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Chapter 6. Adverbial relations

The aim of this chapter is to describe the coding of adverbial relations in the Ket language. Unlike the types of relations discussed in the two previous chapters which are predominantly asyndetic, adverbial relations in Ket can be coded by a rather wide range of overtly marked strategies.

The chapter is organized in the following way. In section 6.1, we provide an outline of the general typology of adverbial relations. Section 6.2 describes morphosyntactic properties of adverbial subordinators in Ket. In Section 6.3, we survey various semantic types of adverbial relations in the language. Section 6.5 provides a summary and conclusions to the chapter.

6.1 Typology of adverbial relations

Similar to complement and relative relations, the traditional definition of adverbial relations is heavily based on the embedding criterion (see Chapter 3). This criterion assumes that an adverbial clause is an embedded clause functioning as an adverb to its main clause; compare the following examples.

(6.1) Russian

On priedet <zavtra>
‘He will come tomorrow.’

(6.2) Russian

On priedet, <kogda nastupit utro>
‘He will come, when the morning starts.’

Both <*zavtra*> and <*kogda nastupit utro*> in the examples, as well as their English counterparts, function as time adverbials to the verb *priexat* ‘come’. The embedded status of the adverbial clause in (6.2) is overtly marked by the presence of the adverbial connective *kogda* ‘when’. As with the other types of relations, the traditional approach to adverbial clauses runs into problems when applied to cross-linguistic data, since in many languages, for example, Creole languages or some Australian languages, adverbial meanings can be conveyed by the simple juxtaposition of non-embedded clauses, i.e. asyndetically (Cristofaro 2003: 155). Even in English, two

juxtaposed clauses can convey an adverbial meaning, provided that they have a unified intonation contour (cf. Lehmann 2013). Compare, for example, the sentences in (6.3) and (6.4) below.

(6.3) *I couldn't come earlier, because the train was late.*

(6.4) *I couldn't come earlier, the train was late.*

The adverbial clause in (6.3) conveys causal meaning explicitly marked by the presence of the connective *because*. The same meaning can be inferred from (6.4), although only in a proper context and with a proper intonation. A similar situation can be found in the Ket language. Therefore in order to account for all the types of syntactic structures conveying adverbial meanings, we will follow the functional definition according to which adverbial relations are the relations that link two states of affairs with one of them (the dependent one) corresponding to the circumstances under which the other one (the main one) takes place (Cristofaro 2003: 155).

Adverbial relations can be divided into several types based on their semantics. In what follows we will consider the following semantic types based on Cristofaro (2003), Givón (1990: 827–37), and Thompson, Longacre and Hwang (2007):

- (1) temporal relations;
- (2) conditional relations;
- (3) purpose relations;
- (4) reason relations;
- (5) locative relations;
- (6) manner relations.

Temporal adverbial relations involve two states of affairs one of which (the dependent one) is used as a temporal reference to the other (the main one). This semantic type of adverbial relations can be further subdivided into posteriority (6.5), anteriority (6.6) and overlap (6.7) relations (cf. Cristofaro 2003: 156).

(6.5) Russian

Ja uvižu ego <do togo, kak on uedet>

‘I will see him, before he leaves.’

(6.6) Russian

Ja pogovoril s nim <posle togo, kak on vernulsja>

‘I talked to him, after he returned.’

(6.7) Russian

Ja vstretil ego, <kogda on prišel>

‘I met him, when he came.’

In the posteriority relations, the dependent state of affairs is located in time after the one in the main clause, and is unrealized when the main state of affairs takes place, as exemplified in (6.5). The anteriority relations in (6.6) represent the opposite case: the state of affairs in the dependent clause takes place before the main one, and is realized and completed at the time the main one takes place. In the overlap relations both the dependent state of affairs and the main one are overlapping in their realization. The exact extent of the overlapping can vary. Following Givón (2001), we can distinguish the following more fine-grained types of overlapping: simultaneity (6.8), point coincidence (6.9), terminal boundary (6.10), initial boundary (6.11), and intermediacy (6.12).

(6.8) Russian

<Poka ja rabotal>, ona spala

‘While I was working, she was sleeping.’

(6.9) Russian

Ja uvidel eë, <kogda ona šla vniz po ulice>

‘I saw her, as she was walking down the street.’

(6.10) Russian

Ja rabotal, <poka ona ne prišla>

‘I was working, until she came.’

(6.11) Russian

Ja perestal rabotat’ <s tex por, kak ona prišla>

‘I stopped working, since when she came.’

(6.12) <Between her starting the project and her quitting in a huff>, nobody slept
(Givón 2001: 330)

It is also important to mention that in some languages temporal relations can be expressed by a construction identical to a relative clause in a given language. In this case, the head of such a relative clause is a noun with temporal semantics like ‘time’, ‘day’, etc. Consider example (6.13) from Hausa, a Chadic language, where a relative clause with the noun *locaci* ‘time’ functions as a temporal adverbial clause. A similar construction can be found in Ket as well (see Section 6.2.1.1.12).

(6.13) Hausa

Yaran sun ga sarki <locacin da suka shiga birni>
 yara-n sun ga sarki locaci-n da suka shiga birni
 kids-the they.COMPL see king time-the REL they.REL.COMPL enter city

‘The kids saw the king, when they visited the city.’

(Thompson, Longacre and Hwang 2007: 246)

In condition relations the dependent state of affairs sets an antecedent situation which is the condition for a consequent situation represented by the main state of affairs. Conditional relations can be subdivided into two basic semantic types: reality conditionals and unreality conditionals (Thompson, Longacre and Hwang 2007: 255). Reality conditionals refer to ‘real’ antecedent situations that can occur in the present or in the past. The examples below illustrate this type of conditionals.

(6.14) Russian

<Eсли idět sneg>, to na ulice xolodno
 ‘If it snows, then it is cold outside.’

(6.15) Russian

<Eсли on prixodil včera>, to on nas videl
 ‘If he came here yesterday, then he saw us.’

In (6.14), we can see a present reality conditional, while in (6.15), the reality conditional is in the past.

Unreality conditionals refer to ‘unreal’ situations. Thompson, Longacre and Hwang (2007: 255) define two types of unreal situations: imaginative, i.e. those in which one can imagine what might be (6.16a) or might have been (6.16b) and predictive (6.17), i.e. those in which one can predict what will be.

(6.16a) Russian

<Ešli by ja uvidel ego>, ubil by
 ‘If I saw him, I would kill him.’

(6.16b) Russian

<Ešli by ty prišël včera>, ty by ego uvidel
 ‘If you had come yesterday, you would have seen him.’

(6.17) Russian

<Ešli on pridët>, my budem očen’ rady
 ‘If he comes, we will be very happy.’

The two imaginative conditional subtypes are also traditionally called hypothetical (6.16a) and counterfactual (6.16b). It should be mentioned that Givón (1990: 829) subsumes the predictive type of unreality conditionals illustrated in (6.17) under the general definition of reality conditionals.

It should also be noted that in many languages, there is no formal distinction between reality conditionals and temporal overlap relations, as illustrated by the example from Vai, a Mande language of Liberia in (6.18).

(6.18) Vai

À à ná ’èè ì ì à fě’è’-à
 à à ná ’èè í-ì à fě’è’-à
 he COND come COND you-FUT him see-FUT

‘If he comes, you will see him.’ or ‘When he comes, you will see him.’

(Thompson, Longacre and Hwang 2007: 257)

This neutralization can be accounted for by the fact that the semantics of the two are quite similar (Cristofaro 2003: 161).

In purpose relations, the main state of affairs is performed with the goal of obtaining the realization of the dependent one (Cristofaro 2003: 157). Typical cases of purpose relations are represented by motion predicates, as in (6.19), although other predicates as in (6.20) are possible as well.

(6.19) Russian

Ja pošel v universitet, <čtoby učit'sja>
 'I went to the university in order to study.'

(6.20) Russian

Ja sdelal seti, <čtoby rybačit'>
 'I made a net, in order to fish.'

The semantics of purpose relations implies that the instigator of the action in the main clause has the intention that the situation in the dependent clause should come about. In this respect, purpose relations are quite similar to the complement relations established by desiderative predicates (Cristofaro 2003: 157). Therefore, in many languages these kinds of relations are often coded by the same morphological means. For example, in Guugu Yimidhirr, an Australian language, the purposive mood marker can be used both for purpose relations (6.21) and desideratives (6.22).

(6.21) Guugu Yimidhirr

Nyulu gabiirr gadaalmugu <mayi baawanhu>
 nyulu gabiirr gada-almugu mayi baawa-nhu
 3SG.NOM girl.ABS come-PAST.NEG food.ABS cook-PURPV
 'The girl didn't come to cook the food.'

(Haviland 1979: 135, cited from Cristofaro 2003: 158)

(6.22) Guugu Yimidhirr

Ngayu wawudhirr <mayi budanhu>
 ngayu wawu-dhirr mayi buda-nhu
 1SG.NOM want-COM.ABS food.ABS eat-PURPV

'I want to eat food.' (Haviland 1979: 135, cited from Cristofaro 2003: 158)

Reason relations are the relations in which the dependent state of affairs represents the reason for the main one to take place. Example (6.23) illustrates this type of adverbial relations.

(6.23) Russian

On kupil gamburger, <potomu čto xotel est'>

'He bought a hamburger, because he wanted to eat.'

The semantics of reason relations may also partially coincide with that of other adverbial relations like purpose, temporal overlap and anteriority, which is why they often share the same morphology in many languages (Cristofaro 2003). Consider, for example, the expression of the reason relation (6.24) and the purpose relation (6.25) in Ngizim, a Chadic language.

(6.24) Ngizim

Ata abən <gàadà aci nga>

ata	abən	gàadà	aci	nga
eat.PRF	food	SBRD	he	well

'He ate because he was well.' (Thompson, Longacre and Hwang 2007: 250)

(6.25) Ngizim

Vəru <gàadà dà ši səma>

vəru	gàadà	dà	ši	səma
go.out.PRF	SBRD	SJNCT	drink	beer

'He went out to drink beer.' (Thompson, Longacre and Hwang 2007: 250)

As we can see, the subordinating marker *gàadà* can be used in both types of relations.

In locative relations, the dependent state of affairs provides a locative reference to where the main state of affairs takes place, as in (6.26).

(6.26) Russian

My stojali, <gde ne bylo snega>

'We were standing where there was no snow.'

Locative adverbial relations can also be coded by a relative clause in a similar way as temporal relations, the only difference being the use of a head noun with locative semantics like ‘place’. The Turkish sentence in (6.27) illustrates this case.

(6.27) Turkish

Sen <Erolun oturduğu yere> otur
 sen Erol-un otur-duğ-u yer-e otur
 2SG E.-GEN sit-OBJ-POSS place-DAT sit
 ‘You sit where Erol was sitting.’

The last type of adverbial relations to be considered here is manner relations. In manner relations the dependent state of affairs describes the manner in which the main state of affairs is performed, as exemplified in (6.28) below.

(6.28) Russian

Ja sdelal vsë, <kak mne skazali>
 ‘I did everything as I was told.’

As with temporal and locative relations, manner relations can have the shape of relative clauses in some languages (Thompson, Longacre and Hwang 2007: 249). The head noun in this case often has the meaning of ‘way’ or ‘manner’, as in (6.29).

(6.29) *He acts <the way I told him to>*.

The semantics of adverbial relations that we described above can play an important part in the choice of a particular morphosyntactic means to code a certain adverbial relation (cf. Cristofaro 2003). In the first place, this concerns the way the two clauses are connected together. It can be done either syndetically or asyndetically. The latter implies that there is no overt marking between two clauses apart from the intonation. This case was illustrated by example (6.4) above. The former involves the use of a special element connecting the two clauses in adverbial relations. This element can be a bound or a free morpheme. Free morphemes that can be used to connect clauses in subordinate relations are traditionally referred to as ‘conjunctions’. Another term used in the literature is ‘adverbial connectives’⁸⁴ (cf. Kortmann 1997). In what follows, we

⁸⁴ The term ‘connective’ is often used as the umbrella term referring to all morphemes, free and bound, that are used to connect coordinate or subordinate clauses (cf. Givón 2001).

will refer to both bound and free morphemes that are used to connect clauses in adverbial relations in Ket as ‘subordinators’ (as opposed to the term ‘coordinators’ used in Chapter 4).

There are several morphosyntactic parameters that can characterize a subordinator. First of all, there is morphological complexity. Based on this criterion, Kortmann (1997: 78) establishes the following six classes of subordinators for the European languages.

- (1) single monosyllabic subordinators (English *as, since*)
- (2) single polysyllabic subordinators (English *before, after*)
- (3) single word subordinators consisting of more than one morpheme
(English *whereas*)
- (4) phrasal subordinators (English *as soon as*)
- (5) discontinuous subordinators (English *the...the*)
- (6) subordinators forming patterns (the English *wh-ever* series)

A slightly different classification that combines morphological complexity and bondedness is given in Lehmann (2013):

- (1) phrasal subordinator
- (2) one-word subordinator
 - (i) complex subordinator
 - (a) compound subordinator
 - (b) derived subordinator
 - (ii) simple subordinator
 - (a) subordinator out of a paradigm
 - (b) universal subordinator
- (3) bound subordinator
 - (i) affixal subordinator
 - (ii) other

Another important criterion in the classification of subordinators is the linear order in which they occur with the connected clauses. In the majority of languages

subordinators tend to occur either at the clause-initial margin or at the clause-final margin, as illustrated in (6.30).

(6.30) Japanese

<Andy ga kuru maeni> Jenna ga kuru
 Andy ga kuru maeni Jenna ga kuru
 A. NOM come front-LOC J. NOM come
 ‘Jenna comes before Andy comes.’

As we can see, the Japanese subordinator *maeni* appears on the dependent clause in the clause-final position, while its equivalent *before* in the English translation is in the clause-initial one. Interestingly, there seem to be a cross-linguistic correlation between the position of subordinators and the ordering of main and dependent clauses in adverbial constructions. In languages with a final subordinator, dependent clauses tend to precede the main clause, whereas in languages with an initial subordinator, dependent clauses commonly occur in both sentence-initial and sentence-final position (Diessel 2001).

Finally, adverbial subordinators can be analyzed as to the exact nature of its formatives and the syntactic polyfunctionality that they have in a language (Kortmann 1997: 77ff). The former emphasizes the role of etymology which may shed some additional light on the functions of a subordinator (cf. Lehmann 1984: 165). The latter concerns whether a subordinator also belongs to other syntactic categories (noun, adposition, verb, etc) in a language at the synchronic level.

6.2 Morphosyntactic properties of subordinators in Ket

As we already mentioned in the beginning, unlike other types of relations which have a rather poor set of formal connective devices, the adverbial relations in Ket can be coded by a wide range of various subordinators. In what follows we will describe them according to the parameters outlined in the previous section.

