semantics of clauses finally the seven essays in the third section explore different formal and functional aspects of the study of constructions in an assortment of languages

Syntax 1984 the long awaited second volume of the two volume work on syntax from a functional typological perspective grammar is viewed as a non arbitrary language processing device to be understood in terms of the various substantive parameters relevant to language communicative function cognitive processing socio culture and neuro biology distortions in this complex yet highly iconic code are due to conflicting functional requirements most commonly introduced into the code through the course of diachronic change cross linguistic variation within each functional domain is highly constrained and yields a coherent typology of the most natural ways the same communicative function can be performed the volume covers the syntax of complex clauses and is organized according to the following plan chapter 12 noun phrases chapter 13 verbal complements chapter 14 voice and de transitivization chapter 15 relative clauses chapter 16 contrastive focus constructions chapter 17 marked topic constructions chapter 18 non declarative speech acts chapter 19 the grammar of interclausal coherence chapter 20 the grammar of referential coherence as mental processing instructions chapter 21 markedness and iconicity in syntax

Explanation in typology 1999 this volume provides an up to date discussion of a foundational issue that has recently taken centre stage in linguistic typology and which is relevant to the language sciences more generally to what extent can cross linguistic generalizations i e statistical universals of linguistic structure be explained by the diachronic sources of these structures everyone agrees that typological distributions are the result of complex histories as languages evolve into the variation states to which synchronic universals pertain hawkins 1988 however an increasingly popular line of argumentation holds that many perhaps most typological regularities are long term reflections of their diachronic sources rather than being target driven by overarching functional adaptive motivations on this view recurrent pathways of reanalysis and grammaticalization can lead to uniform synchronic results obviating the need to postulate global forces like ambiguity avoidance processing efficiency or iconicity especially if there is no evidence for such motivations in the genesis of the respective constructions on the other hand the recent typological literature is equally ripe with talk of complex adaptive systems attractor states and cross linguistic convergence one may wonder therefore how much room is left for traditional functional adaptive forces and how exactly they influence the diachronic trajectories that shape universal distributions the papers in the present volume are intended to provide an accessible introduction to this debate covering theoretical methodological and empirical facets of the issue at hand they represent current ways of thinking about the role of diachronic sources in explaining grammatical universals articulated by seasoned and budding linguists alike

Approaches to Language Typology 2013-10-29 language typology is concerned with the construction of theoretical frameworks capable of delimiting the range of human languages and of capturing constraints on cross linguistic variation this text offers accounts of the theoretical foundations and findings of leading scholars in this field

Functional Approaches to Language 2008-07-14 functionalism as characterized by allen 2007 254 holds that linguistic structures can only be understood and explained with reference to the semantic and communicative functions of language whose primary function is to be a vehicle for social interaction among human beings since the 1970s inspired by the work of jespersen bolinger dik halliday and chafe functionalism has been attached to a variety of movements and models making major contributions to linguistic theory and to various subfields within linguistics such as syntax discourse language acquisition cognitive linguistics typology and documentary linguistics further functional approaches have had a major impact outside linguistics in fields such as psychology and education both in terms of theory and application the main goal of functionalist approaches is to clarify the dynamic relationship between form and function thompson 2003 53 functionalist perspectives have gained more ground over the past decades with more linguists resorting to functional explanations to account for linguistic structure the authors in this volume present the current state of functional approaches to linguistic inquiry expanding our knowledge of language and linguistics

Language Typology and Language Universals 2.Teilband 1990-01-01 this handbook provides a comprehensive and thorough survey of our current insights into the diversity and unity found across the 6000 languages of this planet the 125 articles include inter alia chapters on the patterns and limits of variation manifested by analogous structures constructions and linguistic devices across languages e g word order tense and aspect inflection color terms and syllable structure other chapters cover the history methodology and the theory of typology as well as the relationship between language typology and other disciplines

the authors of the individual sections and chapters are for the most part internationally known experts on the relevant topics the vast majority of the articles are written in english some in french or german the handbook is not only intended for the expert in the fields of typology and language universals but for all of those interested in linguistics it is specifically addressed to all those who specialize in individual languages providing basic orientation for their analysis and placing each language within the space of what is possible and common in the languages of the world

