

Lesson 3: Nominal Bipartite Sentences

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In the previous lessons, we studied several forms of Nominal Tripartite Sentences. They are enumerated here:

- <Definite Subject> <Copula> <Definite Object>
- <Definite Object> <Copula> <Definite Subject>
- <Definite Subject> <Indefinite Object> <Copula>
- <Indefinite Object> <Copula> <Definite Subject>

We defined a Tripartite Sentence as a sentence with three parts (hence the name), so naturally a Bipartite Sentence will be a sentence with two parts. We'll use the same building blocks as in the last two lessons.

We have two forms of Nominal Bipartite Sentences:

<Subject> <Object>

In this sentence structure, the copula or the "is/am/are" is assumed and understood by the context of the sentence. This structure is common found with personal pronouns as the subject, although it could be used with a regular definite noun as the subject. This structure is also commonly found when a demonstrative pronoun is the object.

<Subject>	<Object>	Translation
	ﺃ	I am a prophet
ﺃ		You are the Christ
	ﻧﺎ	We are Jews
ﻫﯩ		This is my son
	ﺯﻩ	The man is a prophet

<Object> <Copula>

In this sentence structure, the subject is assumed to be the relevant pronoun (i.e. it, he, they, etc.), and the object is what is specified. The object here can be an indefinite noun, a definite noun, a

possessive noun, a pronoun, etc.

<Object>	<Copula>	Translation
		he is my father
		she is my mother
、		they are my brothers
		he is the wise one
†		she is the wise one
		he is a man
、 2		she is a woman
2 x		they are ships
		this is it (m.)
		this is it (f.)
		they are these

Naturally, this would take on a different translation when the object is a personal pronoun (since it doesn't make much sense to say "he is him" or "she is her").

<Object>	<Copula>	Translation
		it is I
		it is us
、		it is you (m.)
、		it is you (f.)
、		it is you (pl.)
、 q		it is him
、		it is her
、		it is them

Application

Application 1:

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Exercises

Exercise 1: Translate to Coptic

Translate the following into Coptic:

- 1.

Exercise 2: Translate to English

Translate the following phrases into English:

- 1.

Resources

"A Study in Bohairic Coptic" by Nabil Matar; p162

See Moawad Daoud Lesson 2

See Sameh Younan page 59 in the PDF

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