6.2.1 Clause-final subordinators

The clause-final subordinators represent the majority of the subordinators in Ket. They originate from the class of postpositional relational morphemes including both

semantically bleached members (i.e. ‘case markers’) and those whose etymology is quite transparent (i.e. ‘postpositions’).⁸⁵ The only exception is the subordinator *bay* ‘where, when’ which is the functional extension of the noun *baʔŋ* ‘soil, ground’. Cross-linguistically, it is quite common for the class of adpositions to be a grammaticalization source for adverbial connectives (cf. Kortmann 1997). Ket also conforms to the universal tendency that in languages with postpositions adverbial subordinators tend to be clause-final (Dryer 1992: 56). All of the clause-final subordinators are polyfunctional, except the subordinator *dukde*.

6.2.1.1 Simple clause-final subordinators

We define this subtype of subordinators in Ket as one-word items which represent either a single indivisible morpheme, or a hardly etymologizable combination of morphemes that occur in the clause-final position.

6.2.1.1.1 The subordinator *diŋa*

The subordinator *diŋa* is the functional extension of the dative relational morpheme in its inanimate form.⁸⁶ The dative marker has no clear etymology, which is also true for the other members of the group of semantically bleached relational markers in Ket (i.e. traditional “cases”).

When used with nominals, the dative marker denotes either the direction of a movement (6.31) or the recipient of an object given or a message told (6.32).

(6.31) *āt bōyɔn ár'endiŋa*

ā	bo ⁶ -k ⁵ -o ⁴ -{de}n ⁰	aden-di-ŋa
1SG	1SG ⁶ -TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -go ⁰	forest-N-DAT
		‘I went to the forest.’

⁸⁵ In Georg (2007: 159-160), it is argued that there are two postpositional elements, *daan* and *dukde*, that are used only in adverbial clauses. Still, we were able to find examples in which both items can be seen functioning as postpositional relational markers on temporal nouns (see 6.2.1.1.9 and 6.2.1.1.11).

⁸⁶ As we already mentioned in Section 2.2.6, the dative marker belongs to the relational morphemes that require the presence of a possessive augment marked for the gender/animacy class on the noun they modify (cf. Section 2.2.1). As a subordinator, the marker has been grammaticalized in its inanimate form with the augment *di-*.

(6.32) *āt haŋtip kédana tqar'uksibet*

ād haŋ-tib ked-da-ŋa d{i}⁸-qəd⁷-u⁶-k⁵-s⁴-bed⁰
 1SG female-dog person-M-DAT 1⁸-gift⁷-3F⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-make⁰
 'I give a dog to the man.'

In adverbial clauses, *dina* is used to mark the locative relations of 'motion to(wards)'
(6.33).

(6.33) *hámgaŋ dɔl'in-dina, āt dɔŋɔn in ékŋ dúgde*

hámga-n d{u}⁸-o⁴-l²-{daq⁰}-in¹-dina āt dɔŋ⁶-o⁴-{n²}-{de}n⁰ in ekŋ dúgde
 Evenk-PL 3⁸-PST⁴-PST²-live⁰-AN.PL¹-DAT 2PL 2PL⁶-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰ two day.PL during
 'We walked for two days to where the Evenks lived.'

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

6.2.1.1.2 The subordinator *dina*

The subordinator *dina* is the functional extension of the ablative relational morpheme in its inanimate form which, first of all, marks the spatial source (6.34), or temporal starting-point of an action (6.35).

(6.34) *āt bɔŋɔn ar'endina*

ād bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{de}n⁰ aden-di-ŋal
 1SG 1SG⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-go⁰ forest-N-ABL
 'I went from the forest.'

(6.35) *qónoksdina/ ūs' udbej uŋón*

qonoks-di-ŋal ūs udbej u⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²}-{de}n⁰
 morning-N-ABL warm south.wind 3N⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰

'A warm south wind has been blowing since the morning.'

(Georg 2007: 111)

Other nominal uses include denoting the material from which an object is made and the basis of a comparison (Georg 2007: 111).

When used as a subordinator, *dina* is used in its inanimate form and can mark the initial boundary type of temporal overlap relations (6.36) and the reason relations (6.37).

(6.36) *āb ām daɔnarij-diŋal, siŋ uγɔn*

āb ām da⁸-o⁴-n²-a¹-dij⁰-diŋal siŋ u⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²}-{de}n⁰
 1SG.POSS mother 3F⁸-PST⁴-PST²-3SS¹-come⁰-ABL year 3N⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰

‘A year has passed, since our mother came.’

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

(6.37) *bū dutaxɔt buda ū binɔxɔt-diŋalʹ*

bū du⁸-t⁵-a⁴-qut⁰ bu-da ū b{in}⁷-{b³}-in²-{q}ut⁰-diŋal
 3SG 3⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-lie⁰ 3SG-M.POSS strength self⁷-3N³-PST²-finish⁰-ABL

‘He is lying, because he is tired (lit. his strength is finished).’

6.2.1.1.3 The subordinator *diŋta*

The subordinator *diŋta* (also *diŋten*) originates from the inanimate form of the adessive marker which denotes the location where an action or process takes place, or an object is located (6.38).

(6.38) *kāt deʹŋ lesdiŋta dassanɔγɔlʹbetin*

kāt deʹŋ les-di-ŋta d{u}⁸-assano⁷-k⁵-o⁴-l²-bed⁰-in¹
 winter people forest-N-ADESS 3⁸-hunt.ANOM⁷-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-ITER⁰-AN.PL¹

‘In winter people hunted in the forest.’ (Werner 1997: 114)

When used on temporal nouns, it conveys temporal reference (6.39).

(6.39) *tud qibdaŋte ban dɔnnedi*

tū-d qib-da-ŋte bān d{u}⁸-o⁴-n²-a¹-di⁰
 this-M month-M-ADESS NEG 3⁸-PST⁴-PST²-3SG.SS¹-come⁰

‘He didn’t come that month.’ (Vall and Kanakin 1985: 33)

Finally, it is also used to mark the possessor in “have”-constructions like in (6.40).

(6.40) *ɔbdaŋt bɔgdɔm úsaŋ*

ob-da-ŋt bokdom usaŋ
 father-M-ADESS rifle be.present

‘The father has a rifle.’

As a subordinator, the inanimate form *diŋta* can mark two semantic types of adverbial relations: locative (6.41) and reason (6.42).

(6.41) *būḡ duḡin-diḡt, sēs' bāns'aḡ*

bū-ḡ du⁸-{a⁴-daq⁰}-in¹-diḡt sēs bānsaḡ
 3-PL 3⁸-NPST⁴-live⁰-AN.PL¹-ADESS river not.be.present

‘Where they live, there is no river.’

(6.42) *bure ū binət-diḡti baḡlərən*

bu-da ū b{in}⁷-{b³}-n²-{q}ut⁰-diḡt {du⁸}-baḡ⁷-l²-a¹-don⁰
 3-M.POSS strength self⁷-3N³-PST²-finish⁰-ADESS 3⁸-ground⁷-PST²-RES¹-fall⁰

‘He fell down, because he is tired (lit. his strength is finished).’

(Grišina 1979: 40)

6.2.1.1.4 The subordinator *dita*

The subordinator *dita* originates from the inanimate form of the benefactive relational marker. On nominals the benefactive usually marks animate or human beneficiary of an action (6.43).

(6.43) *kire itn ād dibbet dil'dat*

ki-de itn ād di⁸-b³-bed⁰ dil-da-t
 this-N jukola 1SG 1⁸-3N³-make⁰ child-M-BEN

‘I make this jukola for the child.’

It can also be used to mark an object about which a story is told (or a song is sung and the like), or a person or object which is thought of, as in (6.44).

(6.44) *bu daqimdita dan'sivət*

bū da-qim-di-ta d{u}⁸-an⁷-s⁴-bed⁰
 3SG M.POSS-woman-F-BEN 3⁸-thought⁷-NPST⁴-make⁰

‘He thinks about his wife.’ (Werner 1997: 114)

When used with adverbial clauses, *dita* can denote purpose relations (6.45) and reason relations (6.46).

(6.45) *iḡqus' dibbet-dita āt l'ēsdiḡal' a²q tḡḡuksibet*

iḡqus di⁸-b³-bed⁰-dita ād les-di-ḡal a²q d{i}⁸-taḡ⁷-u⁶-k⁵-s⁴-bed⁰
 house 1⁸-3N³-make⁰-BEN 1SG forest.RUS-N-ABL wood 1⁸-drag⁷-3N⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-ITER⁰

‘To build a house I bring wood from the forest.’

(6.46) *bū ūl' bān' dabdɔp dasiēŋ ar'iat-dita*

bū ūl' bān' d{u}⁸-a⁴-b³-dob⁰ da-sēŋ ad⁷-a⁴-d{en}⁰-dit
 3SG water NEG 3⁸-NPST⁴-3N³-drink⁰ M.POSS-liver be.sick⁷-NPST⁴-go⁰-BEN

'He doesn't drink vodka, because his liver hurts.'

6.2.1.1.5 The subordinator *ka*

The subordinator *ka* is the functional extension of the locative marker which is used to denote location in space and time for inanimate nouns only (6.47).

(6.47) *āt bɔγɔn ar'ien'iga*

ād bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{de}ⁿ⁰ aden-ka
 1SG 1SG⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-go⁰ forest-LOC

'I walked in the forest.'

As a subordinator, *ka* is used to mark temporal relations (6.48).

(6.48) *ām dɔtɔkɔt-ka ɔtn unat da:sɣans'an*

ām da⁸-t⁵-a⁵-qut⁰-ka ɔtn unat d{i}⁸-asqan⁷-s²-a⁰-n¹
 mother 3F⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-lie⁰-LOC 1PL quiet 1⁸-story.PL⁷-NPST²-speak⁰-AN.PL¹

'When mother sleeps, we speak in hushed tones.' (Grišina 1979: 48)

It can also be used in coding all the types of conditionals. Example (6.49) illustrates the real subtype of conditional relations.

(6.49) *bū ɔγɔt-ka āt bɔn kastikus*

bū o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-d{en}⁰-ka ād bān' {du⁸}-kas⁷-di¹-qos⁰
 3SG 3M⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰-LOC 1SG NEG {3⁸}-limb⁷-1SG¹-take⁰

'If he leaves, he won't take me.' (Grišina 1979: 58)

6.2.1.1.6 The subordinator *bes*

The subordinator *bes* originates from the prosecutive relational marker. When used on nominals, it marks objects through which, or along which an action or process is proceeding (6.50).

(6.50) *āt bɔγɔn ar'ienbes'*

ād bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{de}ⁿ⁰ aden-bes
 1SG 1SG⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-go⁰ forest-PROS

'I walked through the forest.'

When used as a subordinator, *bes* denotes the simultaneity type of temporal overlap relations.

(6.51) *bū dbil'el'i šyčn'i-bes'i*

bū	d{u}⁸-b³-l²-il⁰	o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²-de}n⁰-bes
3SG	3 ⁸ -3N³-PST²-sing⁰	3M⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰-PROS

‘He sang walking.’

6.2.1.1.7 The subordinator *esaj*

The subordinator *esaj* is the functional extension of the translative marker. With nominals it is used to mark an object as the “goal” of a verbal action (with verbs of producing, becoming, transforming and the like) (6.52).

(6.52) *bū er'ies'aj atəncəq*

bū	ed-esaj	a⁶-t⁵-o⁴-n²-oq⁰
3SG	sable-TRANSL	3M⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-become.PST⁰

‘He turned into a sable.’

As a subordinator, it marks purposive relations (6.53).

(6.53) *būŋ muzej-aj-di-ŋa tajəŋcətn istor'ija aqta itaj'l'am-es'aj*

bū-ŋ	muzej-aj-di-ŋa	{du}⁸-taj⁷-aj⁶-k⁵-o⁴-qutn⁰
3-PL	museum.RUS-PL-N-DAT	3 ⁸ -R⁷-3AN.PL⁶-TH⁶-NPST⁴-walk.many⁰
	istorija	aqta
	history.RUS	good
		it⁷-aj⁶-l²-am⁰-esaj
		know⁷-3AN.PL⁶-PST²-R⁰-TRANSL

‘They visit museums in order to know the history well.’

6.2.1.1.8 The subordinator *às / ās*

The subordinator *às / ās* originates from the relational morpheme which has the meaning of ‘as, like’. As we already mentioned in Section 4.2.2.2, it is sometimes confused with the comitative relational morpheme *as* in the Ket literature. But unlike the comitative marker, which attaches directly to the noun stem, *às / ās* requires the presense of a possessive augment on the head, cf. (6.54) and (6.55).

(6.54) *opda ās^j*

ōb-da ās
 father-M.POSS like
 ‘like the father’ (Werner 1997: 312)

(6.55) *ap bes'am ki bes'amd āsⁱ dibbet*

āb besam kī besam-d ās di⁸-b³-bed⁰
 1SG.POSS hare.fur.coat this hare.fur.coat-N.POSS like 1⁸-3N³-make⁰
 ‘I make my hare fur-coat like this hare fur-coat.’ (Werner 1997: 312)

As a subordinator, *ās* / *āsⁱ* is used to mark several types of temporal relations, like English *when*. It can be attached to both action nominals (6.56) and finite clauses (6.57). Note that this subordinator requires the presense of the inanimate form of the possessive augment *d-* even when it is used with finite clauses.

(6.56) *hāl'sej-das^j āt dbil'elⁱ*

hāl'sej-das ād d{ⁱ}⁸-b³-l²-il⁰
 sew.ANOM-when 1SG 1⁸-3N³-PST²-sing⁰
 ‘While sewing I sang (it).’

(6.57) *buḥsəw-dās^j, bū ke^ʔt hāj duḡajej*

{du⁸}-bu⁶-ḡ⁵-s⁴-qo⁰-das bū ke^ʔd hāj du⁸-a⁴-ej⁰
 3⁸-3SS⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-search.for⁰-when 3SG person also 3⁸-3M⁴-kill⁰
 ‘When he looks, he can even kill a man.’ (Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

6.2.1.1.9 The subordinator *qon(e)*

The subordinator *qon(e)* originates from the relational morpheme with the meaning ‘up to, until’. Although it has been traditionally referred to the class of “postpositions”, i.e. the relational morphemes with more or less transparent etymology, its origin seems to be quite obscure. Like some of the relational markers above, *qon(e)* requires the possessive augment when used with nominals, as illustrated in (6.58).

(6.58) *hissij-d qon dejtəlut*

hissij-d qon d{u}⁸-ej⁷-t⁵-o⁴-l²-{q}ut⁰
 forest-N.POSS to 3⁸-run⁷-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-R⁰
 ‘He ran up to the forest.’ (Georg 2007: 161)

Unlike in the case of *diŋa*, *diŋal* and a few other subordinators, the possessive augment is not present when *qon(e)* is used with adverbial clauses, cf. example (6.59).

(6.59) *āt kaŋɔːvɔn-qɔnʔe, halʔesʔi*

āt kən⁷-o⁴-b³-{q}on⁰-qone {di⁸}-hal⁷-t⁵-es⁰
1SG dawn⁷-PST⁴-3n³-INCH.PST⁰-until 1SG⁸-R⁷-TH⁵-be.up⁰

‘I’ll get up by [the time] it has dawned.’ (Krjukova 2007: 37)

As we can see, as a subordinator, *qon(e)* marks the temporal boundary type of the temporal overlap relations.