Language Typology 1987 1962 these papers from the 1987 typology symposium a follow up to the 1985 meeting in moscow deal with the relevance of typology for historical linguistics its application in understanding phonological and grammatical change is examined for a variety of languages its relevance for application of the comparative method and the method of internal reconstruction is noted with reference to the glottalic theory and problems in other language families among the several approaches alignment typology is especially examined with languages defined as accusative ergative or stative active an approach to which linguists of the ussr have made important contributions in recent years among specific problems examined are tonogenesis in na dene the origin of the genitive in ergative languages and relative pronouns of indo european languages in the context of the eurasiatic hypothesis along with changes in other languages like those of east and southeast asia these problems are discussed in an effort to determine general and specific tendencies in language change and to contribute towards the development of diachronic typology

A Functional View of Language 1994 in this important and pioneering book frederick newmeyer takes on the question of language variety he considers why some language types are impossible and why some grammatical features are more common than others the task of trying to explain typological variation among languages has been mainly undertaken by functionally oriented linguists generative grammarians entering the field of typology in the 1980s put forward the idea that cross linguistic differences could be explained by linguistic parameters within universal grammar whose operation might vary from language to language unfortunately this way of looking at variation turned out to be much less successful than had been hoped for professor newmeyer s alternative to parameters combines leading ideas from functionalist and formalist approaches which in the past have been considered incompatible he throws fresh light on language typology and variation and provides new insights into the principles of universal grammar the book is written in a clear readable style and will be readily understood by anyone with a couple of years study of linguistics it will interest a wide range of scholars and students of language including typologists historical linguists and theorists of every shade

Formal and Computational Aspects of Functional Grammar and Language Typology 2005-10-13 systemic functional linguistics sfl is a usage based theory of language founded on the assumption that language is shaped entirely by its various functions in the contexts in which it used the first of its kind this book advances sfl by applying it comparatively to english spanish and chinese by analysing english alongside two other typologically very different major world languages it shows how sfl can effectively address two central issues in linguistics namely typology and universals it concentrates in particular on argumentation carefully explaining how descriptions of nominal group verbal group and clause systems and structures are motivated and draws on examples from key texts which display a full range of ideational interpersonal and textual grammar resources by working across three world languages from a text based perspective and demonstrating how grammar descriptions can be developed and improved the book establishes the foundations for a groundbreaking functional approach to language typology

Possible and Probable Languages 2023-05-31 using a unified methodological and theoretical framework this book compares interpersonal grammar systems across different languages

Systemic Functional Grammar 2021-06-10 this book focuses on the form and the function of commands directive speech acts such as pleas entreaties and orders from a typological perspective a team of internationally renowned experts in the field examine the interrelationship of these speech acts with cultural stereotypes and practices as well as their origins and development especially in the light of language contact the volume begins with an introduction outlining the marking and the meaning of imperatives and other ways of expressing commands and directives each of the chapters that follow offers an in depth analysis of commands in a particular language these analyses are cast in terms of basic linguistic theory a cumulative typological functional framework and the chapters are arranged and structured in a way that allows useful comparison between them the

languages investigated include quechua japanese lao aguaruna and ashaninka satipo both from peru dyirbal from australia zenzontepec chatino from mexico nungon tayatuk and karawari from papua new guinea korowai from west papua wolaitta from ethiopia and northern paiute a native language of the united states

Interpersonal Grammar 2017-07-04 this book investigates the lexico grammatical complementarity in language in its construal of person as a semantic system given the vast and wide spectrum of resources for expressing distinctions in the assignment of person roles in language this book presents person related system networks covering a rich range of semantic features it also studies the system of person in relation to other major semantic systems instead of regarding it as one isolated component of language parallel to gender number case etc systemic features of person are in turn realized by lexicogrammar whose components lexis and grammar form a relationship of complementarity in the process of transforming human experience into meaning person related meaning can be either realized by lexical means i e entity process quality or grammatical means i e pronouns clitics affixes zero forms besides such meaning is also found to be realized at some indeterminate areas along the lexis grammar continuum a special feature of this book is that it observes the lexicalization and grammaticalization of person based on evidence from a variety of languages readers will be presented a comprehensive look into the meaning of person and will be encouraged to reflect on its realization in their own languages

Commands 2016-10-04 language and context breaks new ground in our understanding of the relationship between register genre and context leckie tarry argues convincingly and engagingly for a functional theory of language which specifies register in terms of contextual and linguistic features and which suggests a discursive relationship between the two moving beyond the limits of much of today s theory this accessible volume develops a theoretical understanding of the relationship between text context langage function and linguistic form helen leckie tarry a specialist in the area of register and applied linguistics died in 1991 aged 49 although she had finished a large part of this work her notes and draft chapters have been extensively edited by professor david birch david birch is currently professor of communication and media studies at central queensland university australia and previously taught at murdoch university western australia and the national university of singapore

