The Argument structure of Ditransitive Verbs and their Corresponding Nouns in Hawrami Kurdish

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The realization of the argument structure of nouns corresponding with ditransitive verbs is a complicated subject since those nouns involve categorical, morphological, syntactic and semantic features of both nouns and verbs. The aim of this article is to survey the argument structure including categorization, syntactic structure and phonetic and semantic realization of main ditransitive verbs and their corresponding nouns in Hawrami Kurdish—a north western Iranian language. Dividing and describing the nouns into possessive and agentive nominals, this article analyzes and contrasts them with corresponding verbs under the framework of MP/DM. The results show that syntactic structure of main verbs and their corresponding nouns involve verbal category (VP) to introduce theme and low ApplP to introduce benefactive goal or location. The subject of the sentence merges as the possessor in EzafPposs of possessive nouns and as the same agent in VoiceP of agentive nouns. The heads of the TP and CP select vP in statements; hence, the heads of PEP and DP choose nP in nominals. The root in possessive and the whole VP features in agentive nominal move to np and PEP to value their nominal and Ezaf features. Agentive nouns have more nominal properties and take plural, (in) definiteness, possessive and adjectival markers and also do not take manner adverbs. Therefore, argument structure analysis of nouns corresponding with ditransitive verbs using the MP/DM approach shows that syntactic structure is the driving engine for the categorization, syntactic structure and phonetic and semantic realization of possession and location transfer of ditransitive verbs and their corresponding nouns in Hawrami.

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