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ON THE DESCRIPTION OF ASPECTUAL SEMANTICS

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ABSTRACT

This article examines theoretical perspectives and developments in the expression of aspectuality in English. A review of the major methods to aspectuality research was conducted. As a result, a brief history and description of aspectual learning methodologies is offered. This section contains information regarding the classification of aspect meanings as well as the grammatical oppositions that compose the aspect. It has also been demonstrated that aspectuality is an essential linguistic tool in text construction. Because aspectuality is more than just a verbal feature, it is studied as a linguistic phenomenon that offers the temporal content of all language units under the impact of context.

KEYWORDS

Aspect, action, linguistic analysis, verb, perfective, imperfective, progressive, non-progressive, semantics.

INTRODUCTION

While aspect is connected to temporality, it refers to the internal structure of events and acts referred to by various language forms that refer to a time period other than the present tense. The concept of time obviously refers to the arrangement of occurrences in chronological order. An event's time versus its commencement, ending, and length. Because there is no clear consensus on its definition, there is uncertainty in the shifting ambiguity of the units expressing an aspect and their connection to other units. "The meaning denoting an aspect is in words, the meaning expressed in devices is associated with

relativity, duration, or precision in time - night," Friedrich defined [Friedrich, 1974; 1]. According to Jacobson [Jacobsohn, 1957; 493], these authors "deal with the determination of the inherent temporal aspect of an action or state." The feature "characterizes the illustrative participants in a particular event as differentiated by time - night," according to English linguist B. Comrie [Comrie, 1976; 3]. Based on a generalization of the definitions, we may say that an aspect is "the slow distribution of an action or state, or the internal, transient composition of a situation." The main emphasis of all of this is the analysis of the time of occurrences (events, situations, or processes) and their kind of action from the standpoint of the moment of speech, as well as their development, coexistence, repetition, beginning, and ending. These realities relate to a certain time, particular time markers, or language units that assess the subject's actions. Even if aspect is understood in a mostly cohesive manner as a grammatical entity, true language analysis goes beyond just identifying and describing aspect. This is because, in every language, linguistic units that convey aspect have distinct lexical and syntactic meanings. The aspectual distinctions between the units in the examined language are the primary topic of discussion in this extensive debate. It is common practice in aspect analysis to designate two distinct indications as oppositions. Perfective and imperfective, progressive and non-progressive, continuous and non-continuous (punctual), and so

forth are a few examples. A given language typically expresses aspectual meaning through a variety of linguistic forms. The aspectual character of a word is determined by its relationship to other elements such as verb form, noun form (singular and plural, common and countable nouns), adverbs, tense, etc. Lexical meaning refers to the possible aspectual nature of the meaning of singular words. In addition, aspect is also seen as a phenomenon directly connected to the qualities of the active property of the verb (delimitation, delimitation, restrictive-neutral) [Rizaev, 1998; Mirsanov, 2008]. The verb's active form is contingent upon the aspect's grammatical form. In particular, typical verbs without distinguishable morphological markers are supplemented with the finished tus (perfective aspect) in Russian. Take wrote-napisal, for instance. These morphological suffixes are not added to finite characteristic verbs in their semantics because of the existence of a completion. Author comments are included in the analysis of the verb's active form to show whether or not this feature is significant in non-grammatical languages. While verbs play a major role in these descriptions, aspectual analysis places special emphasis on tense and adverbs. V. Friedrich's There are several meanings associated with the verb that connects verb and subcategories [Friedrich, 1974; 4]. Consequently, in order to identify an aspect, a universal criterion is needed. The aspect category of a verb differs depending on the possibility or potential of conjugation with adverbs in the

attributes of quantitative continuity. Aspect analysis has historically been limited to descriptions of Slavic languages, which feature particular forms such as morphemic prefixes, verbs with particular forms, etc. It has also been stated that learning English does not really depend on this component. Divergent opinions exist about aspect in English. A few of them have to do with verbs and other phrases. A research based on lessons was carried out by B. Comrie and Z. Wendler. Specifically, B. Z. Wendler provides a taxonomy of predicates (activity, status, accomplishment, achievement), whereas Comrie concentrates on recognizing different oppositions in English [Comrie 1976, 16; Wendler 1967, 143-160]. This categorization fits under the Russian language's "mode of action" lexical and grammatical category. The name "actionart" denotes this grouping. The aspect can be identified in languages other than Slavic by "(1) the verb's plain meaning, (2) the verb's occasional meaning related to the text or situation, (3) the yasama suffix, or (4) the tense form." That feature does have a consistent formal articulation in English, as has grown more and more evident in recent years. As previously said, aspect is not idiomatic or cryptic in English, although appearing in a variety of forms. A large variety of aspectual constructions by aspect are now described in a selection of English-language literature. But in English, there isn't a particular theory. Aspectual distinctions appear to be represented by all the different forms, including tense markers, adverbs,

categories of noun phrases, objects, etc. A brief selection of examples illustrating the many aspectual distinctions in English is provided below. After each statement is a list of terms in parenthesis that can be used to define aspectual distinctions. In certain instances, it is unclear how to give an English statement an aspectual reading; apart from context, there are various possible aspectual readings for a given sentence. This is because it lacks an explicit set of aspectual categories that are specified in English. Rather, a variety of language elements, the majority of which serve non-aspectual purposes, interact to actualize aspectual meaning. To provide a realistic representation of the image quality, the following examples have been selected. Where additional readings are clear, the texts presented limit interpretation. Tense She works in Texas. (imperfective/habitual-non-progressive) She is working in Texas. (imperfective/durative-progressive) She worked in Texas for years. He is dying of a broken heart. (ingressive) He died of a broken heart. (result) Participial compound Linda called you last night. (imperfective) Linda called you several times last night. (iterative) Noun compound: She will be good at discovering the answer. (punctual) She will be good at discovering answers. (iterative) Verbal type (specific lexical meaning) He coughs a lot. (semelfactive) He sleeps a lot. (habitual stative) Verbal construction David walks frequently. (habitual dinamic) David takes frequent walks. (iterative) I heard him scream. I heard