Complementarity Between Lexis and Grammar in the System of Person 1995 this book gives the first account of a field of fast increasing importance in both theoretical and descriptive linguistics the aim of typological discourse analysis is to establish a universally valid framework for the objective description of linguistic function and so make it possible to compare directly the functions of constructions in different languages for linguists working on grammars of specific languages this book provides both methodological tools for objective description and a wealth of ideas about functional parameters which have been found to be significant in the languages of the world for linguists interested in language typology this book gives data from a wide variety of languages which allow for a more direct cross linguistic comparison of function than is possible from consulting reference grammars alone for qualitative discourse analysts this book describes in basic terms some quantitative methods of linguistic analysis and includes discussion of word order and voice alternations grammaticalization aspect topic and focus marking clause chaining and noun incorporation

Language and Context 1992 the three volumes of language typology and syntactic description offer a unique survey of syntactic and morphological structure in the languages of the world topics covered include parts of speech passives complementation relative clauses adverbial clauses inflectional morphology tense aspect and mood and deixis the major ways these notions are realized in the languages of the world are explored and the contributors provide brief sketches of relevant aspects of representative languages each volume is written in an accessible style with new concepts explained and exemplified as they are introduced although each volume can be read independently together they provide a major work of reference that will serve as a manual for field workers and anyone interested in cross linguistic generalizations

Typological Discourse Analysis 1985-07-25 the series is a platform for contributions of all kinds to this rapidly developing field general problems are studied from the perspective of individual languages language families language groups or language samples conclusions are the result of a deepened study of empirical data special emphasis is given to little known languages whose analysis may shed new light on long standing problems in general linguistics

Language Typology and Syntactic Description: Volume 1, Clause Structure 1994 offers an introduction to linguistic typology

that covers various linguistic domains from phonology and morphology over parts of speech the np and the vp to simple and complex clauses pragmatics and language change this title also includes a discussion on methodological issues in typology
<u>Tense, Aspect, and Action</u> 2012 the two basic approaches to linguistics are the formalist and the functionalist approaches in this engaging monograph frederick j newmeyer a formalist argues that both approaches are valid however because formal and functional linguists have avoided direct confrontation they remain unaware of the compatability of their results one of the author s goals is to make each side accessible to the other while remaining an ardent formalist newmeyer stresses the limitations of a narrow formalist outlook that refuses to consider that anything of interest might have been discovered in the course of functionalist oriented research he argues that the basic principles of generative grammar in interaction with principles in other linguistic domains provide compelling accounts of phenomena that functionalists have used to try to refute the generative approach
<u>An Introduction to Linguistic Typology</u> 2000 in his 1921 book language sapir made the famous observation all grammars leak 38 by this he meant that within the systematic paradigms rules and routinized patterns of any grammar we always find a few irregularities and surprises the same can be said for linguistic typologies typological theories are critical tools for linguists for exploring differences and similarities among languages for learning about the cognitive factors and social practices that make languages the way they are and for making predictions about other properties of languages that are members of a certain type so what do we do when a typology leaks this paper follows the spirit of such work as aske 1989 on path types and mithun and chafe 1999 on grammatical relations types to understand the grammatical and functional motivations of language internal typological diversity that is why and how a single language uses patterns and constructions of more than one type
Language Form and Language Function 2009 the three volumes of language typology and syntactic description offer a unique survey of syntactic and morphological structure in the languages of the world topics covered include parts of speech passives complementation relative clauses adverbial clauses inflectional morphology tense aspect and mood and deixis the major ways these notions are realized u in the languages of the world are explored and the contributors provide brief sketches of relevant aspects of representative languages each volume is written in an accessible style with new concepts explained and exemplified as they are introduced although each volume can be read independently together they provide a major work of reference that will serve as a manual for field workers and anyone interested in cross linguistic generalizations
New Challenges in Typology 1985-07-25 language typology is the study of the structural similarities between languages regardless of their history to establish a classification or typology of languages it is a core topic of historical linguistics and is studied on all traditional linguistics degree courses in recent years there has been increased interest the subject and it is an area we have been looking to commission a book in jae jung song proposes to introduce the undergraduate reader to the subject with discussion of topics which include what is language typology and why is it studied word order language sampling relative clauses diachronic typology and applications of language typology there will also be discussion of the most prominent areas of research in the subject and readers will be able to review data selected from a wide range of languages to see how languages work and how differently they behave
<u>Language Typology and Syntactic Description: Volume 3</u> 2014-09-15 neo firthian theories which include systemic functional linguistics and its congeners have unlike other functionally oriented theories engaged minimally with linguistic typology and have made little impact on the wider discipline this book offers a programmatic and neo firthian informed typological investigation that points to potential mutual enrichments of linguistic typology and neo firthian theories on the one hand this book identifies the inadequacies of the dominant atheoretical approaches to linguistic typology and shows how these can be circumvented through a firm foundation in a neo firthian theoretical framework on the other hand it contends that neo firthian approaches must take typology seriously as a criterion of theoretical adequacy and be able to account for the full range of grammatical phenomena and their variation across languages as well as those features that are universal case studies illustrate this argument through a selection of grammatical phenomena in particular grammatical relations the noun phrase complex sentence constructions optional case marking and grammatical classification this book will be of interest to typologists and well as to linguistics working within systemic functional linguistics and other functional theories

