

Exploring grammatical categories of Tol - a journey into the unknown

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- (1) a. **ni-yóm** kámpa mpe t^hi-kíl
 PL-man far.away from PST-come:3PL
 'the men who came from far away' (San Mateo 2:1)
- b. nin t^ho-velé-p^h niná **no-yom-és**
 thus PST-say-3.PL DEM PL-man-?
 'that is what those men said' (San Mateo 2:2)
- (2) a. kaʔáh háʔsa niná yom-én
 where exist:3.SG DEM man-?
 'where is this man?' (San Juan 7:11)
- b. p^hul-ák^h ka palá his n-tünkü-s c^hun mpe
 star-? IRR down 3.PL FUT-fall-3.PL sky from
 'the stars will fall down from the sky' (San Mateo 24:29)
- c. t^he-méy woka-sás pero la nühusü hup^h
 PST-go:3.G cow-? but AUX find:3.G 3.G
 'the cow ran away, but he found it' (Dennis og Dennis 1983, 15)
- (3) a. ma polél nyukúk-c^ha p^hul-ák^h
 NEG be.able see:1.PL-IPFV star-?
 'we couldn't see the stars' (Hechos 27:20)
- b. nap^h keyaváha le hay woka-sás
 1.SG lose:1.SG AUX do cow-?
 'I am losing the cow' (field notes)
- (4) neʔáh pwéla c^hikí-s
 there play:3.SG child-?
 'the child is playing there' (Dennis og Dennis 1983, 2)
- (5) a. nap^h la t^he-pyál=c^ha
 1.SG AUX PST-seek:SG=IPFV
 'I was looking for him' (field notes)
- b. Davíd hépa=c^ha hup^h Israél moʔó püná
 D. king=IPFV 3.SG I. in long.ago
 'David was king of Israel long ago' (Mateo 1:6)
- c. ʔüsüs=c^ha pahál hup^h t^he-velá
 good=IPFV most 3.SG PST-speak:3.SG
 'he spoke the best (that anyone has ever spoken)' (Juan 7:46)

- d. niná botálla pe mpés=**ch**a
DEM bottle stone from=IPFV
'the bottle was made from stone' (Mateo 26:7)
- (6) a. nap^h ka kuskú velél=**ch**a wowáy
1.SG IRR say scold:1.SG=C^HA child
'I would have scolded the child' (field notes)
- b. nin nak^h po yup^h ʔukúl=**ch**a
thus exist:doubt EMPH 3.PL come:3.PL=C^HA
'may they come!' (field notes)
- c. ma selé=**ch**a ch^{an} hora hák=**ch**a pwekép^h
NEG know:3SG=CH^A what time come:3SG=C^HA thief
'he doesn't know what time the thief will come' (Mateo 24:43)
- (7) a. pūʔá chiyó hin hústa **ne** mas ʔin kámpa
puma dog like appear CONJ more little large
'the puma looks like the dog but it's a bit longer' (Dennis og Dennis 1983, 7)
- b. tʔükʔ t^he-velék^h **ne** hum nap^h
finished PST-talk:1.PL CONJ 1.SG:go 1.SG
'we're done talking and I'm leaving' (Dennis og Dennis 1983, 7)
- (8) a. chik^h vek^h peʔé **ne** li piyú
child hunger 3.SG:die CONJ AUX cry
'the child is hungry, that is why he is crying' (Dennis and Dennis 1983:24)
- b. a ment^hótʔ **ne** ma polél velé
AUX hoarse CONJ NEG be.able speak:1.SG
'I'm hoarse, so I can't speak' (HT-2-1:00:18:32)
- (9) a. **ne** ch^{an} wa lo ch^{ek} keʔá
CONJ what also 3.SG:name Spanish here
'and what is the name of (this place) here in Spanish?' (ET-3-1:00:01:19)
- b. **ne** tol haʔ
CONJ Tol HA'
'and in Tol?' (ET-3-1:00:01:26)
- (10) a. kelél hum **wa** nap^h pueblo ntʔa
want go:1.SG also 1.SG village to
'I want to go the village as well' (Dennis og Dennis 1983, 50)
- b. lal t^he-méy **wa** chik^h-ís chik^h ha-máy lal **wa**
with PST-go also child-? child 3.SG-mother with also
'he left with the child, (and) with the child's mother as well' (Mateo 2:21)