him screaming. Aspectualizers (perfective / durative) (imperfective / progressive) (perfective/completive) (perfective/completive) (perfective/iterative) (perfective) (perfective/iterative) (imperfective/ punctual-habitual) (imperfective/durative-habitual) (imperfective/habitual 'unbounded activity') (imperfective/habitual 'bounded activity') (perfective /nonprogressive) (perfective /progressive) We started working on the report. (perfective/inchoative-durative) We finished working on the report. (perfective/completive) We continued working on the report. Object structures the man began to walk around town. The man began walking around town.

Aspectual Distinctions (Perfect/Initial-Continuous) The descriptive terms used above show the many possible differences when discussing aspect. The two most important for English are (1) perfective/imperfective and (2) progressive/non-progressive. Other aspectual meanings also occur in large numbers in English, but represent a subtype of aspectuality that can be classified as special cases of the above distinctions. This establishes a hierarchy in the functioning of the indirect aspects. The first difference is in the classic perfective/imperfective version, where the assumption is applied to either fixed or indeterminate events, corresponding to full or transient fixed occurrences. Perfectionism's suggested time restriction or refinement is viewed as an internal constraint on activity; as a result, the action's "beginning" and "finishing" would both be flawless. Conversely, imperfection encompasses both continuous and regular/recurring events. That being said, this contrast is not limited to the imprecise, open-ended character of imperfection alone; rather, it also encompasses the fixed or momentarily confined nature of perfectionism. It also has to do with whether or not the event is seen in its entirety. According to B. Comrie, imperfection, on the other hand, focuses significant emphasis on the internal structure of the situation, whereas perfectionism displays a perspective of the situation as a whole, without discriminating between the numerous individual stages that make up the total scenario [Comrie 1976: 16]. In order to differentiate the two ideas, Forsyth first defines perfectionism before pointing out that all imperfect phenomena are flawed [Forsyth 1970; thirty]. In other words, the flawless is positioned across from the flawed. Perfectionism "conceives action as a phenomenon centered on one specific point," according to Forsyth. Despite being specific to the Russian language, this description can point to a general distinction between the two groups. Using the ideas of static and dynamic to characterize events that are seen as temporally continuous or ongoing, the second distinction may be defined as the difference between progressive and non-progressive occurrences. Observe that regular occurrences are repeated across time, but their length is not evaluated in terms of aspectuality progression. Nonetheless, there are instances in which English uses the

progressive form conventionally. For instance. She's smoking a lot these days. This suggests that English uses its progressive form even when the meaning is initially normal. B. Comrie notes that it is necessary to distinguish between the progressive (and possibly universal) category in English and the progressive form [Comrie 1976; 16]. The scope of their application is wider than in the progressive aspects. For example. Yesterday Shed woke up at 9:30 the sentence is considered as a variety of the perfect form. In this case, a single temporary detected event occurred at a specific time. The example implied that the Shed was not standing at 9:30am every day, but was performing a specific single incident. This means a long time when the same phenomenon is repeated several times. Thus, it is assessed as an imperfect and habitual aspect. In a progressive form They are eating dinner focusing on the movement for food is understood as an ongoing process, although only one phenomenon is mentioned. Since this is not a temporary constraint, it can also be considered a special case of imperfection. Finally, they own a villa in the South of France, the example refers to a non-progressive situation (or state). This is different from all other examples; the named event is unusual and has no continuation. So, it is not progressive. However, since time is not associated with it, it is not perfect. Thus, it is a non-progressive imperfective species. Because multiple semantics may be represented by interpreted sentence structures, aspectual analysis of English words has grown more complicated. We might attempt to extrapolate from the aforementioned phrases that simple past tense sentences are perfect, especially if they are constrained by a past tense suffix, whereas present tense statements are flawed. Three examples of modern imperfection are shown. Aspectually progressive meaning is also typically conveyed by verbs in the "Progressive Tense" form. The aspectual content of meanings in the simple present and progressive tenses varies based on the verb tense. Simple present tense meanings are typically seen as common occurrences. On the other hand, this kind of expression can also convey a progressive connotation. In order to do this, a number of new terminologies are suggested that illustrate various aspectual traits. They are referred to as fillers based on their syntactic shape and are meant to depict the aspectual aspects of occurrences. The vocabulary taught is extensive, repetitious, sequential, and broad. We give a thorough explanation of them below because they are a crucial component of the analysis that is being given. A sequence of occurrences, or recurrence of the same kind of events occurring at various intervals at the same time in every instance, is referred to by general and sequential aspectual meanings. An event that happens over a brief period of time yet is continuous and indefinite in length is referred to be durable and iterative. More specifically, the generic phrase is considered to refer to occurrences that are identified by different grammatical forms that occur frequently

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or consistently, without specifically referring to any activity. As a result, spoken words and the sentences in which they appear are often graded as well.

CONCLUSION

Despite the fact that aspectuality has been studied at several levels, it appears that no clear and cohesive direction has been selected. This leads us to the conclusion that because each aspect of English has a distinct grammatical form, there are several linguistic ways to express aspectual information. However, aspectuality is a global language phenomenon, much as other categories. because all languages have the stressed aspectual meaning. Nonetheless, their expression is lexical and syntactic in certain languages and has obvious grammatical signs in others. The English language, in instance, has a unique lexical and grammatical foundation.

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