Linguistic Typology 2021 this book collects the contributions presented at the international congress held at the university of bologna in january 2007 where leading scholars of different persuasions and interests offered an up to date overview of the current status of the research on linguistic universals the papers that make up the volume deal with both theoretical and empirical issues and range over various domains covering not only morphology and syntax which were the major focus of greenberg s seminal work but also phonology and semantics as well as diachrony and second language acquisition diverse perspectives illustrate and discuss a huge number of phenomena from a wide variety of languages not only exploring the way research on universals tersects with different subareas of linguistics but also contributing to the ongoing debate between functional and formal approaches to explaining the universals of language this stimulating reading for scientists researchers and postgraduate students in linguistics shows how different but not irreconcilable modes of explanation can complement each other both offering fresh insights into the investigation of unity and diversity in languages and pointing to exciting areas for future research a fresh and up to date survey of the present state of research on universals of language in an international context with original contributions from leading specialists in the eld first hand accounts of substantive ndings and theoretical observations in diff ent subareas of linguistics huge number of linguistic phenomena and data from diffferent languages a lyzed and discussed in detail

Neo-Firthian Approaches to Linguistic Typology 2008-10-11 this book features a collection of 10 interviews with christian m i m matthiessen who is a key figure in systemic functional linguistics sfl and has collaborated closely with m a k halliday since the 1980s as noted by professor chang chenguang editor of the m a k halliday library functional linguistics series this collection of interviews serves as an important reference for scholars and students of sfl it provides a unique perspective on the theoretical development and future outlooks of sfl as well as matthiessen s own interpretations of the theory it also enriches our understanding of sfl and is a very useful addition to the series written in an engaging dialogic format the book paints a vivid picture of sfl thriving among the landscape of general linguistics and of sfl as an important tool now being applied in various areas

Universals of Language Today 2022-04-05 this volume offers a comprehensive account of language development from a systemic functional linguistic sfl perspective integrating theory and data from a wide range of research studies the book begins by taking an in depth look at sfl theory and its focus on texts highlighting the metafunctional nature of language and the ways in which individuals repertoires of meaning making resources develop as they interact with the world and with others grounded in an sfl approach the successive chapters consider in turn the key stages of language development from infancy to school settings to additional second and foreign language learning contexts each chapter incorporates a range of sfl studies to demonstrate shifts in language development across these stages but also the discussion of other functional perspectives to examine the ways in which these different approaches inform one another a concluding chapter considers the implications of these studies for future research as well as for pedagogical practices in literacy teaching in its consideration of the relationship between sfl theory and its application to language development this book will be key reading for students and scholars in systemic functional linguistics language and education and literacy studies

Systemic Functional Insights on Language and Linguistics 2021-06-24 this volume combines papers selected for their affinity with work on discourse analysis and language typology the methodological platform is the authors conviction that all linguistic work needs to be empirical in the sense that 1 generalizations are to be made on the basis of spoken texts in larger contexts 2 generalizations are correct only as long as pertinent linguistic material does not contradict them and 3 that linguistic categories and rules are of a temporal nature in this sense the contributions represent functional typological comparison often of languages not frequently investigated the papers are arranged in 5 groups transitivity and voice clausal modality typology and discourse categories language and culture functionality

