

## **How to Compare in Turkish Sign Language (TİD)**

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Turkish Sign Language (TİD) is the native language of the deaf in Turkey. In terms of Stassen's (2003) typology, TID uses two distinct strategies to express comparison: (i) conjoined comparatives, and (ii) locational comparatives. The conjoined comparative construction consists of two structurally independent clauses, one containing the Standard DP, the second the Comparee DP where the two terms of comparison have the same grammatical function in their respective clauses. In locational comparative constructions, a single predicate expresses the attribute shared by the participants. The two DPs are located in the signing space by indexing, and body shift. Comparison between the two arguments is expressed by the index of Comparison, IXCOMP.