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1. There is no universal category of 'inalienable possession'.
2. Abstraction over relations is necessary for a proper cross-linguistic understanding of possessive interpretations.
3. The notion 'possessive classifier' is an umbrella term for various lexical items that make distinct contributions to possessive constructions.
4. Despite superficial similarities, even closely related languages can display very different possessive distinctions.
5. Humans are the most stereotypical possessors.
6. The importance of negative evidence is often underestimated in 'semantic' sections of descriptive grammars.
7. Grammaticality judgments are only valuable when contrasted with a grammatical counterpart in a minimal pair.
8. Lack of specification can give rise to a multiplicity of interpretations, and should therefore be checked before multiple lexical entries are postulated.
9. The creation of a linguistic database is impossible without a linguistic analysis.