A Functional Linguistic Perspective on Developing Language 1995-01-01 the first edition of this handbook is built on surveys by well known figures from around the world and around the intellectual world reflecting several different theoretical predilections balancing coverage of enduring questions and important recent work those strengths are now enhanced by adding new chapters and thoroughly revising almost all other chapters partly to reflect ways in which the field has changed in the

intervening twenty years in some places radically the result is a magnificent volume that can be used for many purposes david w lightfoot georgetown university the handbook of linguistics second edition is a stupendous achievement aronoff and rees miller have provided overviews of 29 subfields of linguistics each written by one of the leading researchers in that subfield and each impressively crafted in both style and content i know of no finer resource for anyone who would wish to be better informed on recent developments in linguistics frederick j newmeyer university of washington university of british columbia and simon fraser university linguists their students colleagues family and friends anyone interested in the latest findings from a wide array of linguistic subfields will welcome this second updated and expanded edition of the handbook of linguistics leading scholars provide highly accessible yet substantive introductions to their fields it s an even more valuable resource than its predecessor sally mcconnell ginet cornell university no handbook or text offers a more comprehensive contemporary overview of the field of linguistics in the twenty first century new and thoroughly updated chapters by prominent scholars on each topic and subfield make this a unique landmark publication walt wolfram north carolina state university this second edition of the handbook of linguistics provides an updated and timely overview of the field of linguistics the editor s broad definition of the field ensures that the book may be read by those seeking a comprehensive introduction to the subject but with little or no prior knowledge of the area building on the popular first edition the handbook of linguistics second edition features new and revised content reflecting advances within the discipline new chapters expand the already broad coverage of the handbook to address and take account of key changes within the field in the intervening years it explores psycholinguistics linguistic anthropology and ethnolinguistics sociolinguistic theory language variation and second language pedagogy with contributions from a global team of leading linguists this comprehensive and accessible volume is the ideal resource for those engaged in study and work within the dynamic field of linguistics

Discourse Grammar and Typology 2020-01-07 this book examines the frequencies of the six possible basic word or constituent orders sov svo vso vos osv ovs provides a typologically grounded explanation for those frequencies in terms of three independent functional principles of linguistic organization from a database of nearly 1 000 languages and their basic constituent orders a sample of 400 languages was produced that is statistically representative of both the genetic and areal distributions of the world s languages this sample reveals the following relative frequencies in order from high to low of basic constituent order types 1 sov and svo 2 vso 3 vos and ovs 4 osv it is argued that these relative frequencies can be explained to be the result of the possible interactions of three fundamental functional principles of linguistic organization principle 1 the thematic information principle specifies that initial position is the cross linguistically favoured position for clause level thematic information principle 2 the verb object bonding principle describes the cross linguistic tendency for a transitive verb and its object to form a more tightly integrated unit syntactically and semantically than does a transitive verb and its subject principle 3 the animated principle describes the cross linguistic tendency for semantic arguments which are either more animate or more agentive to occur earlier in the clause each principle is motivated independently of the others drawing on cross linguistic data from more than 80 genetically and typologically diverse languages given these three independently motivated functional principles it is argued that the relative frequency of basic constituent order types is due to the tendency for the three principles to be maximally realized in the world s languages sov and svo languages are typologically most frequent because such basic orders reflect all three principles the remaining orders occur less frequently because they reflect fewer of the principles the 1 000 language database and the genetic and areal classification frames are published as appendices to the volume

The Handbook of Linguistics 2014-02-03 this book is about how language is used in the context of schooling it demonstrates that the variety of english expected at school differs from the interactional language that students use for social purposes outside of school and provides a linguistic analysis of the challenges of the school curriculum particularly for non native speakers of english speakers of non standard dialects and students who have little exposure to academic language outside of schools the language of schooling a functional linguistics perspective builds on current sociolinguistic and discourse analytic studies of language in school but adds a new dimension the framework of functional linguistic analysis this framework focuses not just on the structure of words and sentences but on how texts are constructed how particular grammatical choices

create meanings in the different kinds of texts students are asked to read and write at school the language of schooling a functional linguistics perspective provides a functional description of the kinds of texts students are expected to read and write at school relates research from other sociolinguistic and language development perspectives to research from the systemic functional linguistics perspective focuses on the increasing linguistic demands of contexts of advanced literacy middle school through college analyzes the genres typically encountered at school with extensive description of the grammatical features of the expository essay a gatekeeping genre for secondary school graduates reviews the grammatical features of disciplinary genres in science and history and argues for more explicit attention to language in teaching all subjects with a particular focus on what is needed for the development of critical literacy this book will enable researchers and students of language in education to recognize how the grammatical and discourse features of the language of schooling construct the content areas role relationships and purposes and expectations of schools it also will enable them to better understand the nature of language itself and how it emerges from and helps to maintain social structures and institutions and to apply these understandings to creating classroom environments that build on the strengths students bring to school

