

Archi biabsolutives: new data from field

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Biabsolutive construction

(1) to-r-mi χ^oošon b-a-r-ši b-i
 that-II.SG-ERG.SG dress(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-make-IPFV-CVB III.SG-be.PRS

(2a) to-r χ^oošon b-a-r-ši d-i
 that-II.SG.ABS dress(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-make-IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 ‘She is making a dress.’

(2b) to-r χ^oošon b-a-r-mat d-i
 that-II.SG.ABS dress(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-make-IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 ‘She is still making a dress.’

Semantics

(3) χ^oon b-a-r-ca-r-ši d-i
 cow(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-⟨IPFV⟩milk-IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 (where is Shamsijat?) – ‘Milking the cow.’

(4) gudu iqna lobur b-ac’a-r-ši w-i
 that.I[SG.ABS] always child(I).PL.ABS I/II.PL-praise-IPFV-CVB I.SG-be.PRS
 ‘He is always praising (his) children’ (His characteristic behaviour)

(5) buwa iqna c^wa-r-ši d-i
 mother(II)[SG.ABS] always I.SG.praise-IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 ‘(Well,) MOTHER is always praising him’ (but I cannot say anything about him myself)

Agreement with adverbs**“-ši biabsolutives”: semantics**

(6a) pat’i dit:au q^{sw}ib b-o-r-kl̥in-ši d-i
 pati(II).SG.ABS early<III.SG> potato(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-⟨IPFV>dig.IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 ‘Pati is digging the potatoes out early (for the potatoes).’

(6b) pat’i dit:a<r>u q^{sw}ib b-o-r-kl̥in-ši d-i
 pati(II).SG.ABS early<II.SG> potato(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-⟨IPFV>dig.IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 ‘Pati is digging the potatoes out early (for Pati).’

(7a) kelliju pat’i q^{sw}ib b-o-r-kl̥in-ši d-i
 completely<III.SG> pati(II).SG.ABS potato(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-⟨IPFV>dig.IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 ‘Pati is digging the potatoes out completely.’

(7b) *kellij<r>u pat’i q^{sw}ib b-o-r-kl̥in-ši d-i
 completely<II.SG> pati(II).SG.ABS potato(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-⟨IPFV>dig.IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 *Pati is digging the potatoes out completely.

“-mat biabsolutives”:

(8a) pat'i dit:au q^{ʃw}ib b-o<r>klim-mat d-i
 pati(II).SG.ABS early<III.SG> potato(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-<IPFV>dig.IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 ‘Pati is still digging the potatoes out early.’

(8b) *pat'i dit:a<r>u q^{ʃw}ib b-o<r>klim-mat d-i
 pati(II).SG.ABS early<II.SG> potato(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-<IPFV>dig.IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 *‘Pati is still digging the potatoes out early.’

(9a) kelliju pat'i q^{ʃw}ib b-o<r>klim-mat d-i
 completely<III.SG> pati(II).SG.ABS potato(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-<IPFV>dig.IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 ‘Pati is still digging the potatoes out completely. (She has a purpose to empty the potato field, and she’s still doing this).’

(9b) kellij<r>u pat'i q^{ʃw}ib b-o<r>klim-mat d-i
 completely<II.SG> pati(II).SG.ABS potato(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-<IPFV>dig.IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
 ‘Pati is still digging the potatoes out completely. (She has a purpose to empty the potato field, and she’s still doing this).’

Inanimate subject: ok

(10) kosilka uχ kažar-ši i
 mower(IV)[SG.ABS] field(IV)[SG.ABS] cut.IPFV-CVB [IV.SG]be.PRS
 ‘The mower is mowing the field.’ (so you cannot have it now)

(11) klorom-mul ikł kłe-s a-r-ši i
 threshing.board(IV)-PL.ABS grain(IV)[SG.ABS] thresh-FIN [IV.SG]do-IPFV-CVB [IV.SG]be.PRS
 ‘The threshing board is threshing the grain.’

(12) k^wam buq' sesor-ši b-i
 roasting.sheet(III)[SG.ABS] grain(III)[SG.ABS] roast.IPFV-CVB III.SG-be.PRS
 ‘The roasting sheet is roasting the grain.’

(13) k'urt'a č'er b-a-r-ši i
 hammer(IV)[SG.ABS] wall(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-do-IPFV-CVB [IV.SG]be.PRS
 ‘The hammer is making the wall.’

Clause negation:

(14) buwa χ^ʃon b-a-r-ca-r-ši d-i, zon t'o/*zari t'o
 mother(II)[SG.ABS] cow(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-<IPFV>milk-IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS, 1SG.ABS no / 1SG.ERG no
 ‘Mother is milking the cow, I am not.’

Discourse particles can modify subject and object:

- (15) **buwa-či** χ^w alli **b-ar-ši** **d-i**
mother(II)[SG.ABS]-CHI bread(III)[SG.ABS] III.SG-do-IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
un **han** **a-r-ši** **w-i**
2SG.ABS what(IV)[SG.ABS] [IV.SG]do-IPFV-CVB I.SG-be.PRS
'Mother is making the bread, and what are you doing?'

- (16) χ^w alli-či **buwa** **b-a-r-ši** **d-i**
bread(III)[SG.ABS]-CHI mother(II)[SG.ABS] III.SG-do-IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
goro^hrči **ši** **u-qi**
porridge(IV)[SG.ABS] who.ERG [IV.SG]do-FUT
'As for the bread, mother is making it, who will make the porridge?'

Dative subject:

- (17) **laha-s** **dija** **w-ak:u-r-ši** **w-i**
girl(II).OBL-SG.DAT father(I)[SG.ABS] I.SG-see-IPFV-CVB I.SG-be.PRS
'A girl sees (her) father.'

- (18) **lo** **dija** **w-ak:u-r-ši** **d-i**
girl(II)[SG.ABS] father(I)[SG.ABS] I.SG-see-IPFV-CVB II.SG-be.PRS
'A girl sees (her) father.'