

Perfective and Perfect in Kimakunduchi

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1. Introduction

Kimakunduchi is a dialect of Swahili spoken in the southern part of Unguja Island. In Kimakunduchi, there are two inflectional forms which make reference to anterior events. In this paper, I will show that the one form is approximate to the prototypical “perfective”, the other is close to the prototypical “perfect”. These descriptive findings suggest that the TAM (tense-aspect-mood/modality) system varies between dialects of Swahili not only formally, as already noted in extant research (cf. Racine-Issa 2002), but also functionally.

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