Basic Word Order (RLE Linguistics B: Grammar) 2004-04-26 dependency is a fundamental concept in the analysis of linguistic systems the many if then statements offered in typology and grammar writing imply a casually real notion of dependency that is central to the claim being made usually with reference to widely varying timescales and types of processes but despite the importance of the concept of dependency in our work its nature is seldom defined or made explicit this book brings together experts on language representing descriptive linguistics language typology functional cognitive linguistics cognitive science research on gesture and other semiotic systems developmental psychology psycholinguistics and linguistic anthropology to address the following question what kinds of dependencies exist among language related systems and how do we define and explain them in natural causal terms

The Language of Schooling 2017-05-16 the culmination of more than a decade of research this compelling volume offers a fresh approach for applying functional linguistics to assess student performance to inform the teaching and learning of chinese and to design curriculum and teaching materials documenting authentic systemic functional linguistics sfl studies in researching and teaching chinese as a first or second language this research is set in the multilingual settings of hong kong and australia the experiences of sfl and genre teaching in english have been well demonstrated as valid viable and practical in different contexts however this volume covers the relatively new domain of research into the applications of sfl to the teaching of chinese using sfl as the research framework the authors cover three major areas in chinese language education effective pedagogies curriculum and material design and text analysis covering major local curriculum reforms and the rapid growth of international baccalaureate programmes worldwide this book will be of interest to linguists language teachers and teacher educators and those involved in the teaching and learning of chinese around the world

Dependencies in language 2018-09-13 this is the first book length functional typologically inspired crosslinguistic study of comitatives and related categories such as the instrumental on the basis of data drawn from 400 languages world wide covering all major phyla and areas the authors test and revise a variety of general linguistic hypotheses about the grammar and cognitive foundations of comitatives three types of languages are identified according to the morphological treatment of the comitative and its syncretistic association with other concepts it is shown that the structural behaviour of comitatives is areally biassed and that the languages of europe tend to diverge from the majority of the world s languages this has important repercussions for a language independent definition of the comitative the supposed conceptual closeness of comitative and instrumental is discussed in some detail and a semantic map of the comitative is put forward markedness is the crucial concept for the evaluation of the relation that ties comitatives and instrumentals to each other in a separate chapter the diachrony of comitatives is looked into from the perspective of grammaticalisation research throughout the book the argumentation is richly documented by empirical data the book contains three case studies of the comitative in icelandic latvian and maltese each of which represents one of the three language types identified earlier in the text for the purpose of comparing the languages of europe a chapter is devoted to the analysis of a large parallel literary corpus covering 64 languages which reveals that the parameters of genetic affiliation areal location and typological classification interact in intricate ways

when it comes to predicting whether or not two languages of the sample behave similarly as to the use to which they put their comitative morphemes with a view to determining the degree of similarity between the languages of the european sub sample methods of quantitative typology are employed general linguists with an interest in case functional typologists grammaticalisation researchers and experts of markedness issues will value this book as an important contribution to their respective fields of interest we regret that due to a pdf problem the figure on page 111 is partly shown in black please find the correct table here

<u>Researching Chinese Language Education</u> 2008-08-22 this book describes the grammar of chinese nominal groups for the purpose of text analysis drawing upon halliday s systemic functional linguistics sfl model exploring the metafunctional grammatical resources in nominal groups the book provides a new perspective on conducting text analysis by focusing on the metafunctions performed by various elements in the nominal group the observations on nominal groups presented here are based on both a working corpus of 180 texts of various types and a large referential corpus of over 16 billion tokens with clear descriptions of the terminology used the book presents a case study at the end of each major chapter which demonstrates how the grammatical resources discussed can be applied to the delicate analysis of authentic texts this monograph is more than a grammar book for it offers a new way to engage with a text microscopically and enables readers to approach and analyse a text by focusing on grammatical units below the clause level the book provides an accessible and valuable resource for readers who are interested in sfl based typological description text analysis translation studies between english and chinese english chinese comparative linguistic studies and chinese language teaching and learning

On Comitatives and Related Categories 2022-09-13

A Systemic Functional Grammar of Chinese Nominal Groups