

Loosely connected clauses in Seediq

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In Seediq, one can connect clauses loosely, by sentence-medial conjunction or by juxtaposition. Sentence-medial conjunction comes at the last of the first clause and is followed by a non-final pause. Juxtaposition is also followed by a non-final pause. This presentation aims to overview such loosely connected clauses. The sentence-medial conjunctions are *ni*, *deni*, *'u/ga*, and *de'u/dega*. *ni* is *and*, and is used to connect NPs also. *deni* is composed of *de-*, which is the weakened form of *da*, new situation marker, and *ni*. *deni* means *and then*, and not used to connect NPs. *'u* and *ga* are interchangeable; it may be a dialectal difference. They have several meanings and are also a topic marker. *de'u* and *dega* are composed of *de-*, the weakened form of *da*, and *'u/ga*. I will refer to the notions that encode within sentence structure listed in Longacre (2007: 377-386)

Besides these loosely connected clauses, Seediq has tighter connections also: embedding or complementation, and serial verb construction. I will compare loosely connected clauses with these tightly-connected ones.

Longacre, Robert E. 2007. Sentences as combinations of clauses. In Shopen (ed.) *Language typology and linguistic description* vol 2. 372-420.