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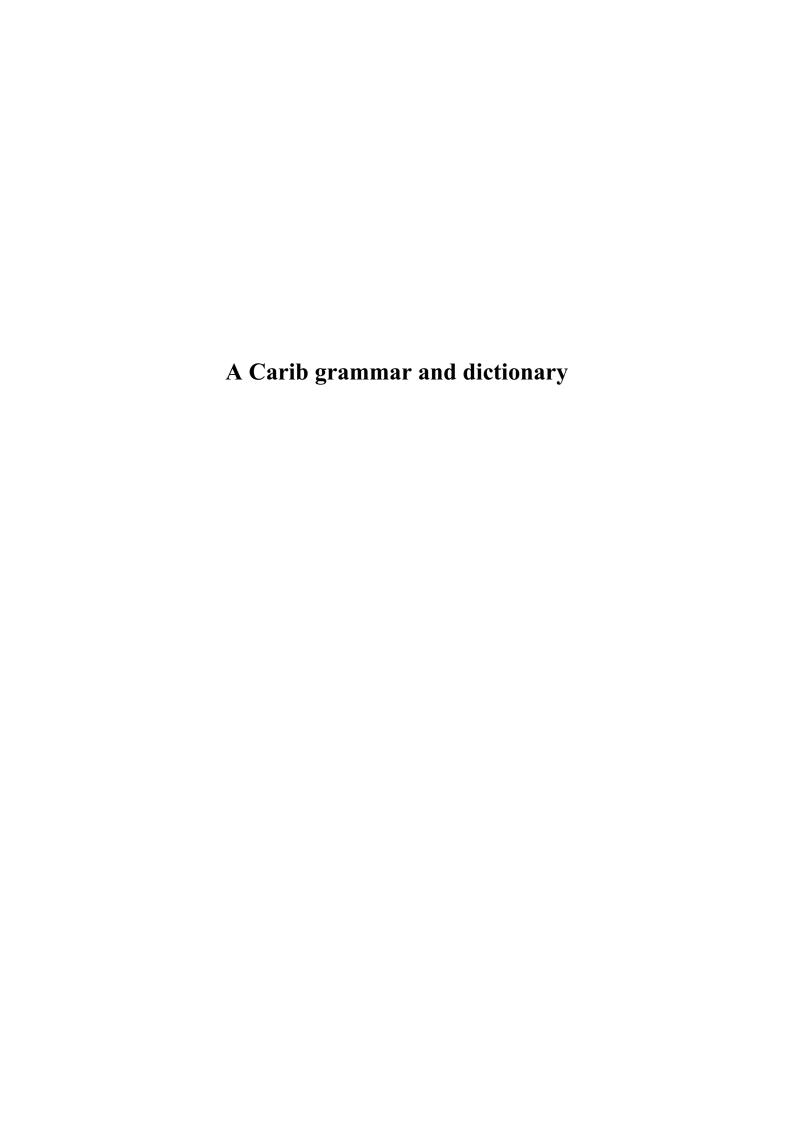
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Abbreviations

() D: 1					
(a) Diale	CIS	pro	pronoun		
Б		vi	intransitive verb		
E	Eastern Surinamese Carib	vm	middle verb or		
G	Guyanese Carib		middle verb stem		
S	Surinamese Carib	vt	transitive verb		
V	Venezuelan Carib		_		
W	Western Surinamese Carib	(e) Affix o	elasses		
(b) Relate	ed languages	asp	aspect suffixes		
		pf	prefixes		
Ap	Aparai	sf	inflectional suffixes		
M	Makusi	sfA	adjectivizing suffixes		
Кp	Kapon	sfN	nominalizing suffixes		
Pm	Pemon	sfV	verbalizing suffixes		
T	Trio	tns	tense suffixes		
Wi	Wayana				
Ww	Waiwai	(f) Affix meaning abbreviations			
(c) Non-r	elated languages	1	first person		
(0) 11011-11	eiaiea ianguages	1+2	first and second person		
A	Arawak	1+2A	first and second person		
En	English	1 + 2/1	active		
F	French	1+2M	first and second person		
N	Dutch	1 + 2111	middle		
P	Portuguese	1A	first person active		
	Spanish	1M	first person middle		
Sp Sr	=	2	_		
SI	Surinamese (or		second person		
33 7	Sranantongo)	2A	second person active		
Wp	Wayampi	2M	second person middle		
(1) D	<i>c</i> 1	3	third person		
(d) Parts	of speech	3a	third person anaphoric		
	**	3aml	third person anaphoric		
adj	adjective		with meaning loss		
adv	adverb	3ml	third person with		
conj	conjunction		meaning loss		
interj	interjection	A	adjectivization		
n	noun	adn	adnominalizer		
num	numeral	aeo	absence of explicit		
part	particle		object		
postp	postposition				

