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Abbreviations

ACC	accusative case
BENE	benefactive
CAU	causative
CL	classifier
COM	comitative
COMP	complementizer
COND	conditional
CONJ	conjunction
CONT	contrastive
COP	copula
DAT	dative
DEC	declarative
DEF	deferential
DIR	direction
DISJ	disjunction
DPAST	double past
EVI	evidential
EXCL	exclamation
EXH	exhortative
FOC	focus
FUT	future
GEN	genitive
HEAR	hearsay
HON	honorific
IMP	imperative
INSTR	instrument
INT	interrogative
LOC	locative
MOD	modality
MOOD	mood
NEG	negation
NOM	nominative

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NOMI	nominalizer
PASS	passive
PL	plural
POL	polite
PRES	present
PROG	progressive
PROM	promissive
PROP	propositive
QUOT	quotation
REL	relative clause
RESL	resultative
SC	small clause
SOUR	source
SUSPECT	suspectively
TOP	topic

Romanization

Vowels and Diphthongs	Yale Romanization	Consonants	Yale Romanization
ㅏ	a	ㄱ	k
ㅑ	ay	ㄲ	kk
ㅓ	ya	ㄴ	n
ㅕ	yay	ㄷ	t
ㅗ	e	ㄸ	tt
ㅛ	ey	ㄹ	l
ㅜ	ye	ㅁ	m
ㅠ	yey	ㅂ	p
ㅡ	o	ㅃ	pp
ㅘ	wa	ㅅ	s
ㅙ	way	ㅆ	ss
ㅚ	oy	ㅇ	ng
ㅜ	yo	ㅈ	c
ㅜ	wu	ㅊ	cc
ㅟ	we	ㅅ	ch
ㅟ	wey	ㅋ	kh
ㅜ	wi	ㅌ	th
ㅠ	yu	ㅍ	ph
ㅡ	u	ㅎ	h
ㅡ	uy		
ㅣ	i		