

The depiction of tense and aspect in Taba

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Taba is an eastern Malayo-Polynesian language from the South Halmahera – West New Guinea subgroup of the Austronesian language family. Taba has very few morphemes of any type that are strictly dedicated to the expression of tense and aspect. However, a variety of different resources are used in actual speech to express temporal relations and other related meanings. In this paper I explore the range of strategies employed by Taba speakers. These include reduplication and demonstratives as well as dedicated aspectual markers.