Lexicalization as a Framework for Explaining Non-simple Verbs in Persian[1]

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Abstract

As the concept of motion is found in all languages, linguists such as Leonard Talmy show that how such a concept might be coded differently in different languages, and how languages could be typologically categorized. Motion might, thus, appear both as a simple or non-simple verb. As Persian verb category, especially non-simple verb, is a challenging topic, the present paper tried to explore Persian motion verbs based on lexicalization pattern theory, in a cognitively semantic framework. It proved that on a continuum of lexicalization extreme to satellite-frame extreme, some non-simple verbs, just like simple verbs,

might be found on the lexicalization extreme, and the rest, based on their productivity and their syntactic behavior, are spread around the continuum.

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