6.2.1.1.10 The subordinator *daan*

The subordinator *daan* (other possible variants are *daqan* and *dān*) originates from the relational morpheme which has the meaning of ‘during’, therefore it is found only with temporal nouns or nouns denoting some natural phenomenon, as in (6.60). The morpheme itself is possibly of some verbal origin (Grišina 1979: 130).

(6.60) *ulʔesʔd daan elʔij bānʔ tarəŋɔːtin*

ules-d dān elʔij bān {di⁸}-t⁵-a⁴-daŋ¹-qutn⁰
rain-N.POSS during berries.pick.ANOM NEG 1⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-1PL.SS¹-many.walk⁰

‘We don’t go to pick berries during the rain.’

As a subordinator, *daan* marks temporal simultaneity relations.

(6.61) *bū āt beʔk desʔkejɔːqadda āt lʔoveravet-daan*

bū ād beʔk d{u}⁸-eskej⁷-q⁵-a⁴-d{i}¹-da⁰ ād {di⁸}-lobed⁷-a⁴-bed⁰-daan
3SG 1SG always 3⁸-throw.ANOM⁷-CAUS⁵-NPST⁴-1SG¹-ITER.TR⁰ 1SG 1⁸-work⁷-NPST⁴-ITER⁰-while

‘He is always disturbing me, while I’m working.’ (Grišina 1979: 29)

6.2.1.1.11 The subordinator *dokot*

The subordinator *dokot* (another possible variant is *doqot*) originates from the relational marker meaning ‘instead of, because of, like’ (6.63). The marker is the functional extension of the noun *dokot* ‘(one’s) share, part’ (6.62). The initial *d-* seems to be the fossilized possessive morpheme used as a derivational element (cf. Vajda 2003: 15).

(6.62) *āb dəyət ū kas'nam*

āb dokot ū kas^{7-n²-am⁰}
 1SG.POSS share 2SG limb^{7-IMP²-take⁰}
 'Take my share!'

(6.63) *dejbuyəv'betin qurida kajga dəyət*

d{u}^{8-ēj⁷-bu⁶-k⁵-o⁴-l²-bed⁰-in⁻¹} qudi-da kajka dokot
 3⁸-kill.ANOM⁷-3SS⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-ITER⁰-AN.PL⁻¹ pike-F.POSS head because.of
 'They were fighting for/because of the pike's head.'

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

As a subordinator, *dokot* is used to code reason relations (6.64).

(6.64) *qibə āri ū tṗəəəbatkuyavet-dəyət ū as'ka't tanigi*

qib-o ād ū d{i}⁸-posobad⁷-ku⁶-k⁵-a⁴-bed⁰-dokot
 old.man-VOC 1SG 2SG 1⁸-help.RUS.ANOM⁷-2SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-make⁰-because.of
 ū askə'd t⁵-a⁴-n²-ki⁰
 2SG fairy-tale TH⁵-NPST⁴-IMP²-tell⁰
 'Grandfather, in return for my helping you, you tell a fairy-tale!'

(Werner 1997: 349)

6.2.1.1.12 The subordinator *dukde*

The subordinator *dukde* originates from the relational morpheme *dukde* 'during' which is etymologically derived from the spatial adjective *ukd(a)* 'long' with a fossilized possessive marker (cf. Georg 2007: 160). As a relational morpheme, *dukde* is similar to *daan* 'during', since it is used with temporal nouns and nouns denoting a natural phenomenon, as in (6.65).

(6.65) *sir'ukde*

si-dukde
 night-during
 'During the night'

As a subordinator, *dukde* is used to mark the simultaneity type of the temporal relations.

(6.66) *qima daukl'ivet-dugde dil'gat tɔl'damin*

qima da⁸-uk⁷-l²-bed⁰-dukde dilkad {du⁸}-t⁵-o⁴-l²-dam⁰-in⁻¹
 grandma 3F⁸-soup⁷-PST²-make⁰-while children 3⁸-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-sleep⁰-AN.PL⁻¹
 'While the grandmother was making soup, the children were sleeping.'

6.2.1.1.13 The subordinator *baŋ*

The subordinator *baŋ* is the only subordinator originating directly from a content noun. The original meaning of the noun *ba^ŋ* is 'ground, soil' (6.67), which has also become expanded to mean more general concepts like 'place' and 'time'; the latter meaning can usually be found only in set phrases like in (6.68).

(6.67) *bəgdəm baŋga tavut*

bokdom baŋ-ka t⁵-a⁴-b³-{q}ut⁰
 rifle ground-LOC TH⁵-NPST⁴-3N³-lie⁰
 'The rifle lies on the ground.'

(6.68) *tude baŋga āt tɔl'kət*

tude ba^ŋ-ga ād {di⁸}-t⁵-o⁴-l²-qut⁰
 this ground-LOC 1SG 1⁸-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-lie⁰
 'I was sleeping at that time' (Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

As a subordinator, *baŋ* can be used in locative (6.69) and temporal (6.70) adverbial clauses. Note that, in this case, such an adverbial clause is structurally identical to prenominal relative clauses with *baŋ* as a head noun (cf. 6.2.1).

(6.69) *hissejdiŋa hiblan'i dijaq, ajti qəj tajyε-baŋ*

hissej-di-ŋa hi bōn di⁸-aq⁰ ajti qəj t⁵-a⁴-ka⁰-baŋ
 forest-N-DAT yet NEG 1⁸-go⁰ evil bear TH⁵-NPST⁴-walk⁰-where
 'I still don't go to the forest, where the evil bear walks.' (Grišina 1979: 79)

(6.70) *qu²s' dugdɔvut-baŋ, ε²p dilunbet*

qu²s' d{i}⁸-ukd⁷-o⁴-b³-qut⁰-baŋ ε²b d{i}⁸-il⁷-o⁴-n²-bed⁰
 tent 1⁸-dig⁷-PST⁴-3N³-R⁰-when shovel 1⁸-small⁷-PST⁴-PST²-make⁰
 'When I was digging round the birch bark tent, I broke the shovel.'

6.2.1.2 Compound clause-final subordinators

Compound clause-final subordinators are defined here as one-word subordinators consisting of two or more morphemes whose etymology is more or less transparent. Most subordinators in this group represent a combination of a content noun and a relational morpheme, often referred to as ‘postpositional nouns’ in the previous treatments of Ket literature (cf. Šerer 1983).

6.2.1.2.1 The subordinator *kubka*

The form *kubka* represents a combination of the content noun *kub* ‘beak’ and the locative relational morpheme *ka*. It is a polyfunctional morpheme that can be used as an adverb with the meaning ‘before, ahead, at first’ (6.71) and as a postposition ‘in front of’ (6.72). In the latter case, it requires the presence of a possessive marker.

(6.71) *ād kupka bəyət*

ād kubka bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-d{en}⁰
 1SG before 1SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰
 ‘I go ahead.’

(6.72) *āb kupka keʔt əyətɪn*

āb kubka keʔd o⁶-k⁵-a⁴-den⁰
 1SG.POSS before person 3M⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰
 ‘A man walks in front of me.’

As a subordinator, *kubka* marks posteriority relations (6.73)

(6.73) *at qarʔe eŋɲuŋ bəyətɪnⁱ-kupka at qasʔeŋ kiʔ iŋgus^j thaptə*

ādqade eŋɲuŋ bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-den⁰-kubka
 1SG that house.PL 1SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰-before
 ād qasəŋ kiʔ iŋgus d{i}⁸-h⁵-a⁴-b³-to⁰
 1SG there new house 1⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-3N³-put⁰
 ‘Before I move to that village, I will build a house there.’ (Werner 1997: 350)

6.2.1.2.2 The subordinator *kika*

The subordinator *kika* originates from a combination of the noun *kī* ‘middle’ and the locative relational morpheme *-ka*. It can be used both as an adverb (6.74) and a postposition (6.75) with the meaning ‘in the middle’. Like many other Ket

postpositional morphemes, when used in this function, *kika* requires the possessive augment on the preceding noun (cf. 6.75).

(6.74) *tɔʔl tāt kiya usʲnɛ*

toʔl	tāt	kika	us ⁷ -n ² -a ⁰
table.RUS	straight	in.the.middle	R ⁷ -IMP ² -ACTIVE ⁰

‘Put the table straight in the middle.’ (Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

(6.75) *ʎamd kiya balʲtʲij ujbaxɔt*

lam-d	kika	baltij	uj ⁷ -b ³ -a ¹ -qut ⁰
table-3N.POSS	in.the.middle	box	R ⁷ -3N ³ -RES ¹ -lie ⁰

‘A box is situated in the middle of the table.’

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

When used as a subordinator, *kika* marks various type of temporal relations, like English *when*, for example, anteriority (6.76), as well as conditional relations (6.77).

(6.76) *ū kat qan̄gasetin-kiye abiŋa qan diksivisin*

ū{k}	kād	{du ⁸ }	-qan ⁷ -k ⁵ -a ⁴ -set ⁰ -in ⁻¹ -kika
2SG.POSS	children	3 ⁸ -big.PL ⁷ -TH ⁵ -NPST ⁴ -change ⁰ -AN.PL ⁻¹ -when	
ab-iŋa	qān	d{u}	⁸ -ik ⁷ -s ⁴ -(i)-bes ⁰ -in ⁻¹
1SG.POSS-DAT	OPT	3 ⁸ -here ⁷ -NPST ⁴ -move ⁰ -AN.PL ⁻¹	

‘When your children grow up, may they come to me.’ (Grišina 1979: 111)

(6.77) *bū ban əγɔtn-kiye ā bin bəγɔtn*

bū	bān	o ⁶ -k ⁵ -o ⁴ -den ⁰ -kika	ā{d}	bīn	bo ⁶ -k ⁵ -o ⁴ -den ⁰
3SG	NEG	3SG.M ⁶ -TH ⁵ -NPST ⁴ -go ⁰ -when	1SG	self	1SG ⁶ -TH ⁵ -NPST ⁴ -go ⁰

‘If he doesn’t come I will go myself.’ (Grišina 1979: 114)

6.2.1.2.3 The subordinator *qaka*

The morpheme *qaka* represents a combination of the noun *qa* ‘inside, home’ and the locative morpheme *ka*. It can function both as an adverb (6.78) and a postposition (6.79). Note that in the latter case it does not require the presence of the possessive marker on the noun it modifies.

(6.78) *bəgdəm iŋusdiŋa qaya at katn*

bokdom iŋus-diŋa qaka at katn
 rifle house-DAT inside PROH bring.IMP

‘Don’t bring the rifle to the house inside.’ (Grišina 1979: 92)

(6.79) *āb tʰq qaya iʰn uyʰnden*

āb tʰq qaka iʰn u⁶-k⁵-o⁴-n²-den⁰
 1SG.POSS finger inside needle 3N⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰

‘The needle went into my finger.’ (Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

As a subordinator *qaka* is, in many respects, similar to *kika* and marks various temporal relations, for example, anteriority (6.80) and conditional relations (6.81).⁸⁷

(6.80) *kāl̄ binəwt-qaya, āp hiʰp usʰka dímbeʰi*

kāl̄ b{in⁷-b³}-{n²}-qut⁰-qaka āb hiʰp uska di⁸-ik⁷-n²-bes⁰
 war self⁷-3N³-PST²-finish⁰-when 1SG.POSS son back 1⁸-here⁷-PST²-move⁰

‘When the war was over, my son went back home.’

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

(6.81) *isʰqə bəyət-qaya, kúŋa qá:ksaq*

isqo bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-d{en}⁰-qaka ku-ŋa {di⁸}-qa⁷-k⁵-s⁴-aq⁰
 fish. 1SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰-when 2SG-DAT 1⁸-inside⁷-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰

‘If I go fishing, I will come to you.’

6.2.1.2.4 The subordinator *baŋqone*

The subordinator (6.168) or *baŋqone* is the functional extension of the postposion with the meaning ‘until’. Etymologically, it is a combination of the noun *baʰŋ* ‘soil, place, time’ and the postposition *qon(e)* ‘up to’. Since there is no possessive marking between *baŋ* and *qon(e)*, this combination cannot be analyzed as a postpositional phrase (cf. 6.2.1.1.9). It also should be noted that, unlike *qon(e)*, the postposition

⁸⁷ Grišina (1979: 106-107) claims that the use of these two relational morphemes seem to depend on which one of the two moieties of Ket, Qéntan and Bógdiden, the speaker belongs to. Although historically these two groups lived together, the Qéntan group is traditionally associated with the Jelok and the Imbak rivers, i.e. Southern Ket settlements like Kellog, Verxneimbatsk, etc. The Bógdiden people are associated with the territories along the Podkamennaya Tunguska and the Baxta rivers, i.e. Southern Ket settlements like Sulomaj, Baxta, etc. (Werner 2006: 75-76). According to Grišina (1979: 107) the speakers she worked with that belonged to the Qéntan group used mostly *qaka*, whereas *kika* was mostly used by the representatives of the second group. Our primary language assistant, Valentina Romanenkova (nee Tyganova), belongs to the Qéntan moiety and prefers to use *qaka*, although she recognized the form *kika* as well.

(6.85) *ū abiņa diks'ibes'i-baņdiņa āt kis'aņ as diyedžq*

ū ab-iņa d{i}⁸-ik⁷-s⁴-bes⁰-baņdiņa ād kis'eņ as di⁸-k⁵-a⁴-dq⁰
 1SG 1SG.POSS-DAT 1⁸-here⁷-NPST⁴-move⁰-when 1SG here FUT 1SG⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-live⁰
 'I will be living here, until you come to me.' (Grišina 1979: 86)

(6.86) *tīp s'esč'ita baņdiņa, būņ tuniņa di:mesin*

tīb {du⁸}-ses⁷-o⁴-l²-ta⁰-baņdiņa bū-ņ tuniņa d{u}⁸-ik⁷-n²-bes⁰-in¹
 dog 3⁸-place⁷-PST⁴-PST²-be.in.position⁰-where 3-PL there 3⁸-here⁷-PST²-move⁰-AN.PL¹
 '[Up to] where the dog sat, [up to] there they came.'

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

6.2.1.2.6 The subordinator *qadika*

Unlike the etymology of the other subordinators in this subsection, the origin of *qadika* is rather non-transparent at the synchronic level. The only element that can be easily identified is the locative relational morpheme *-ka*, while the root morpheme *qadi* cannot function on its own. According to Werner (2002, II: 60), it originates from the Proto-Yeniseian adverbial root **qati-* /**qadi-* 'then, after'.

The form *qadika* is a polyfunctional one. It can function both as the adverb 'then' (6.87) and the postposition 'after' (6.88).

(6.87) *qáriga bū dč'n dčvinij*

qadika bū dč'n d{u}⁸-o⁴-b³-n²-ij⁰
 then 3SG knife 3⁸-PST⁴-3N³-PST²-sharpen⁰
 'Then he sharpened the knife.' (Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

(6.88) *úles'da qáriga aqtam*

ules-da qadika aqta-m
 rain-M after good-N.PRED
 'After the rain is nice.'

As a subordinator, *qadika* is used for marking the anteriority type of temporal relations (6.89).

