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-	morpheme boundary
=	clitic boundary
Abl	Ablative
Abs	Absolutive
Acc	Accusative
All	Allative
Aor	Aorist
Asp	Aspect
Caus	Causative
Dat	Dative
Decl	Declarative
Dem	Demonstrative
Des	Desiderative
Dir	Direct (case)
Erg	Ergative
F	Feminine
Gd	Gerund
Gen	Genitive
Imp	Imperative
Impf	Imperfect
IND	Indicative
Inf	Infinitive
Inst	Instrumental
INTR	Intransitive
Loc	Locative
M	Masculine
N	Neuter
Nfut	Nonfuture
Nom	Nominative
OAgr	Object Agreement
Obj	Object
Part	Partitive
Pass	Passive
Past	Past
PastP	Past Participle
Perf	Perfect
PerfP	Perfect Participle
Pl	Plural
Pres	Present
Prop	Proprietive
Ptcpl	Participle
Purp	Purposive
REC PAST	Recent Past
SB	Subject
Sg	Singular
SUBJ	Subject
Subj	Subject
Tns	Tense
Top	Topic
TR	Transitive
VN	Verbal Noun

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