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Map of the Kumzari Language Area



Map of Kumzari History



Abbreviations

- suffix
 = clitic
 1 first person
 2 second person
 3 third person
 ADJ adjective
 ADJR adjectivizer
 ADV adverb
 ADVR adverbializer
 Ar: Arabic modern loanword gloss
 cf. *confer*
 C consonant
 COUNT count marker (inanimate)
 DEM demonstrative
 disc discourse particle
 dv deverb
 e.g. *exempli gratia*
 ed. editor
 eds. editors
 EMPH emphatic
 esp. especially
 EVID evidential
 EX existential
 i.e. *id est*
 ibid. *ibidem*
 IMPER Imperative verb form
 IMPF Imperfect verb form
 INF inferred evidential
 INTERR question morpheme
 IRR Irrealis verb form
 Kmz. Kumzari
 LIST marker of listing parallelism
 lit. literally
 Lrk. Laraki variety of Kumzari
 MIR mirative verb form
 n noun
 NEG negative
 NOM nominative
 NUM numeral
 Ø zero-marked morpheme
 OBJ object
 p plural
 PEAK peak discourse marker
 PERF Perfect verb form
 PERS human count marker
 Pers. Persian
 PL plural noun suffix
 pn pronoun

prep preposition
 REAL Realis verb form
 REFL reflexive pronoun
 REP reportive evidential
 s singular
 SENS sensory evidential
 sfx suffix
 sp. species (type)
 SUB subordinating enclitic
 SUBJ subject
 SURP surprise particle
 TOP topicaliser
 v verb
 V short vowel
 VV long vowel
 viz. *videlicet*
 W.Ir. Western Iranian languages
 /// rising intonation
 \\ falling intonation
 [] phonetic transcription between brackets
 / / phonemic transcription between slashes
 * precedes historical or ungrammatical forms or phonemes
 + followed by ... or + derived word class
 > develops synchronically into
 < develops synchronically from or subordinator in a clause chain
 ~ co-occurs with
 = is
 (...) omission of material

Example source notation

A *Ahmad Tka* folktale
 B *Bāḡ al-Mōz* folktale
 G *Ġrabō* folktale
 K *Kanēdō* folktale
 N native-speaker informant data
 P *Pačaxčēō* folktale
 R *Rōran Šēxō* folktale
 S *Sōntyō* folktale
 U *Abūyi Salaḥnī, Ummī Rakabnī* folktale

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