(6.89) *qima qibasⁱ du nɔn-qarⁱiyɑ ātn b̄k ɛŋŋuŋdiŋta dɔliⁿ*

qima qib-as du⁸-n²-{q}o⁰-n¹-qadika,
 grandma grandfather-COM 3⁸-PST²-die⁰-AN.PL¹-after
 ātn b̄k ɛŋŋuŋ-di-ŋta d{u}⁸-o⁴-l²-{daq⁰}-in¹
 1PL other village-N-DAT 3⁸-PST⁴-PST²-live⁰-AN.PL¹

‘After grandmother and grandfather died, we lived in another village.’

(Werner 1997: 349)

6.2.1.2.7 The subordinator *asqa*

The etymology of the form *asqa* which functions as a postposition with the meaning ‘like, similar to’ is even less transparent than that of *qadika*. While it seems quite plausible to state that the meaning of the morpheme *as-* is related to the Ket postposition *ās* ‘like, similar to’ (cf. Georg 2007: 158), the meaning of the element *-qa* remains obscure.

When used as a postposition, *asqa* does not require the presence of the possessive marking on the preceding noun (6.90).⁸⁸

(6.90) *qɔjba:t kerⁱ asqa ɔyɔtnⁱ*

qoj-baad ke²d asqa o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-den⁰
 bear-old.man person like 3M⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰

‘The bear walks like a man.’ (Werner 1997: 312)

As a subordinator, *asqa* is used to encode manner relations (6.91).

(6.91) *bū bānⁱ tɔ²n dal³ʒveravet, āt l³ʒveravet-asqa*

bū bān tɔ²n da⁸-lobed⁷-a⁴-bed⁰
 3SG NEG so 3F⁸-work.RUS.ANOM⁷-NPST⁴-ITER⁰
 ād {di⁸}-lobed⁷-a⁴-bed⁰-asqa
 1SG 1⁸-work.RUS.ANOM⁷-NPST⁴-ITER⁰-like

‘She doesn’t work like I work.’

⁸⁸ Interestingly, the postposition *ās* which is the most likely source of *asqa* does require a possessive augment.

6.2.2 Clause-initial subordinators

Another source of subordinators in Ket, although for a rather small number of items, is the class of interrogative adverbs. However, it seems plausible to claim that the use of interrogative adverbs as subordinators in Ket is a calque from the Russian language in which it represents a common strategy. This claim can be further corroborated by the fact that only this small set of subordinators occurs clause-initially, whereas the other Ket subordinators are clause-final (the only exception being the native *eta qode*, see Section 6.2.2.3.1).

6.2.2.1 Simple one-word clause-initial subordinators

This subtype includes subordinators that occur clause-initially and represent either a single indivisible morpheme, or a combination of morphemes that is hard to etymologize.

6.2.2.1.1 The subordinator *biséŋ*

The subordinator *biséŋ* is the functional extension of the interrogative adverb *biséŋ* ‘where’. As can be seen from the examples below, the position of the adverb in a clause is rather free: it can be placed either in clause-initial position (6.92) or in immediately preverbal position (6.93).

(6.92) *āb doʔn biséŋam? biséŋ āt desómdaq?*

āb doʔn biséŋ-am biséŋ ād d{i}ʰ⁸-es⁷-o⁴-b³-n²-daq⁰
1SG.POSS knife where-N.PRED where 1SG 1⁸-up⁷-PST⁴-3N³-PST²-daq⁰

‘Where is my knife? Where did I put it?’ (Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

(6.93) *ū biséŋ kúyaraq?*

ū biséŋ ku⁸-k⁵-a⁴-daq⁰
2SG where 2⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-live⁰

‘Where do you live?’ (Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

As a subordinator, *biséŋ* marks locative relations (6.94). Note that in this case it always occurs in clause-initial position.

(6.94) *āt bōγɔn biséŋ deʔŋ dōlín*

ād	bo ⁶ -k ⁵ -o ⁴ -{n ² -de}n ⁰	biséŋ	deʔŋ	d{u} ⁸ -{k ⁵ }-o ⁴ -l ² -{daq ⁰ }-in ⁻¹
1SG	1SG ⁶ -TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -PST ² -go ⁰	where	people	3 ⁸ -TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -PST ² -live ⁰ -AN.PL ⁻¹

‘I went where people lived.’

6.2.2.1.2 The subordinator *bila*

Another simple clause-initial subordinator is *bila* ‘like’ which represents the functional extension of the interrogative adverb *bila* ‘how’. The position of this interrogative adverb in a clause is likewise rather free, as shown in examples (6.95)-(6.96).

(6.95) *bila ū kúyadaq?*

bila	ū	ku ⁸ -k ⁵ -a ⁴ -daq ⁰
how	2SG	2 ⁸ -TH ⁵ -NPST ⁴ -live ⁰

‘How do you live?’

(6.96) *bū bila desγɔliyin?*

bū	bila	d{u} ⁸ -es ⁷ -o ⁶ -k ⁵ -o ⁴ -l ² -ij ⁰ -in ⁻¹
3SG	how	3 ⁸ -R ⁷ -3M ⁶ -TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -PST ² -name ⁰ -AN.PL ⁻¹

‘How did they name him?’

In a subordinate clause, *bila* always assumes clause-initial position, as in (6.97). It is used to mark manner relations.

(6.97) *āt díbbet bila āb ōb dúbbet*

ād	di ⁸ -b ³ -bed ⁰	bila	āb	ōb	du ⁸ -b ³ -bed ⁰
1SG	1 ⁸ -3N ³ -make ⁰	how	1SG.POSS	father	3 ⁸ -3N ³ -make ⁰

‘I make it like my father makes it.’

6.2.2.2 Compound one-word clause-initial subordinators

This subtype clause-initial subordinators includes subordinators which consist of two or more morphemes with more or less transparent etymology.

6.2.2.2.1 The subordinator *aska*

The source of the subordinator *aska* is the interrogative adverb *aska* ‘when’. The etymology of the adverb is not entirely clear, but it seems fair to assume that it can be a combination of the interrogative pronoun *as* ‘what kind of’ and the locative relational marker *-ka*.

Like the other interrogative adverbs, *aska* has no obligatory position in a clause, as can be seen in (6.98) and (6.99).

(6.98) *ás/ka ū qīp kákiŋ?*

aska	ū	qīb	k{u}⁸-a⁴-q²-ej⁰
when	2SG	grandfather	2⁸-3M⁴-PST²-kill⁰

‘When did you kill the bear (lit. grandfather)?’

(6.99) *bu as/ka diks’ives’*

bū	aska	d{u}⁸-ik⁷-s⁴-bes⁰
3SG	when	3⁸-here⁷-NPST⁴-move⁰

‘When will he come?’ (Werner 1997: 72)

As a subordinator, *aska* is used to encode various kinds of temporal overlap relations like, for example, point coincidence in (6.100) and in (6.101).

(6.100) *at tən təlut askə ul’is’ qəmdax*

ād	to²n	{di}⁸-t⁵-o⁴-l²-{q}ut⁰	aska	ules	q⁵-o⁴-b³-n²-daq⁰
1SG	so	1⁸-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-lie⁰	when	rain	TH⁵-PST⁴-3N³-PST²-R⁰

‘I was lying this way, when the rain stopped.’ (Dul’zon 1971b: 126)

(6.101) *bu dimbes’ as/ka, atn s’es’diŋa dəŋətn’*

bū	d{u}⁸-i{k}⁷-n²-bes⁰	aska	ətn	ses-diŋa	dəŋ⁶-o⁴-den⁰
3SG	3⁸-here⁷-PST⁴-move⁰	when	2PL	river-DAT	2PL⁶-NPST⁴-go⁰

‘When he comes, we will go to the river.’ (Werner 1997: 72)

Interestingly, unlike the other clause-initial subordinators in Ket, the subordinator *aska* can in principle occur in clause-final position, as exemplified in (6.101). It seems plausible to assume that this can be accounted for by the presence of the locative relational morpheme *-ka* which can be used as a clause-final temporal subordinator and also forms several other clause-final temporal subordinators like

kika ‘when’, *qaka* ‘when’ and *qadika* ‘after’. At the same time it should be noted that examples with the clause-final *aska* are very infrequent in the Ket texts.

Another interesting fact to be mentioned is that the subordinator *aska* can cooccur with the aforementioned clause-final subordinators that encode similar type of temporal relations, as, for example, in (6.102).

(6.102) *as'ka tsijen-ka, ba:t is'na kajy'en kama des'kava*

aska d{u}⁸-sij⁰-en⁻¹-ka báád is-na kəjk-en kəma d{u}⁸-es⁷-k⁵-a⁴-b³-a⁰
 when 3⁸-eat⁰-AN.PL⁻¹-when old.man fish-AN.PL.POSS head-PL away 3⁸-up⁷-TH⁵-NPST⁴-3N³-R⁰
 ‘When they eat, the old man throws fishes’ heads away.’ (Grišina 1979: 49)

This can be accounted for by the fact that the use of interrogative adverbs in the function of subordinators represents a calque from the Russian language, which makes such pleonastical cooccurrence of the synonymous means, one of which is original (i.e. by a postpositional relational morpheme) and the other is borrowed (i.e. by an interrogative adverb), in one sentence quite possible.⁸⁹

6.2.2.3 Phrasal clause-initial subordinators

Phrasal subordinators are defined here as subordinators consisting of two or more words. The only phrasal subordinator in Ket is *eta qode* ‘as if’.

6.2.2.3.1 The subordinator *eta qode*

The subordinator *eta qode* represents the functional extension of the preposition *eta qode* ‘like, as’ which is the only prepositional relational morpheme in Ket (apart from the frequently used Russian borrowing *bes* ‘without’). The etymology of the preposition is rather obscure. Werner (2002, II: 93) cites examples in which it is shown that both *eta* and *qod(e)* can be used separately as prepositional elements conveying the meaning of ‘like, as’, as can be seen in example (7.25) (cf. also Section 7.2.3 for more discussion on *qode*).

⁸⁹ Another frequent example of pleonastical marking is the use of the borrowed Russian preposition *bes* ‘without’ with a noun marked by the caritive marker (the original means), for example, *bes oban* [bes ob-an without father-CAR] ‘without the father’.

Example (6.103) illustrates the prepositional function of *eta qode*.

(6.103) *tur'ε s'ul'εmam eta qor'ia s'ūl'*

ture sulem-am eta qode sūl
this red-3N.PRED as.if blood

‘This is red like blood.’ (Werner 1997: 348)

When used as a subordinator, *eta qode* marks manner relations, as exemplified in (6.104).

(6.104) *tajōbōn eta qor'ia ber'eta*

taj⁷-o⁴-b³-{q}on⁰ eta qode bed⁷-a⁴-ta⁰
cold⁷-PST⁴-3N³-become⁰ as.if snow⁷-NPST⁴-EXTEND⁰

‘It turned as cold as if snow is falling.’ (Werner 1997: 348)

6.3 Semantic types of adverbial relations

In this section, we will consider semantic types of adverbial relations in the Ket language and what morphosyntactic strategies they employ. As already mentioned in Section 6.1, adverbial relations can be divided into the following general semantic types: temporal, conditional, purpose, reason, locative and manner. They will be discussed in this order.

6.3.1 Temporal relations

As we outlined in Section 6.1, temporal relations can be divided into posteriority, overlap and anteriority relations. Many of the subordinators involved in temporal relations are capable of coding more than one type of these relations.

6.3.1.1 Posteriority relations

Posteriority in Ket is usually expressed with the help of the subordinator *kubka* ‘before’. It can be combined both with finite verb forms (6.105) and action nominals (6.106). Note that in the latter case the subordinator does not require the possessive marking on the preceding action nominal.

(6.105) *ke²t qu²s^j dubbet-kupka əŋneŋ haraŋistə*

ke²d qu²s du⁸-b³-bed⁰-kubka əŋn-eŋ {du⁸}-ha/d⁷-aŋ⁶-s⁴-to⁰
person tent 3⁸-3N³-make⁰-before pole-PL {3⁸}-cut/AC⁷-3AN.PL⁶-NPST⁴-R⁰

‘Before one sets a birchbark tent, he prepares (lit. cuts down) tent poles.’

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

(6.106) *aslenaŋas ejij-kubka, aslenaŋd ūl kama nara tij*

aslenaŋ-as ejij-kubka aslenaŋ-d ūl kama nada tij
 boat-COM go.ANOM-before boat-N.POSS water away need scoop.ANOM

‘Before going by boat, it is necessary to bail water out of the boat.’

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

The dependent clauses with *kubka* usually tend to precede the main clause, but they can be in principle placed after the main clause as well, see (6.107)-(6.108) with a finite clause and an action nominal, respectively.

(6.107) *həl'sij āt diŋa d.á:tkimna, āt həl'sijqitna-kupka*

həlsij ād di-ŋa d{i}⁸-əət⁷-k⁵-b³-n²-a⁰
 sew.ANOM 1SG 3SG.F-DAT 1⁸-visible⁷-TH⁵-3N³-PST²-MOM.TR⁰
 ād {di}⁸-həlsij⁷-q⁵-it⁴-n²-a⁰-kubka
 1SG 1⁸-sew.ANOM⁷-CAUS⁵-3F⁴-PST²-MOM⁰-before

‘I showed her how to sew, before I made her sew.’

(6.108) *kuš' ɔ:l bu dɔ:gdəp eiŋ qupkə*

qūs ɔ:l bū da⁸-o⁴-b³-n²-dob⁰ ejij-kubka
 one.N bottle 3SG 3F⁸-PST⁴-3N³-PST²-drink⁰ go.ANOM-before

‘She drank one bottle, before leaving.’ (Kotorova and Porotova 2000: 42).

In addition to *kubka*, posterior relations can also be expressed by constructions, both finite (6.109) and non-finite (6.110), marked with the purposive subordinator *esaj*. In this case, however, posterior relations are accompanied by a purposive secondary meaning, and the clause marked by *esaj* always precedes the main clause.

(6.109) *āt bɔγɔtn-esiaŋ, dul'ólidenj*

ād bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-den⁰-esaj d{i}⁸-ul⁷-o⁴-l²-d{i¹-k}aŋ⁰
 1SG 1SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰-TRANSL 1⁸-water⁷-PST⁴-PST²-1SG.SS¹-wash⁰

‘Before going, I washed myself.’

(6.110) *lɔvet-esiaŋ, sajdɔul'vet*

lobed-esaj {du⁸}-sajdo⁷-o⁴-l²-bed⁰
 work.RUS.ANOM-TRANSL 3⁸-tea.drink.ANOM⁷-PST⁴-PAST²-ITER⁰

‘Before working, he drank tea.’ (Belimov 1973: 24)

6.3.1.2 Overlap relations

The overlap relations attested in Ket can be subdivided into several subtypes. These include: simultaneity, terminal boundary and initial boundary.

6.3.1.2.1 Simultaneity relations

The coding of simultaneity in Ket involves the largest number of subordinators, four of which are dedicated to expressing only this type of adverbial relations. These are the subordinators *bes*, *ās*, *dukde* and *daan*. The main difference between them is that *bes* and *ās* are restricted to clauses that share the same-subject participant, while the other two can be used with the different-subject clauses.

Example (6.111) illustrates a finite simultaneity clause marked by *bes*. As we can see, the subject of the dependent verb is coreferent with the subject of the verb in the main clause.

