

An interplay of lexical and grammatical aspect in Nivkh

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The paper will discuss the major mechanism underlying the expression of qualitative aspectuality in Nivkh (Paleosiberian), which is based on an interplay of lexical and grammatical means. It will show on what grounds Nivkh verbal lexemes can be divided into ten aspectual classes and will analyse the interaction of lexemes belonging to different classes with grammatical markers of progressive, completive, continuative and resultative aspects. The paper will consider the use and meanings of both 'simple' verb forms containing one grammatical aspectual marker and 'complex' forms comprising two markers.