- (11) a. ne c^han wa lo c^hek^h keʔá
 CONJ what also 3.SG:name Spanish here
 'what is (this place) called here in Spanish?'
 ma héʔe
 NEG know:1.SG
 'I don't know'
- tol **ma** **wa** selé c^han lo
 Tol NEG also know:1.SG what 3.SG:name
 'in Tol you don't know either?' (ET-6-1:00:01:11)
- b. c^han poʔó ta-manün **ma** **wa** selé
 what in PST-be.born:1.SG NEG also know:2.SG
 'where he was born you don't know either?' (ET-27-1:00:03:05)
- (12) kéʔam **pʔa** **wa** m-wun n-tʔ-ün
 now other also FUT-measure:2.SG FUT-IMPER-cut
 'now measure another one and cut (it)' (HT-4-1:00:05:00)
- (13) a. c^han lo keʔá
 what 3.SG:name here
 'what is the name of (this place) here?'
- b. San Juan lo keʔá
 S. J. 3.SG:name here
 '(this place) here is called San Juan'
- c. ne tol
 CONJ Tol
 'and in Tol?'
- d. Hok Moʔó
 mountain on
 'On the Mountain'
- e. ne kaʔá **wa** t-amanün-c^hin
 CONJ where also PST-be.born-?
 'and where were you born?'
- f. Laguna Seca poʔó t-amanün nap^h mpe
 L. S. in PST-be.born:1.SG 1.SG MPE
 'I was born in Laguna Seca'
- g. c^han año poʔó
 what year in
 'in what year?'
- h. 1987 ka nak^h
 1987 IRR exist:doubt
 '1987 perhaps'

- i. ne c^han **wa** lo ke^ʔá c^hek^h
 CONJ what also 3.SG:name here Spanish
 'and what is the name of (this place) here in Spanish?'
- j. aquí... San Juan
 here... S. J.
 'here ... San Juan'
- k. ne tol ha^ʔ
 CONJ Tol HA^ʔ
 'and in Tol?'
- l. Hok^h Mo^ʔó
 mountain on
 'On the Mountain'
- m. ne c^han **wa** léya hip^h
 CONJ what also 2.SG:name 2.SG
 'and what is your name?'
- n. nap^h m-la Martín
 1.SG 1.SG-name M.
 'my name is Martín' (ET-3-1:00:00:33)
- (14) a. ʔoyn hyas **wa**
 what 2.SG also
 'what's up with you?' (HT-3-1:00:02:36)
- b. ma t^hi-wí^ʔi **wa** Maria velé-k^h
 NEG IMP-laugh also M. speak-1.PL
 'don't laugh Maria, let's chat' (HT-3-1:00:03:09)
- (15) a. ne tol **ha**^ʔ
 CONJ Tol HA^ʔ
 'and in Tol?' (ET-3-1:00:01:26)
- b. ne lokopyáya **ha**^ʔ
 CONJ afterwards HA^ʔ
 'and (what happened) afterwards?' (HT-1-1:00:00:35)
 'and what should I do afterwards?' (HT-4-1:00:06:56)
- c. ne kína **ha**^ʔ
 CONJ now HA^ʔ
 'and now what?' (HT-4-1:00:13:49)
- d. pü^ʔá
 'a puma?'
- hé^ʔe
 'yes'

- ne ʔoyɲ la tʰi-hí-cʰa niná nówa püʔá-s **haʔ**
 CONJ what AUX PST-do-IRR that ? puma-? HAʔ
 'what did the puma do, I wonder?' (HT-6-1:00:24:20)
- (16) a. tʰe-véle **haʔ** Eder tʰe-véle
 IMP-speak HAʔ E. IMP-speak
 'talk Eder, talk!' (HT-3-1:00:02:34)
- b. cárro tʰo-pweleké **haʔ**
 car IMP-play HAʔ
 'play with cars!' (HT-3-1:00:02:43)
- c. was velén **haʔ** Maria
 come:2.SG speak:2.SG HAʔ M.
 'come and chat Maria' (HT-3-1:00:03:05)

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