(6.111) *bū dbil'e'li ɔyón'-bes'*

bū d{u}⁸-b³-l²-il⁰ o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{de}n⁰-bes
 3SG 3⁸-3N³-PST²-sing⁰ 3SG.M⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-go⁰-while
 'He sang walking.'

This subordinator can also be combined with an action nominal, as illustrated in (6.112).

(6.112) *kij-bes dilinqimna*

kij-bes d{u}⁸-ilij⁷-q⁵-b³-n²-a⁰
 tell-while 3⁸-eat⁷-CAUS⁵-3N³-PST²-MOM.TR⁰
 'While talking he began eating.' (Zinn 2006)

The other same-subject subordinator that codes simultaneity, *ās*, shows similar behaviour, cf. (6.113)-(6.114).

(6.113) *dīl' tīl'terabet-das' dákaqj*

dīl' {du}⁸-tīl⁷-a⁴-bed⁰-das' {du}⁸-daq⁷-aj⁰
 child 3⁸-bathe.ANOM⁷-NPST⁴-make⁰-while 3⁸-laugh.ANOM⁷-ACTIVE⁰
 'While bathing, the child is laughing.'

(6.114) *bū kaj-das' sùùl' dugdaptan*

bū kaj-das sùùl du⁸-u⁶-k⁵-d/a⁴-b³-tan⁰
 3SG travel.hunt.ANOM-while sled 3⁸-3N⁶-TH⁵-AT/NPST⁴-TH³-drag⁰
 ‘As he goes hunting, he drags the sled along’ (Zinn 2006).

The subordinator *dukde* is usually used when one needs to specify simultaneity between clauses with different subjects, as in (6.115) and (6.116). Although it can mark clauses that share the subject participant with the main clause, as in example (6.117), such cases are less frequent.

(6.115) *qíma daúk'livet-dugde dílgat tó'ldamin*

qíma da⁸-uk⁷-l²-bed⁰-dukde dílgat {du⁸}-t⁵-o⁴-l²-dam⁰-in⁻¹
 grandmother 3F⁸-soup⁷-PST²-make⁰-while children 3⁸-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-sleep⁰-AN.PL⁻¹
 ‘While the grandmother was making soup, the children were sleeping.’

(6.116) *ūl' es'aŋ digde'laq-dugde, tīp āb na'n' bīl'*

ūl-es'aŋ d{i⁸}-ik⁷-d⁵-l²-aq⁰-dugde tīp āb na'n {du⁸}-b³-l²-{a⁰}
 water-TRANSL 1⁸-here⁷-TH⁵-PST²-go⁰-while dog 1SG.POSS bread 3⁸-3N³-PST²-eat⁰
 ‘While I was going out for water, the dog ate my bread.’

(6.117) *bū etta óvilde-dugde, is'nan' dabér'uyò'lvbet*

bū et-da obilde-dukde isnan da⁸-bed⁷-u⁶-k⁵-o⁴-l²-bed⁰
 3SG alive-F.PRED be.PST-while fish.bread 3F⁸-make.ANOM⁷-3N⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-ITER⁰
 ‘While she was alive, she made fish pies.’

The subordinator *dukde* can be used with action nominals as well, as exemplified in (6.118). If the subject in the complement clause is different from the subject in the main clause, it is marked as a possessor (6.119)

(6.118) *hál'sej-dugd āt díbel*

hál'sej-dugde ād di⁸-b³-il⁰
 sew.ANOM-while 1SG 1⁸-3N³-sing⁰
 ‘While sewing I sang.’

(6.119) *āt díbel' ámd hál'sej-dugd*

ād di⁸-b³-il⁰ ām-d hál'sej-dugde
 1SG 1⁸-3N³-sing⁰ mother-F.POSS sew.ANOM-while
 ‘I was singing during mother’s sewing.’

The subordinator *daan* (*daqan* in Nothern Ket) is another dedicated simultaneity marker that can be used with both different-subject and same-subject clauses, cf. (6.120) and (6.121) respectively.

(6.120) *bū āt beʔk desʔkejqadda, āt lʔveravet-daan*⁹⁰

bū ād beʔk d{u}ʰ-eskejʷ-qʰ-a⁴-d{i}¹-da⁰
 3SG 1SG always 3ʰ-throw.ANOM⁷-CAUS⁵-NPST⁴-1SG¹-ITER.TR⁰
 ād {diʰ}⁸-lobed⁷-a⁴-bed⁰-daan
 1SG 1ʰ-work.RUS.ANOM⁷-NPST⁴-ITER⁰-while
 ‘He is always disturbing me, while I’m working’ (Grišina 1979: 29)

(6.121) *sújat āt háləŋʔnʰsaŋ-daan āt dbilʷelʷ*

sujad ād hələŋʷ-Ø⁶-o⁴-n²-saŋ⁰-daan ād d{i}ʰ⁸-b³-l²-il⁰
 dress 1SG sew⁷-3N⁶-PST⁴-PST²-R⁰-while 1SG 1ʰ-3N³-PST²-sing⁰
 ‘While I was sewing a dress, I was singing.’

Like *dugde*, the subordinator *daan* tends to be used with finite clauses, but it can also attach to an action nominal, as in (6.122).

(6.122) *but hálʷsej-daan āt dbilʷelʷ*

bū-d həlsej-daan ād d{i}ʰ⁸-b³-l²-il⁰
 3SG-F sew.ANOM-while 1SG 1ʰ-3N³-PST²-sing⁰
 ‘I was singing during her sewing.’

A rather interesting feature of these four dedicated subordinators, first noted in Grišina (1979: 131) for the finite *daan*-clauses (6.123), is that when the action or process described in the main clause occurs at a single point in time during the duration of the verbal action or process in the dependent one, the former tends to be expressed by a verb in the past tense, while the latter is in the present tense. Examples (6.123)–(6.126) show that it is also the case with the rest of the dedicated simultaneity subordinators.

⁹⁰ Repeated from example (6.61) above.

(6.123) *bīs ī dīnsut-daan taʔj bēj əγɔn*

bīs ī d{u}⁸-in⁷-s⁴-{q}ut⁰-daan taʔj bēj o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²-de}n⁰
 evening sun 3⁸-set⁷-NPST⁴-R⁰-while cold wind 3M⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰

‘In the evening, when the sun was setting (lit. is setting), a cold wind blew.’

(Grišina 1979: 132)

(6.124) *bū toʔj sésta-besʹ dónnedij*

bū toʔj {du}⁸-ses⁷-ta⁰-bes d{u}⁸-o⁴-n²-a¹-dij⁰
 3SG top 3⁸-place⁷-be.in.position⁰-while 3⁸-PST⁴-PST²-3SS¹-come⁰

‘He came sitting on the top.’ (Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

(6.125) *āt árʹenja dálttiŋ-das jéèl dímiyak*

āt aden-ka dā⁸-d{i}¹-tiŋ⁰-das jéèl di⁸-b³-{n²-b}ək⁰
 1SG forest-LOC 3N⁸-1SG¹-tum⁰-while berry 3⁸-3N³-PST²-find⁰

‘While I was wandering (lit. am wandering) in the forest, I found berries.’

(6.126) *bud bīsʹep dúncə, bū uyótn-dugde*

bū-d biseb d{u}⁸-o⁴-n²-qo⁰ bū u⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²-de}n⁰-dukde
 3SG-F sibling 3⁸-PST⁴-PST²-die⁰ 3SG 3F⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰-while

‘Her brother died while she was walking (lit. is walking).’

It should be noted that dependent clauses marked by *bes*, *ās*, *dukde* and *daan* can in principle both follow and precede the main clause.

In addition to the specific simultaneity subordinators, this type of adverbial relations can be coded by a number of more generic temporal subordinators. These include *ka*, *qaka*, *kika* and *aska*; their function in many respects is similar to that of ‘when’ in English. The simultaneity semantics of the temporal relation in this case is inferred from other information present in the two clauses like, for example, tense-aspect-modality of the clauses or the lexical-semantic specificity of the verbs (Givón 1993: 288).

The following examples illustrate the use of the subordinator *ka* in the coding of simultaneity relations.

(6.127) *ām dətəvət-ka, ətn unat dasqans'an*

ām da⁸-t⁵-a⁵-qut⁰-ka ətn unat d{i}⁸-asqan⁷-s²-a⁰-n⁻¹
 mother 3F⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-lie⁰-when 1PL quiet 1⁸-story.PL⁷-NPST²-speak⁰-AN.PL⁻¹
 ‘When mother is sleeping, we are speaking in hushed tones.’

(Grišina 1979: 48)

(6.128) *keʔt bəgdəm tannəlibet-ka, asselʔ əyən*

keʔd bokdom {du}⁸-tanno⁷-ø⁶-o⁴-l²-bed⁰-ka assel o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²-de}n⁰
 person rifle 3⁸-aim⁷-3N⁶-PST⁴-PST²-ITER⁰-when animal 3SG.M⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰
 ‘When the man was aiming (his) rifle, the animal went.’ (Grišina 1979: 49)

The dependent clauses marked by *ka* tend to be placed before the main clause, although there are a few examples in which the *ka*-clauses follow the main one.

Both *qaka* and *kika* behave similarly to *ka*. The examples below illustrate the use of these subordinators in simultaneity adverbial clauses.

(6.129) *itiŋ hi ʔratn-qaya a:ŋ uli dabrʔəp*

it-iŋ hi ad⁷-ø⁶-a⁴-den⁰-qaka ʔaŋ ūl d{i}⁸-a⁴-b³-dob⁰
 tooth-PL still hurt⁷-3N⁶-NPST⁴-go⁰-when hot water 1⁸-NPST⁴-3N³-drink⁰
 ‘When the teeth still hurt, I’m drinking hot water.’ (Grišina 1979: 90)

(6.130) *dilʔduksetin-qaya ulesʔ datpijaq*

{du}⁸-dil⁷-d⁵-o⁴-kset⁰-in⁻¹-qaka ules d{u}⁸-at⁷-b³-j²-aq⁰
 3⁸-dress⁷-TH⁵-PST⁴-R.PST⁰-AN.PL⁻¹-when rain 3⁸-pour⁷-3N³-PST²-MOM⁰
 ‘When we were dressing, it rained.’ (Grišina 1979: 95)

(6.131) *āt ʔoveravet-kīya, bū āt beʔk desʔkejqadda*

ād {dri⁸}-lobed⁷-a⁴-bed⁰-kika
 1SG 1⁸-work.RUS.ANOM⁷-NPST⁴-ITER⁰-when
 bū ād beʔk d{u}⁸-eskej⁷-q⁵-a⁴-d{i}¹-da⁰
 3SG 1SG always 3⁸-throw.ANOM⁷-CAUS⁵-NPST⁴-1SG.SS¹-ITER.TR⁰
 ‘When I’m working, he is always disturbing me’ (Grišina 1979: 109)

(6.132) *bun ʔbilʔdeʔeyin-kīya, bunna qa bisʔep daqaujaq*

bū-ŋ {du}⁸-b³-l²-dil⁰-ekin⁻¹-kika
 3-PL 3⁸-3N³-PST²-sing⁰-AN.PL⁻¹-when
 bu-ŋ-na qā biseb da⁸-qa⁷-o⁴-j²-aq⁰
 3-PL-AN.PL.POSS inside sibling 3F⁸-inside⁷-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰
 ‘When they were singing, the sister entered their house.’ (Grišina 1979: 110)

These subordinators can also be combined with action nominals to express simultaneity, as illustrated below.

(6.133) *átna úška éjij-ga qónijðbɔn*

ət-na uska ejij-ka qonij⁷-o⁴-b³-{q}on⁰
 1PL-POSS.PL back go.ANOM-LOC dark⁷-PST⁴-3N³-become⁰
 ‘When we were going back, it became dark.’

(6.134) *but hálʼsej-qaya āt dbilʼel*

bu-d hǎlsej-qaka ād di⁸-b³-il⁰
 3SG-F.POSS sew.ANOM-when 1SG 1⁸-3N³-sing⁰
 ‘When she was sewing I was singing.’

(6.135) *āt dbilʼel ámd hálʼsej-kiya*

ād di⁸-b³-il⁰ ām-d hǎlsej-kika
 1SG 1⁸-3N³-sing⁰ mother-F.POSS sew.ANOM-when
 ‘I was singing when (my) mother was sewing.’

Another generic temporal subordinator, *aska*, is also often used to code simultaneous relations. Like the subordinator *daan*, *aska* can be combined only with finite verbs. The *aska*-clauses can both follow and precede the main clause, as illustrated in (6.136) and (6.137), respectively.

(6.136) *sámʼla qímn dílgarasʼt tájanɣɔtin, áška búŋna tátɔn kájbaŋdiŋtaŋ*

samla qim-n dílkad-as d{u}⁸-t/a⁴-aŋ¹-qutn⁰
 some women-PL children-COM 3⁸-AT/NPST⁴-3AN.PL.SS¹-many.walk⁰
 aska bu-ŋ-na tátɔn káj-baŋ-di-ŋt-aŋ
 when 3-PL-AN.PL.POSS husband.PL hunt.ANOM-place-N.POSS-ADESS-AN.PL.PRED
 ‘Some women walk around with the kids, when their husbands are on the hunt.’

(6.137) *áška āt dísqɔðlʼgetin, qónijðbɔn*

aska āt d{i}⁸-isqo⁷-o⁴-l²-ked⁰-in⁻¹ qonij⁷-o⁴-b³-{q}on⁰
 when 1PL 1⁸-fish.ANOM⁷-PST⁴-PST²-ITER⁰-AN.PL⁻¹ dark⁷-PST⁴-3N³-become⁰
 ‘When we were fishing, it became dark.’

Since, as we already mentioned above, *aska* is a calque from the Russian language, it can co-occur with other subordinators that mark simultaneity. Example (6.138) illustrates the combination of *aska* and *daan*, while in example (6.139) we can see *aska* combined with *ka*.

(6.138) *aska dāḡənen-daan, tōluyən āslin*

aska	dəŋ ⁶ -{k ⁵ }-o ⁴ -n ² -{d}en ⁰ -daan	{di} ⁸ -t ⁵ -o ⁴ -l ² -oŋ ⁰ -n ¹	aslin
when	1PL ⁶ -TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -PST ² -go ⁰ -while	1 ⁸ -TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -PST ² -see ⁰ -AN.PL ¹	boat

‘When we were going, we saw a boat.’

(6.139) *aska būḡ əgəndən-ge, kaŋ hiŋaŋ esavut*

aska	bu-ŋ	o ⁶ -k ⁵ -o ⁴ -n ² -den ⁰ -ka	kəŋ	hi-bəŋ	es ⁷ -a ⁴ -b ³ -{q}ut ⁰
when	3-PL	3SG.M ⁶ -TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -PST ² -go ⁰ -when	dawn	still-NEG	up ⁷ -PST ⁴ -3N ³ -climb ⁰

‘When we were leaving, it has not dawned yet.’ (Dul’zon 1971b: 120)

6.3.1.2.2 Terminal boundary relations

There are two subordinators specifically dedicated to expressing the temporal boundary type of adverbial relations in Ket. They are *qone* (6.140) and *baŋqone* (6.141).

