

Word Order Parameters and their Correlation with Object/Verb Order Based on Dryer's Typology: Evidence from Tāti Dialect of Gifān

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The dominant word orders in the tāti dialect of Gifān, spoken in Bojnourd (Northern Khorāsān province) dialect, which is basically an Object/Verb (OV) variety, and the correlation of the word orders as well as the object / verb order are not easily explained according to Dryer's views. In other words, findings showed that, considering the correlation with the four word orders except a noun and its qualifying adjective (Mosuf and Sefat), the tāti dialect of Gifān behaves like the minority of languages in Dryer's sample, which have a smaller percentage, comparing with those languages that exhibit the significant correlation with the mentioned word orders and the VO one. Since some of the aforementioned word orders are used freely in the tāti dialect of Gifān, the correlation between these pairs of elements with the basic OV order and non-basic VO order is relative. In general, it seems that due to variety in the VO order in this dialect, there are variety in the other sequences of head and their determiners.

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