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## Abbreviations

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

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| x       | List of Abbreviations |
| 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 | suspective            |
| 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                |
| ㅗㅜ                    | wa  |                   | ㅅ          | s                 |
| ㅛㅠ                    | way |                   | ㅆ          | ss                |
| ㅗㅣ                    | oy  |                   | ㅇ          | ng                |
| ㅟ                     | yo  |                   | ㅈ          | c                 |
| ㅜ                     | wu  |                   | ㅊ          | cc                |
| ㅟㅣ                    | we  |                   | ㅋ          | ch                |
| ㅟㅠ                    | wey |                   | ㆁ          | kh                |
| ㅟㅣ                    | wi  |                   | ㅌ          | th                |
| ㅠ                     | yu  |                   | ㅍ          | ph                |
| ㅡ                     | u   |                   | ㅎ          | h                 |
| ㅟㅣ                    | uy  |                   |            |                   |
| ㅣ                     | i   |                   |            |                   |

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