(6.140) *sūjat āt hālaŋəŋ’saŋ-qone āt bil’el*

sujad	ād	{di} ⁸ -həlaŋ ⁷ -o ⁴ -n ² -saŋ ⁰ -qone	ād	{di} ⁸ -b ³ -il ² -il ⁰
dress	1SG	1 ⁸ -sew ⁷ -PST ⁴ -PST ² -R ⁰ -until	1SG	1 ⁸ -3N ³ -PST ² -sing ⁰

‘I sang until I sewed the dress (i.e. finished sewing the dress).’

(6.141) *āt isoqəbaŋəkan, ū bimbaqət baŋqon*⁹¹

ād	isoqo ⁷ -ba ⁶ -k ⁵ -a ⁴ -qan ⁰	ū	bin ⁷ -b ³ -qut ⁰ -baŋqone
1SG	fish.ANOM ⁷ -1SG ⁶ -TH ⁵ -NPST ⁴ -INCH.NPST ⁰	strength	self ⁷ -3N ³ -finish ⁰ -until

‘I will be fishing until my strength is finished.’

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

Still, the most frequent way to code this type of relations is by using the subordinator *baŋdiŋa*.⁹² In this case, the clauses marked with *baŋdiŋa* usually follow the main clause as in (6.142).

⁹¹ Repeated from example (6.83) above.

⁹² As we already mentioned in Section 6.2.1.2.5, it is also used in locative relations, so it cannot be regarded as dedicated.

(6.142) *āt tunun dītəwət, ī daesawət-baḡdiḡa*

āḍ tunun di⁸-t⁵-a⁴-qut⁰ ī da⁸-es⁷-a⁴-qut⁰-baḡdiḡa
 1SG much 1⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-lie⁰ sun 3F⁸-up⁷-NPST⁴-lie⁰-when
 ‘I will be sleeping until the sun rises.’

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

Neither *baḡdiḡa* nor *baḡqone* and *qone* have been attested with action nominals to form temporal boundary relations.

It is also possible to express temporal boundary with the help of the generic subordinator *aska* and the negative particle *bān* (i.e. ‘while ... not’ = ‘until’), which is most likely a copy of the Russian construction *poka ... ne* ‘while ... not’. This construction is presented in (6.143).

(6.143) *āt tūnun tōluwut ūl'es' ás'ka bān óks'it*

āḍ tunun {di}⁸-t⁵-o⁴-l²-qut⁰ ules aska bān oksit
 1SG much 1⁸-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-lie⁰ rain when NEG finish
 ‘I was sleeping (that much) until the rain stopped.’

A similar construction involving the negative particle can be formed with *baḡdiḡa* as illustrated in (6.144). In this case, however, the *baḡdiḡa* clause usually precedes the main one.

(6.144) *u bəgdəm abiḡa bān ki:əbas baḡdiḡa, at dassunə bān' bəwət*

ū bokdom ab-iḡa bān k{u}⁸-i{k}⁷-u⁶-{k⁵}-bes⁰-baḡdiḡa
 2SG rifle 1SG.POSS-DAT NEG 2⁸-here⁷-3N⁶-TH⁵-move⁰-when
 āḍ d-assano bān bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-d{en}⁰
 1SG 3N-hunt.ANOM NEG 1SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰

‘I will not go hunting, until you bring me a rifle.’ (Grišina 1979: 89)

Example (6.145) illustrates that *aska* can be combined with *bandiḡa* as well.

(6.145) *tə'n s'ilen, ás'ka bān' il'aḡ bimbawut-baḡdiḡa*

tə'n {du}⁸-sij⁷-l²-a⁰-n¹ aska bān il'aḡ bin⁷-b³-qut⁰-baḡdiḡa
 so 3⁸-eat.ANOM⁷-PST²-ACTIVE⁰-AN.PL¹ when NEG eat.ANOM self⁷-3N³-finish⁰-until
 ‘And so they were eating until the food was finished.’

6.3.1.2.3 Initial boundary relations

Initial boundary relations are coded by the subordinator *diŋal* (sometimes shortened to *dil*) which is also used to mark reason relations (cf. 6.3.4). The *diŋal*-clauses usually tend to precede the main clause (6.146), although they can follow it as well (6.147).

(6.146) *āt kaʔj tajye-diŋal' āb qim beʔk qək keʔt qa da s'es'ita*

ād	kaʔj	t ⁵ -a ⁴ -ka ⁰ -diŋal					
1SG	hunt.ANOM	TH ⁵ -NPST ⁴ -walk ⁰ -ABL					
	āb	qīm	beʔk	qōk	keʔd	qā	da ⁸ -ses ⁷ -ta ⁰
	1SG.POSS	wife	always	one.AN	person	home	3F ⁸ -place ⁷ -be.in.position ⁰

‘From when I go hunting, my wife always sits home alone.’

(Grišina 1979: 35)

(6.147) *uyən qō sikŋ es'iŋa bənas' di:laq-diŋal'*

u ⁶ -k ⁵ -o ⁴ -{n ² -de}n ⁰	qō	sikŋ	es-diŋa	bənas	di ⁸ -l ² -aq ⁰ -diŋal
3SG.N ⁶ -TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -[PST ²]-go ⁰	ten	year.PL	forest-DAT	NEG	1 ⁸ -PST ² -go ⁰ -ABL

‘Ten years had passed, since when I didn’t go to the forest.’

(Grišina 1979: 32)

Action nominals combined with *diŋal* to express initial boundary have not been attested.

Finally, initial boundary relations can also be expressed with the help of the generic *aska* (6.148).

(6.148) *úyən' dōʔŋ qōgdən, áška qónes'ətəncəq āb bišep*

u ⁶ -k ⁵ -o ⁴ -{n ² -de}n ⁰	doʔŋ	qokde-n			
3SG.N ⁶ -TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -{PST ² }-go ⁰	three	autumn-PL			
	aska	qones ⁷ -a ⁶ -t ⁵ -o ⁴ -n ² -oq ⁰	āb	biseb	
	when	lost ⁷ -3SG.M ⁶ -TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -PST ² -become.PST ⁰	1SG.POSS	sibling	

‘Three years had passed since my brother got lost.’

6.3.1.3 Anteriority relations

The subordinator *qadika* is semantically specific to coding subsequence of events, i.e. anteriority relations. It can be combined both with finite verbs (6.149) and action nominals (6.150).

(6.149) *āp bis'ep dunc-qariga āt eloqdiŋa di:mbesin*

āb biseb du⁸-n²-{q}o⁰-qadika āt eloq-di-ŋa di⁸-{ik⁷}-n²-bes⁰-in¹
 1SG.POSS sibling 3⁸-PST²-die⁰-after 1PL E.-N-DAT 1⁸-here⁷-PST²-move⁰-AN.PL⁻¹
 ‘After my brother died, we moved to Eloguj.’

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

(6.150) *sajdo-r-qarga bis digbasolviŋn ispit de'ŋ*

sajdo-d-qadika bīs d{u}⁸-ikbes⁷-o⁴-I²-bed⁰-n¹
 tea.drink.ANOM-N.POSS-after evening 3⁸-come.ANOM⁷-PST⁴-PST²-ITER⁰-AN.PL⁻¹
 isbed de'ŋ
 meat.make.ANOM people
 ‘After drinking tea, in the evening, people came to cut meat.’

(Belimov 1973: 173)

The dependent clauses marked by *qadika* can also be found following the main clause, as in (6.151) and (6.152) below.

(6.151) *āt bil'el sūjat āmda hālaŋən'saŋ-qar'ya*

ād {di}⁸-b³-I²-il⁰ sujad ām da⁸-hālaŋ⁷-o⁴-n²-saŋ⁰-qadika
 1SG 1⁸-3N³-PST²-sing⁰ dress mother 3F⁸-sew⁷-PST⁴-PST²-R⁰-after
 ‘I sang after (my) mother sewed the dress.’

(6.152) *āt bil'el āmd hāl'sijt-qar'ya*

ād {du}⁸-b³-il²-il⁰ hālsij-d-qadika
 1SG 3⁸-3N³-PST²-sing⁰ mother-F.POSS sew.ANOM-N.POSS-after
 ‘I sang after mother’s sewing the dress.’

Note that unlike *kubka* ‘before’ and some other subordinators, *qadika* requires the presence of the possessive augment when it is used with an action nominal, as in (6.150) and (6.152).

The aforementioned generic subordinators *ka* (6.153), *qaka* (6.154), *kika* (6.155) and *aska* (6.156) can also be used to code subsequence of events. The subsequence semantics is inferred by the succession of clauses, which is iconic. The anteriority clauses marked by these subordinators always precede the main clause.

(6.153) *usəbən-ka kenəŋtu assen di:nbisin*

us⁷-o⁴-b³-{q}on⁰-ka ken-oŋ-tu assen d{u}⁸-i{k}⁷-n²-bes⁰-in⁻¹
 warm⁷-PST⁴-3N³-become⁰-LOC wing-PL-ADJ animal.PL 3⁸-here⁷-PST²-move⁰-AN.PL⁻¹
 ‘When it got warm, birds came flying.’ (Grišina 1979: 54)

(6.154) *qəja dakaj qaya, ab qəjbesi uɣən*

qəja d{i}⁸-a⁴-q²-ej⁰-qaka āb qəjbes u⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²-de}n⁰
 bear 1⁸-3SG.M⁴-PST²-kill⁰-when 1SG.POSS be.angry.ANOM 3N⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰
 ‘When I had killed the bear, my rage ceased.’ (Grišina 1979: 97-98)

(6.155) *bəgdəm dgajbukus kiya, assunəbayavan*

bokdom d{i}⁸-kaj⁷-b³-qos⁰-kika assano⁷-ba⁶-k⁵-a⁴-qan⁰
 rifle 1⁸-limb⁷-3N³-take⁰-when hunt.ANOM⁷-1SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-INCH.NPST⁰
 ‘When I buy a rifle, I will start hunting.’ (Grišina 1979: 110)

(6.156) *asika baŋqus bəʔk dəbil, báàt igde əɣən sʲennanə*

aska baŋqus bəʔk də⁸-b³-il²-{a}⁰
 when dugout fire 3N⁸-3N³-PST²-eat⁰
 báàd ikda o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²-de}n⁰ sen-na-ŋa
 old.man to.river 3M⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰ deer.PL-AN.PL.POSS-DAT
 ‘When the dugout had burned down, the old man went down to the reindeer.’
 (Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

Note that with the dedicated subordinator *qadika*, the order of clauses is not relevant to inferring the anteriority interpretation, cf. (6.149)-(6.152).

6.3.2 Conditional relations

Like many languages, Ket has no special subordinator to mark conditional relations. Instead, several temporal subordinators denoting temporal overlap relations are employed. Therefore conditional clauses in Ket are structurally similar to temporal ones. The subordinators used to code conditional relations are as follows: *ka*, *qaka*, *kika* and *aska*. When used with conditional clauses, these subordinators are mutually

interchangeable.⁹³ Although all of them, except *aska*, can attach to action nominals to form temporal clauses, no non-finite conditionals have been attested.

The following examples illustrate reality⁹⁴ conditional clauses in Ket.

(6.157) *bū ɔγɔt-ka āt bān kastivus*⁹⁵

bū o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-d{en}⁰-ka ād bān {du⁸}-kas⁷-di¹-qos⁰
 3SG 3SG.M⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰-LOC 1SG NEG {3⁸}-limb⁷-1SG¹-take⁰
 ‘If/when he leaves, he won’t take me.’ (Grišina 1979: 58)

(6.158) *isʲɔɔ bɔγɔt-qaya kūŋa qáksax*

isqo bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-d[en]⁰-qaka ku-ŋa {di⁸}-qa⁸-k⁵-s⁴-aq⁰
 fish.ANOM 1SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰-when 2SG.POSS-DAT {1⁸}-inside⁷-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰
 ‘If/when I go hunting, I will come to you.’

(6.159) *bū bān ɔγɔtn-kijε ā bin bɔγɔtn*⁹⁶

bū bān o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-den⁰-kika ā{d} bīn bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-den⁰
 3SG NEG 3SG.M⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰-when 1SG self 1SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰
 ‘If/when he doesn’t come I will go myself.’ (Grišina 1979: 114)

(6.160) *ásʲka ū bānʲ kiksibesʲ ɔt ū sáŋbet dɔŋát*

aska ū bān k{u}⁸-ik⁷-s⁴-bes⁰ ɔt ū sáŋbet dɔŋ⁶-{k⁵}-a⁴-den⁰
 when 2SG NEG 2⁸-here⁷-NPST⁴-move⁰ 1PL 2SG search.ANOM 2PL⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰
 ‘If/when you don’t come, we will go looking for you.’

As we can see, these reality conditionals are structurally the same as the corresponding temporal overlap clauses (cf. 6.3.1.2).

Hypothetical conditionals, i.e. those expressing an imaginary situation of middle-probability, require the presence of the optative particle *qān* immediately before a finite verb in the dependent (protasis) clause. Note that the verb in the dependent clause is always in its preterite form, while in the main clause, the verb remains in the present tense.

⁹³ The only exception might be *kika* which is not attested with predictive conditionals. But it can be simply accounted to the lack of relevant data, since our language consultants preferred to use *ka* and *qaka* for all types conditional relations (cf. footnote 85), rather than to some structural or semantic constraint.

⁹⁴ In the sense of Givón (1990: 829).

⁹⁵ Repeated from example (6.49) above.

⁹⁶ Repeated from example (6.77) above.

(6.161) *bīs' bān' qān kimes'i-ka, ātn ūk s'ajbet dajāt*

bīs bān qān k{u}⁸-i{k}⁷-n²-bes⁰-ka ətn ūk saɲbed dəŋ⁶-a⁴-d{en}⁰
 evening NEG OPT 2SG⁸-here⁷-PST²-move⁰-LOC 1PL 2SG seek 1PL⁶-NPST⁴-go⁰
 'If, say, you don't come in the evening, we will go to seek for you.'

(6.162) *bū qān ýçn-qaya, āt bān bçyót*

bū qān o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-n²-{den⁰}-qaka ād bān bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-den⁰
 3SG OPT 1SG⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰-when 1SG NEG 1SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰
 'If, say, he goes, I will not go.'

(6.163) *aska bū qān dabil', āt bū djej*

aska bū qān da⁸-b³-l²-{a⁰} ād bū d{i}⁸-i⁴-ej⁰
 when 3SG OPT 3F⁸-3N³-PST²-eat⁰ 1SG 3SG 1⁸-3F⁴-kill⁰
 'If she, say, eats it, I will kill her.'

Conditionals that refer to unreal situations, i.e. counterfactual ones, are formed with the help of the irrealis particle *sīm*. The particle is inserted immediately before the verb in the preterite form in both the main and the dependent clause.

(6.164) *qónoks' āt kápkán bān' sīm qónes'ünbet-ka, éñqəŋ kəxén sīm dakástitnem*

qonoks ād kápkán bān sīm qones⁷-u⁶-n²-bed⁰-ka
 yesterday 1SG trap NEG IRR lost⁷-3N⁶-PST²-make⁰-LOC
 enqəŋ kəxən sīm da⁸-kas⁷-tit⁴-n²-am⁰
 today fox IRR 3N⁸-limb⁷-3F⁴-PST²-take⁰
 'If I hadn't lost my trap yesterday, it would have taken a fox today.'

