

Shughni Binding¹

In example (1), the genitive possessor [his] gets an anaphoric interpretation. Shughni marks this by utilizing a reflexive pronoun. In example (2), the normal possessor is used; here, no anaphoric interpretation is available.

- (1) jojε xɔ t^hat^h ʒi:udʒ
 he[erg.] [refl.] father[acc.] loves
 He_x loves his_x father.
- (2) jojε wei t^hat^h ʒi:udʒ
 he[erg.] his father[acc.] loves
 He_x loves his_y father.

The reflexive pronoun requires an anaphoric interpretation in (3) as well as in (1)

- (3) jojε xɔ t^hat^hart quçt da:ktʃud
 he[erg.] [refl.] father[dat.] meat[acc.] give[past]
 He_x gave his_x father meat.

Example (4) has both an anaphoric and a nonanaphoric genitive pronoun. In these cases, it is likely that we are observing subject-oriented binding. That is, that the anaphoric genitive may only refer to the subject of the sentence. When a possessive refers to anything but the subject, then a nonanaphoric genitive pronoun is necessarily employed.

- (4) jojε xɔ t^hat^hart wei quçt da:ktʃud
 he[erg.] [refl.] father[dat.] his meat[acc.] give[past]
 He_x gave his_x father his_y meat.

A genitive anaphor may be bound to even a Wh-agent.

- (5) tʃajε xɔ ɖust wi:nt
 who[erg.] [refl.] hand[acc.] see[past]
 Who_x saw her_x hand?
- (6) tʃajε wam ɖust wi:nt
 who[erg.] her hand[acc.] see[past]
 Who_x saw her_y hand?

Example (7) shows both a version of [myself] as well as a dative case-marked anaphor. It is possible that [xobaθ] stands for some version of *selfhood*, while the marked anaphor clarifies the sentence as [my-self].

- (7) ozum xobaθ xɔrt jödam tʃud
 I self [refl.][dat.] help[past]
 I helped myself.

¹ Please note that case assignments, as they are used in the following examples, are only preliminary guesses, and should not be taken as absolutely correct.

Example (8) shows Shughni does not use the implied subject [pro], preferring instead to use a full clause with an overt subject.

- (8) oz xoax kenom jo mort jödamkixt
 I want [that(?)] he me[dat.] helps
 I want him_x [, pro_x] to help me

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