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Abbreviations

-	Absent
*	Ungrammatical
+	Present
±	Both present and absent
1SG	First Person / agreement
1PL	First Person Plural / agreement
2SG	Second Person Singular / agreement
2PL	Second Person Plural / agreement
3SG	Third Person Singular / agreement
3PL	Third Person Plural / agreement.
ABL	Ablative
ABS	Absolutive
ACC	Accusative
ADJ	Adjective
ADJ.PREFIX	Adjectival prefix
ADJM	Adjectival Marker
ADV	Adverb/Adverbial
ADV.PREFIX	Adverbial prefix
ADVR	Adverbializer
AGDV	Agent deverbal noun
AGR	Agreement
AGT	Agentive
ANMZ	agentive nominalizer
ASSO	Associative
BEN	Benefactive
CAR	Cardinal
CARD.PREFIX	Cardinal prefix
CAUS	Causative
CLF	classifier
CMP	Comparative
COND	Conditional
CONJ	Conjunction

DAT	Dative
DECL	Declarative
DEF	Definite
DEM	Demonstrative
DEM.P	Demonstrative Pronoun
DET	Determiner
DIM	Diminutive
DIST	Distal
DISTR	Distributive
EMPH	Emphatic
ERG	Ergative
EXCLU	Exclusive
EXST	Existential
F	Feminine Gender
FUT	Future Tense
GEN	Genitive
HAB	Habitual
HORT	Hortative
IMP	Imperative
IMPF	Imperfective Aspect
INCLU	Inclusive
IND	Indefinite pronoun
INF	Infinitive
INS	Instrumental
INTS	intensifier
INTR	intransitive
IRR	Irrealis
Lit	Literal translation
LOC	Locative
M	Masculine Gender
MD	Mood
NOMZ	Nominalizer