(6.165) *ū sīm ki mbes'i-qaya, ātn sīm t-s'ajdçyçl'betin*

ū sīm k{u}⁸-i{k}⁷-n²-bes⁰-qaka ətn sīm d{u}⁸-sajdo⁷-k⁵-o⁴-l²-bed⁰-in¹
 2SG IRR 2SG⁸-here⁷-PST²-move⁰-when 1PL IRR 3⁸-tea.drink⁷-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-ITER⁰-AN.PL¹
 'If you had come, we would have drunk tea.' (Werner 1997: 350)

(6.166) *abij çp sim bilde-kijçe, āt daŋa sim bçyçn qus'tiŋa*

ab-iŋa ōb sīm obilde-kika
 1SG.POSS-DAT father IRR to.be.PST-when
 ād da-ŋa sīm bo⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²-de}n⁰ qus-di-ŋa
 1SG M-DAT IRR 1SG⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰ tent-N-DAT
 'If I had a father, I would go to him in the tent.' (Grišina 1979: 115)

(6.167) *āt s'ūj s'īm itpar'em⁹⁷ ás'ka, āt s'īm t-tíl'terǎl'bet*

ā́d s'ū́j s'ī́m it⁷-ba⁶-d{i}¹-am⁰ ā́d s'ī́m d{i}⁸-tilted⁷-o⁴-l²-bed⁰
 1SG swim IRR know⁷-1SG⁶-1SG.SS¹-R⁰ 1SG IRR 1⁸-bathe⁷-PST⁴-PST²-ITER⁰
 'If I could swim, I would bathe.'

6.3.3 Purpose relations

Purpose relations in Ket are usually expressed by the action nominal, either in an unmarked form (6.168) or in combination with the subordinator *esaj* (6.169). The unmarked form is used only with motion verbs, expressing a purpose or goal.

(6.168) *bū qóres' isqo ɔyón*

bū qodes isqo o⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²-de}n⁰
 3SG yesterday fish.ANOM 3M⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰
 'He went to fish yesterday.'

(6.169) *ámd hǎlsij-esaj āt kil'aŋ díyunus*

am-d hǎlsij-esaj ā́d kilaŋ d{i}⁸-ik⁷-u⁴-n²-bes⁰
 mother-3F.POSS sew.ANOM-TRANSL 1SG thread.PL 1⁸-here⁷-3N⁴-PST²-move⁰
 'I brought threads for mother to sew.'

When the subject of the dependent clause coded by the action nominal is different from the subject of the main clause, it is expressed as a possessor, cf. (6.169) above in which the subject of *hǎlsij* 'to sew' is expressed by the possessive noun phrase *ámd* 'mother's'.

The subordinator *esaj* can also be attached to a finite purpose clause, but this strategy seems to be less frequent.

(6.170) *būŋ muzej-aŋdiŋa tajaŋgətn istor'ija aqta itaŋl'iam-es'aŋ⁹⁸*

bū-ŋ muzej-aŋ-di-ŋa {du⁸}-t⁵-a⁴-aŋ¹-qutn⁰
 3-PL museum.RUS-PL-N-DAT 3⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-3PL.SS¹-many.walk⁰
 istor'ija aqta it⁷-aŋ⁶-l²-am⁰-esaj
 history.RUS good know⁷-3AN.PL⁶-PST²-R⁰-TRANSL
 'They visit museums in order to know history well.'

⁹⁷ As we already mentioned in Chapter 2, this verb is irregular; it does not distinguish between past and non-past forms.

⁹⁸ Repeated from example (6.53) above.

Another frequent way to express purpose relations in Ket is by juxtaposition of two finite clauses, in which the purposive one contains the verbal particle *qān* with the optative meaning (6.171).

(6.171) *túnʲe dúmn dēsijγin, kīrʲ tām qānʲ dútɔʁɔt*

tu-ne dum-n d{u}⁸-es⁷-ij⁰-in⁻¹ ki-d tām qān du⁸-t⁵-a⁴-qut⁰
 this-AN.PL bird-PL 3⁸-shout⁷-ACTIVE⁰-PL⁻¹ this-M INDEF OPT 3⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-lie⁰

‘These birds are singing (lit. are shouting), so that this one would sleep.’

The purposive meaning of the clause with *qān* can be reinforced by the use of the subordinator *esaŋ*, as in (6.172).

(6.172) *āt dúpte dómne ōk qān dakásaxɔs-esaŋ*

ād dubta d{i}⁸-o⁴-b³-n²-a⁰ ōk qān da⁸-kas⁷-a⁴-qos⁰-esaŋ
 1SG samolov 1⁸-PST⁴-3N³-PST²-put⁰ sterlet OPT 3N⁸-limb⁷-3M⁴-take⁰-TRANSL

‘I put a samolov (a.k.o. fishing device), in order to catch a sterlet (lit. so that it would take a sterlet)’

Intent or purpose can be in principle expressed by juxtaposition without using the particle *qān*, but this strategy, like the one with unmarked action nominal, seems to be limited to motion predicates. In this case, the purpose clause always follows the main clause, as exemplified in (6.173).

(6.173) *āt ɔska dəŋɔnʲ deŋnal kasəŋɔnʲin tap*

āt uska dəŋ⁶- {k⁵} -o⁴- {n²-de} n⁰
 2PL back 2PL⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰
 deŋ-na- {ŋa} l {di⁸} -kas⁷-ɔŋ⁴-qus⁰-nin⁻¹ tāb
 people-AN.PL-ABL 1⁸-limb⁷-3AN.PL⁴-take⁰-AN.PL⁻¹ dog.PL

‘We went back in order to take dogs from the people.’

(Kotorova and Porotova 2001: 64)

Grišina (1979: 42) also provides an instance of a purposive construction involving the subordinator *dita*, which is usually used to code reason relations (see 6.3.4 below).

(6.174) *iŋqusⁱ dibbet-dita āt l'ésdiŋalⁱ a^ʔq ttáŋùksibet⁹⁹*

iŋqus di⁸-b³-bed⁰-dita ād les-diŋal a^ʔq d{i}⁸-taŋ⁷-u⁶-k⁵-s⁴-bed⁰
 house 1⁸-3N³-make⁰-BEN 1SG forest-ABL wood 1⁸-drag.ANOM⁷-3SG.N⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-ITER⁰
 'To build a house I bring wood from the forest.'

In order to negate the non-finite purpose clause, the negative particle *bān* is used. It is inserted before the negated action nominals, as in (6.175).

(6.175) *āt kilan kama diyunus amd bān halsij-esan*

ād kilan kama d{i}⁸-ik⁷-u⁴-n²-bes⁰
 1SG thread.PL away 1⁸-here⁷-3N⁴-PST²-move⁰
 am-d bān halsij-esan
 mother-3F.POSS NEG sew.ANOM-TRANSL
 'I took the threads away for mother not to sew.'

Negation of the finite purpose clauses is usually performed by the combination of the prohibitive particle *āt* and the optative particle *qān* (often contracted to *atīn*), as illustrated in (6.176).

(6.176) *a^ʔq ŋn thándo, ánuksⁱ āt qān dávas'a*

a^ʔq ŋn d{i}⁸-ha⁷-n²-do⁰ anuks āt qān d{i}⁸-aqas⁷-a⁰
 wood many 1⁸-perpendicular⁷-PST²-cut⁰ tomorrow PROH OPT 1⁸-cut.wood⁷-ACTIVE⁰
 'I chopped more wood in order not to chop it tomorrow.'

6.3.4 Reason relations

The most common way to form adverbial clauses expressing reason relations (often referred to as causal clauses) is by using the following subordinators: ablative *diŋal* (6.177), adessive *diŋta* (6.178) and benefactive *dita* (6.179). The reason clauses marked by these subordinators can either precede or follow the main clause.

(6.177) *bū dútakot búda ū bínɔkɔt-diŋalⁱ*

bū du⁸-t⁵-a⁵-qut⁰ bu-da ū b{in}⁷-{b³}-in²-{q}ut⁰-diŋal
 3SG 3⁸-TH⁵-NPST⁴-lie⁰ 3SG-M.POSS strength self⁷-3N³-PST²-finish⁰-ABL
 'He is lying, because he is tired (lit. his strength is finished).'

⁹⁹ Repeated from example (6.45) above.

(6.178) *bure ū binət-dijti baŋlərən*¹⁰⁰

bude ū b{in}⁷-{b³}-n²-{q}ut⁰-dijt {du⁸}-baŋ⁷-l²-adon⁰
 his strength self⁷-3N³-PST²-finish⁰-ADESS 3⁸-ground⁷-PST²-fall⁰

‘He fell down, because he is tired (lit. his strength is finished).’

(Grišina 1979: 40)

(6.179) *bū ūl' bən' dábɔp das'ēŋ ar'at-dita*

bū ūl bən d{u}⁸-a⁴-b³-dob⁰ da-sēŋ ad⁷-a⁴-d{en}⁰-dit
 3SG water NEG 3⁸-NPST⁴-3N³-drink⁰ M.POSS-liver be.sick⁷-NPST⁴-go⁰-BEN

‘He doesn’t drink vodka, because his liver hurts.’

The dependent clauses marked by the adessive subordinator *dijta* (6.180) and the benefactive subordinator *dita* (6.181) can also express the notion of motivation, rather than direct reason/cause for the action of the participant in the main clause. In this case, the dependent clause always precedes the main clause, and the verb in the main clause is often in the imperative mood. This semantic nuance cannot be expressed with the help of the ablative subordinator *dijal*.

(6.180) *āt aqta dasqans'a-dijt ū abiŋa aqta kiil'get*

ād aqta d{i}⁸-asqan⁷-s⁴-a⁰-dijt
 1SG good 1SG⁸-story.PL⁷-NPST⁴-speak⁰-ADESS
 ū ab-iŋa aqta ki⁷-a⁴-l²-ked⁰
 2SG 1SG.POSS-DAT good price⁷-NPST⁴-IMP²-make⁰

‘For my good speaking, you pay me well!’ (Grišina 1979: 41)

(6.181) *bū īs díɣənbəs-dit ād bū na'n dóbrijaq*

bū īs d{u}⁸-ik⁷-Ø⁶-o⁴-n²-bes⁰-dit
 3SG fish 3⁸-here⁷-3N⁶-PST⁴-PST²-move⁰-BEN
 ād bū na'n d{i}⁸-o⁶-b³-dij²-aq⁰
 1SG 3SG bread 1⁸-3SG.M⁶-3N³-PST²-give⁰

‘For his bringing fish, I gave him bread.’

In addition to *dijta* and *dita*, the motivational semantics of reason relations can be expressed by means of the subordinator *dokot*. This subordinator is restricted to this function only; it cannot be used to express direct reason/cause like in (6.177)-

¹⁰⁰ Repeated from example (6.42) above.

(6.178) above. Likewise, the dependent clause marked by *dokot* always precedes the main clause.

(6.182) *qibɔ̄ ārʲi ū tɔsɔbatkuyavet-dəγɔt ū asʲkʌʲt tanʲiɡi*¹⁰¹

qib-o ād ū d{i}ʲ⁸-posobad⁷-ku⁶-k⁵-a⁴-bed⁰-dokot
 old.man-VOC 1SG 2SG 1SG⁸-help.RUS.ANOM⁷-2SG⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-make⁰-for
 ū askəd t⁵-a⁴-n²-kij⁰
 2SG fairy-tale TH⁵-NPST⁴-IMP²-tell⁰

‘Grandfather, for my helping you, you tell a fairy-tale!’ (Werner 1997: 349)

(6.183) *āt kuŋa dawasʲa-dəγɔt, ɪn lɛmij āt kajbusus*

ād ku-ŋa d{i}ʲ⁸-aqas⁷-a⁰-dokot
 1SG 2SG.POSS-DAT 1⁸-cut.wood⁷-ACTIVE⁰-for
 ɪn lem-ij ād {di}ʲ⁸-kaj⁷-b³-qos⁰
 two plank-PL 1SG 1⁸-limb⁷-3N³-take⁰

‘For my cutting wood for you, I will take two planks.’

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

In addition to finite verbs, the motivational type of reason relations can be formed with the help of action nominals, as illustrated below.

(6.184) *āb hʌlsij-dijtan ū āviŋa kiʲalʲet*

āb hʌlsij-dijtan ū ab-iŋa ki⁷-k⁵-a⁴-l²-ked⁰
 1SG.POSS sew-ADESS 2SG 1SG.POSS-DAT price⁷-TH⁵-NPST⁴-IMP²-make⁰

‘For my sewing, you pay me!’

(6.185) *qat hʌlʲeʲ-dit ūg abiŋa ɪsʲ iγɔnɔsʲ*

qaʲd hʌlsij-dit ūk ab-iŋa ɪs ik⁷-o⁴-n²-{q}os⁰
 parka sew.ANOM-BEN 2SG 1SG.POSS-DAT fish here⁷-PST⁴-IMP²-take⁰

‘For sewing parka, you bring me fish!’ (Grišina 1979: 45)

(6.186) *āb hʌlsij-dəγɔt kiʲalʲet*

āb hʌlsij-dokot ki⁷-k⁵-a⁴-l²-ked⁰
 1SG.POSS sew.ANOM-for price⁷-TH⁵-NPST⁴-IMP²-make⁰

‘For my sewing, pay!’

The use of action nominals to express direct reason/cause relations is not attested.

¹⁰¹ Repeated from example (6.64) above.

6.3.5 Locative relations

There are several ways to express locative relations in Ket; they involve both clause-final and clause-initial subordinators.

The clause-final subordinators that are used to code locative relations include *diŋa*, *diŋta*, *baŋ* and *baŋdiŋa*. The subordinators *diŋa* (6.187) and *diŋta* (6.188) usually require the presence of a correlative adverb with locative semantics like *tuneŋa* ‘(to) there’, *tuntan* ‘(to) there’, *qaseŋ* ‘there’, etc. in the main clause. The locative clauses marked by these subordinators are always finite and they tend to precede the main clauses.

(6.187) *qè aʔq dutanⁱ-diŋa tunⁱiŋa bũŋ di mbesⁱin*

qè	aʔq	du ⁸ -t ⁵ -a ⁰ -n ⁻¹ -diŋa		
big	trees	3 ⁸ -TH ⁵ -stand ⁰ -AN.PL ⁻¹ -DAT		
	tuniŋa	bũ-ŋ	d{i} ⁸ -i{k} ⁷ -n ² -bes ⁰ -in ⁻¹	
	there	3-PL	3 ⁸ -here ⁷ -PST ² -move ⁰ -AN.PL ⁻¹	

‘To where the big trees stand, (to) there they came.’ (Werner 1997: 353)

(6.188) *dilʔgat tɔʔdamn-diŋt tuniŋa desɔmdaq*

dilkad	t ⁵ -o ⁴ -l ² -dam ⁰ -n ⁻¹ -diŋt	tuniŋa	d{a} ⁸ -es ⁷ -o ⁴ -b ³ -n ² -daq ⁰
children	TH ⁵ -PST ⁴ -PST ² -lie ⁰ -AN.PL ⁻¹ -ADESS	there	3F ⁸ -up ⁷ -PST ⁴ -3N ³ -PST ² -throw ⁰

‘She put it there, where the children were sleeping.’ (Grišina 1979: 39)

The inherent semantics of these subordinators (dative and adessive, respectively) plays an important role in the semantics of the locative clauses they form. Thus, the dependent clauses marked by *diŋa* underline the locative goal of motion and therefore are mostly used with a motion verb in the main clause. The *diŋta*-clauses simply specify the location where the action or process described by the verb in the dependent clause takes place; therefore they are never used with motion verbs in the main clause (but see (6.194) below where this semantic constraint is overridden).