Ai	instrument	Nvt	habitual transitive
	adjectivization		subject nominalization
Aia	Ai, adnominal form	Pi	instrument
Aiapl	Aia, plural		postpositionalization
Aipl	Ai, plural	Pia	Pi, adnominal form
alleg	allegation	Piapl	Pia, plural
Am	mass possession	Pipl	Pi, plural
	adjectivization	pla	plural adjectives
Ama	Am, adnominal form	plan	plural animate nouns
Amapl	Ama, plural	ple	plural exceptions
An	negative adjectivization	pln	plural nouns
Ana	An, adnominal form	plv	plural verbs
Anapl	Ana, adnominal form	Pm	mass possession
Ann	An, nasalized		postpositionalization
Anna	Ann, adnominal form	Pma	Pm, adnominal form
Annapl	Anna, plural	Pn	negative
Ao	object possession		postpositionalization
	adjectivization	Pna	Pn, adnominal form
Aoa	Ao, adnominal form	Pnapl	Pna, plural
Aoapl	Aoa, plural	po	presence of
Ap	possessive form	•	(explicit/implicit) object
•	adjectivization	Po	object possession
Apa	Ap, adnominal form		postpositionalization
Apapl	Apa, plural	Poa	Po, adnominal form
Ar	recent act	possc	controlled possession
	adjectivization	possce	possc, exceptions
Ara	Ar, adnominal form	possn	non-possession (on
As	surpassing	•	nouns)
	adjectivization	possuc	uncontrolled possession
Asa	As, adnominal form	possucpl	possuc, plural
Av	verb adjectivization	possvn	non-possession (on
Ava	Av, adnominal form	1	verbal noun)
Avapl	Ava, plural	possvnpl	possvn, plural
dev	devalued	Pp	possessive form
Na	agent nominalization	r	postpositionalization
Napl	Na, plural	Ppa	Pp, adnominal form
Ni	instrument	Pv	verb
1,1	nominalization	- '	postpositionalization
Nipl	Ni, plural	r	reflexive/reciprocal
Np	patient nominalization	Tdesid	Tense, desiderative
Nvi	intransitive subject	Tdesidpl	Tdesid, plural
1111	nominalization	Tfr	Tense, far
Nvipl	Nvi, plural	Tfrpl	Tfr, plural
rvipi	ivi, piaiai	1 11 p1	in, piaiai

Tfut	Tense, future	VAce	verbal aspect, cessative
Tfutpl	Tfut, plural	VAco	verbal aspect, comple-
Tfutu	Tfut, uncertain		tive
Thab	Tense, habitual	VAin	verbal aspect, ingressive
Thabp	Thab, past	VAit	verbal aspect, iterative
Thabpl	Thab, plural	Vic	intransitive cessative
Thabppl	Thabp, plural		noun verbalization
Timp	Tense, imperative	Vii	intransitive ingressive
Timppl	Timp, plural		noun verbalization
Tirr	Tense, irreal	Vime	intransitive me
Tirrp	Tirr, past		verbalization
Tirrpl	Tirr, plural	Vinu	intransitive nu
Tirrppl	Tirrp, plural		verbalization
Tnr	Tense, near	Vipe	intransitive pe
Tnrpl	Tnr, plural		verbalization
Tpr	Tense, present	Vtke	transitive ke
Tpra	Tpr, with a-stems		verbalization
Tprapl	Tpra, plural	Vtkm	transitive kama or
Tprau	Tpra, uncertain		kapa verbalization
Tprpl	Tpr, plural	Vtme	transitive me
Tpru	Tpr, uncertain		verbalization
Tpst	Tense, durative past	Vtmp	transitive mass
Tpsta	Tpst, following a-stems		provision verbalization
Tpstapl	Tpsta, plural	Vtop	transitive object
Tpstpl	Tpst, plural		provision verbalization
trans	transitivizer	Vtpe	transitive pe
VAca	verbal aspect, causative		verbalization