

Control in Halh Mongolian

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*Halh Moongolian (khk), Altaic
also known as Halh, Khalkha Mongolian, Mongol, Central Mongolian
spoken in Mongolia (Asia)*

1 Grammar Profile

1.1 Morpho-Syntax

1.1.1 Head position

Head-final: postpositions, all adjectival and genitival modifiers precede the noun they modify.

1.1.2 Morphological type

agglutinating

1.1.3 Case system

Case system is nominative/accusative

Nominative: {-Ø}, Genitive: {-ijn}, Dative-locative: {-ed}, Accusative 1: {- Ø}, Accusative 2: {-ijg}, Ablative: {-ees}, Instrumental: {-eer}, Comitative: {-tej}

1.1.4 Verbal Agreement

None.

1.2 Matrix Clause

1.2.1 Basic word order

SOV

1.2.2 Ordering of nominal and pronominal arguments

SO

1.3 *Embedded Clause*

1.3.1 Basic word order

verb-final

1.3.2 Possible morphological categories of the embedded clause

There are no ‘embedded clauses’, so to speak, in Mongolian. Rather, all embedded clauses are nominalizations.

2 **Control Profile**

2.1 *forward subject control into nominalization complement*

2.1.1 Example structure

- (1) [ganc ödör c. bajld-x-yg] bid xüse-j. baj-na
even day part fight-inf-acc we want-impf be-pres’
‘We don’t want to fight even a single day.’
- (2) pool [end-ees šönö jav-x-yg] xüse-v
Paul here-abl night go-inf-acc want-past
‘Paul wanted to leave here at night.’

2.1.2 Predicates participating in the construction

desiderative verb: xüse ‘want’

2.2 *forward object control into nominalization complement*

2.2.1 Example structure

- (3) [šüudan-gyn xoroon-d jaa-j. xüre-x-ijg] ta na-d zaa-j ögn-nö üü?
post-gen office-dat do how-impf reach-inf-acc you me-dat show-impf give-pres Q
‘Would you please tell me how to get to the post office?’
- (4) dendeв gerel-t [jav-x-yg] tušaa-v
Dendeв Gerel-dat go-inf-acc tell-past
‘Dendeв told Gerel to go.’

2.2.2 Predicates participating in the construction

communication verb: zaa ‘show’ tušaa ‘te

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