Like the temporal clauses described above, a locative clause formed with the help of *baŋ* is structurally similar to prenominal relative clauses, as can be seen in (6.189). Note that it always precedes the main clause and obligatorily requires the presence of a correlate in the form of the locational adverb *sóðŋ* ‘there’.

(6.189) *bat dɔl'daq-baŋ, aq s'ɔŋ dɔl'iaŋtin*

báàd d{u}⁸-o⁴-l²-daq⁰-baŋ a²q sóòŋ d{u}⁸-o⁴-l²-aŋ¹-tij⁰-n¹
 old.man 3⁸-PST⁴-PST²-live⁰-where tree.PL there 3⁸-PST⁴-PST²-3AN.PL¹-grow⁰-AN.PL¹
 'Where the old man lived, there trees grew.' (Grišina 1979: 78)

The use of the subordinator *baŋdiŋa* in coding locative relations is similar to that of *dina*, i.e. the locative clauses marked by *baŋdiŋa* specify the goal of the motion predicate in the main clause. The locative *baŋdiŋa*-clauses are always finite. They can both precede and follow the main clause.

(6.190) *qim qɔnaŋd ʌ:tkɛ s'ɛs'ɔl'te-baŋdiŋa, tuntan bu bɔk tel'qimne*

qīm qon-aŋ-d ɔ:tka {da}⁸-ses⁷-o⁴-l²-ta⁰-baŋdiŋa
 woman fir.branch-PL-N.POSS on.the.surface 3F⁸-place⁷-PST⁴-PST²-be.in.position⁰-where
 tuntan bū bɔ'k {du}⁸-tel⁷-q⁵-b³-n²-a⁰
 there.to 3SG fire 3⁸-push⁷-CAUS⁵-3N³-PST²-MOM⁰
 'To where the woman on the fir branches was sitting, there he pushed the fire.'
 (Grišina 1979: 83)

(6.191) *bu tuntan dejtul'ɔt, ʌtta asl'inin us'bil'den-baŋdiŋa*

bū tuntan d{u}⁸-ɛj⁷-t⁵-o⁴-l²-ɔt⁰ ʌtta aslin-in us⁷-b³-l²-den⁰-baŋdiŋa
 3SG there.to 3⁸-R⁷-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰ 2PL.POSS boat-PL R⁷-3N³-PST²-R⁰-where
 'He ran there, where our boats stood.' (Grišina 1979: 84)

The clause-initial subordinators coding locative relations are *biséŋ* (6.192) and *biltan* (6.193). Since they originate from the corresponding interrogative adverbs, their use as subordinators can be attributed to the strong Russian influence. The locative clause they mark tend to follow the main clause. The main clause may contain an adverbial correlate as in example (6.191), but it is not obligatory.

(6.192) *bū ɔɣ'ɔt, biséŋ de'ŋ dásɔnnavetin*

bū ɔ⁶-k⁵-o⁴-d{en}⁰ biséŋ de'ŋ d{u}⁸-asson⁷-a⁴-bed⁰-in¹
 3SG 3M⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-go⁰ where people 3⁸-hunt.ANOM⁷-NPST⁴-ITER⁰-AN.PL¹
 'He is going (to the place) where people are hunting.'

(6.193) *uyón tún'tani, biltani dés'taŋ búŋsuxɔn*

u⁶-k⁵-o⁴-{n²-de}n⁰ tuntan biltan destan d{u}⁸-bu⁶-ŋ⁵-s⁴-qo⁰-n¹
 3F⁶-TH⁵-PST⁴-PST²-go⁰ there.to where.to eye.PL 3⁸-3SS⁶-TH⁵-NPST⁴-search.for⁰-AN.PL¹
 '(She) went there, where the eyes are looking for.'

(Kotorova and Nefedov, forthcoming)

As we already pointed out in the discussion of the subordinator *aska* (cf. 6.2.2.2.1), the clause-initial subordinators originating from the interrogative adverbs are often redundantly used to mark dependent clauses that already contain a clause-final one. Consider the examples below in which locative relations are expressed via the combination of *bis'éŋ* with *dinŋa* (6.194) and *baŋdiŋa* (6.195).

(6.194) *būŋ di mbeš'in, bis'ēŋ buda qīm qus't ʌ:t das'es'te-dinŋa*

bū-ŋ d{i}⁸-i{k}⁷-n²-bes⁰-in¹
 3-PL 3⁸-here⁷-PST²-move⁰-AN.PL¹
 bis'éŋ bu-da qīm qus-d áəð da⁸-ses⁷-ta⁰-dinŋa
 where 3SG-M.POSS woman tent-N.POSS on.the.surface 3F⁸-place⁷-be.in.position⁰-ADESS
 ‘They came where his wife is sitting on a birch-bark tent.’ (Werner 1997: 354)

(6.195) *qasʲ tuniŋa dil'əq, bis'ēŋ ʌt l'əverə'l'betin baŋdiŋa*

qa-sʲ tuniŋa d{u}⁸-l²-aq⁰
 big-NMLZ there.to 3⁸-PST²-go⁰
 bis'éŋ ət {di}⁸-lobed⁷-o⁴-l²-bed⁰-in¹-baŋdiŋa
 where 1PL 1⁸-work.RUS.ANOM⁷-PST⁴-PST²-ITER⁰-AN.PL¹-where
 ‘The chief went there, where we were working.’ (Grišina 1979: 84)

6.3.6 Manner relations

Adverbial relations of manner are usually introduced by the specific subordinators *asqa* (6.196) and *eta qoda* (6.297).

(6.196) *būŋ tə'n duŋi-ni, ēn bil'de de'ŋ duŋi-ni-asqa*

bū-ŋ to'n du⁸-k⁵-{daq⁰}-in¹ ēn bil'de de'ŋ du⁸-k⁵-{daq⁰}-in¹-asqa
 3-PL so 3⁸-TH⁵-live⁰-AN.PL¹ now all people 3⁸-⁵-live⁰-AN.PL¹-like
 ‘They live the same way that all humans live now.’ (Werner 1997: 351)

(6.197) *tájəbən éta qó'ria bérés' qām dátpaq*

taj⁷-o⁴-b³-{q}on⁰ eta qoda bedes qām d{u}⁸-at⁷-b³-aq⁰
 cold⁷-PST⁴-TH³-become⁰ as.if snow.weather soon 3⁸-pour⁷-3³-ACTIVE⁰
 ‘It has become cold as if it will snow soon.’

Dependent clauses marked by *eta qoda* and *asqa* tend to follow the main clause, but we were able to elicit examples of such clauses preceding the main one, as illustrated

below. Note that when the clause with *eta qoda* is in the preceding position, the main clause tends to contain the adverb *toʹn* ‘so, such’.

(6.198) *āt dīren-asqá burʹa dáʹkaj*

āḍ di⁸-den⁰-asqa bū da⁸-daq⁷-aj⁰
 1SG 1⁸-cry⁰-like 3SG 3F⁸-laugh.ANOM⁷-R⁰
 ‘She laughs like I cry.’

(6.199) *éta qóra bū dūren bū toʹn rʹadáʹkaj*

eta qoda bū du⁸-den⁰ bū toʹn da⁸-daq⁷-aj⁰
 as.if 3SG 3⁸-cry⁰ 3SG so 3F⁸-laugh.ANOM⁷-R⁰
 ‘She laughs the same way he cries.’

The manner relations can be in principle expressed with the help of the subordinator *bila* (6.200). It seems to be another calque from Russian, where the interrogative adverb *kak* is frequently used to code manner relations, as can be seen in (6.201).

(6.200) *āt díbbet bila āb ōb dúbbet*¹⁰²

āḍ di⁸-b³-bed⁰ bila āb ōb du⁸-b³-bed⁰
 1SG 1⁸-3N³-make⁰ like 1SG.POSS father 3⁸-3N³-make⁰
 ‘I make it like my father makes it.’

(6.201) Russian

Ja delaju èto kak delaet moj otec
 ‘I do it **like** my father does.’

6.4 Summary of Chapter 6

In this chapter we surveyed constructions that are employed to code adverbial relations in Ket. The Ket adverbial relations exhibit a rather wide range of formally distinct constructions coding them in addition to asyndetic ones. The majority of these constructions are formed with the help of various relational morphemes, which is an areal feature of the Siberian languages (Anderson 2004: 65; cf. also Chapter 8). In Ket these markers can attach to both action nominals and finite verbs. The latter feature,

¹⁰² Repeated from example (6.97) above.

when a relational morpheme can directly govern finite clauses, is not found in the other languages of Siberia and is not very frequent cross-linguistically in general.

As we pointed out in Chapter 2, Ket relational morphemes can be divided into two general groups depending on whether they require a possessive augment on the head noun or not. Interestingly, some of the relational morphemes that require possessive marking on nouns do not trigger any marking when they govern an action nominal. A few others, on the other hand, retain possessive marking even when attached to finite verbs. However, the function or the exact impact of such possessive marking retention seems to be unclear. Table 6.1 summarizes the properties of the relational morphemes that are used to code adverbial relations with respect to possessive marking.

Type of host → ↓Relational markers	NOMINALS	ACTION NOMINALS	FINITE VERBS
<i>aas</i>	+	+	+
<i>diŋa</i>	+	+	+
<i>diŋal</i>	+	+	+
<i>diŋta</i>	+	+	+
<i>dita</i>	+	+	+
<i>qadika</i>	+	+	–
<i>daan</i>	+ (P)	– (P)	– (P)
<i>dokot</i>	+ (P)	– (P)	– (P)
<i>dukde</i>	– (P)	– (P)	– (P)
<i>kubka</i>	+	–	–
<i>kika</i>	+	–	–
<i>qone</i>	+	NA	–
<i>bes</i>	–	–	–
<i>ka</i>	–	–	–
<i>esaŋ</i>	–	–	–
<i>asqa</i>	–	–	–
<i>baydiya</i>	–	–	–
<i>qaka</i>	–	–	–

Table 6.1. Properties of subordinators in Ket¹⁰³

¹⁰³ ‘+’ = possessive marking, ‘–’ = no possessive marking, P = petrified possessive marking, NA = not attested with this host.

In Table 6.2 we provide the list of semantic types of adverbial relations expressed in Ket and the corresponding list of subordinators that can be used to code them, as well as what kind of predicate (finite or non-finite) these subordinators are attested with when used for a particular type of adverbial relations.

SEMANTIC TYPE	MEMBER	PREDICATE FORM	
		<i>finite</i>	<i>non-finite</i>
Posteriority	<i>kubka</i>	+	+
	<i>esaj</i>	+	+
Simultaneity	<i>bes</i>	+	+
	<i>aas</i>	+	+
	<i>dukde</i>	+	+
	<i>daan</i>	+	+
	<i>ka</i>	+	+
	<i>qaka</i>	+	+
	<i>kika</i>	+	+
Temporal boundary	<i>aska</i>	+	–
	<i>qone</i>	+	+
Initial boundary	<i>baŋqone</i>	+	+
	<i>diŋal</i>	+	–
Anteriority	<i>aska</i>	+	–
	<i>qadika</i>	+	+
Conditional	<i>ka</i>	+	–
	<i>qaka</i>	+	–
	<i>kika</i>	+	–
	<i>aska</i>	+	–
	<i>aska</i>	+	–
Purpose	<i>ka</i>	+	–
	<i>qaka</i>	+	–
Purpose	<i>esaj</i>	+	+
	<i>dita</i>	+	No data ¹⁰⁴

¹⁰⁴ 'No data' means that there are no examples for this particular subordinator.

Reason	<i>diyā</i>	+	+
	<i>diyta</i>	+	+
	<i>dīta</i>	+	+
	<i>dokot</i>	+	+
Locative	<i>baŋ</i>	+	+
	<i>baŋdiŋa</i>	+	+
	<i>diŋa</i>	+	-
	<i>diyta</i>	+	-
	<i>biseŋ</i>	+	-
	<i>biltan</i>	+	-
Manner	<i>asqa</i>	+	-
	<i>eta qoda</i>	+	-
	<i>bila</i>	+	-

Table 6.2. Properties of subordinators in Ket

In general, this table shows that Ket correlates with the typological findings presented in Cristofaro (2003), who proposed the so-called “Adverbial deranking hierarchy”. As we already pointed out in Chapter 3, by “deranking” Cristofaro means the degree of deviation in the morphosyntactic properties expressed by the predicate of the dependent clause from that of the predicate in an independent sentence (elimination of TAM distinctions, agreement distinctions, and so on). The more deviations the more deranked (D) is the predicate, the fewer deviations the more balanced (B) it is. Based on her cross-linguistic sample, (Cristofaro 2003: 168) proposes the following implicational hierarchy for the general semantic types of adverbial relations:

PURPOSE > BEFORE, AFTER, WHEN > REALITY CONDITIONS, REASON
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This hierarchy reads as follows: if a deranked form is used to code the dependent clause at any point on the hierarchy, then it is used at all points to the left. It also indicates that, for example, Purpose relations are more likely to be expressed by a deranked form than the other semantic types to the right.

¹⁰⁵ In her work, Cristofaro uses a slightly different terminology for the semantic types of adverbial relations. Cristofaro’s ‘Before’ and ‘After’ represent our Posteriority and Anteriority, while ‘When’ relations subsume our Simultaneity, Temporal boundary and Initial boundary relations. Locative and Manner relations are not included in her study.

Based on our data, summarized in Table 6.3 below, we can postulate the following hierarchy for the adverbial relations in Ket:

PURPOSE > POSTERIORITY, SIMULTANEITY, TEMPORAL BOUNDARY, ANTERIORITY > LOCATIVE, REASON > INITIAL BOUNDARY, MANNER, CONDITIONAL
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Purpose	Posteriority	Simultaneity	Temporal boundary	Anteriority
D/B	B/D	B/D	B/D	B/D

Table 6.3. The adverbial deranking hierarchy in Ket

Locative	Reason	Initial boundary	Manner	Conditional
B/(D)	B/(D)	B	B	B

Table 6.3. The adverbial deranking hierarchy in Ket (continued)

As we can see, the Ket hierarchy generally correlates with the hierarchy presented by Cristofaro. For example, Purpose relations occupy the left-most position, because they are the only relation that can be expressed by an action nominal without any additional marking, cf. (6.171). On the right-most end are Conditional relations that tend to be coded by balanced forms cross-linguistically. Interestingly, unlike other types of Temporal overlap, Initial boundary relations are coded with the help of finite verb forms only. It can be accounted by the fact that the marker *diŋal* that codes this type of Temporal relations is also used for coding Reason relations which according to Cristofaro's hierarchy occupy the right-most position, i.e. are usually expressed with balanced verb forms.