

RELATIVE CLAUSES IN ITHKUIL IV

Because of the existence of the RELATIVE case and the DESCRIPTIVE case, relative clauses sometimes work differently in Ithkuil IV than in Ithkuil 2011. Usage is shown via the examples below. (NOTE: In the examples below, default morphological values such as STA/BSC Function/Specification, PRC version, ASR/OBS/COG Illocution/Validation/Expectation, or default CA are not listed in the intralinear analyses.)

NOTE: The following examples utilize the morpho-phonology of forthcoming version 0.15.1 of the morpho-phonology, most noticeable in Slot V and VII formative values.

1. The following sentence is structured the same as in Ithkuil 2011, where the “object” of a verb, if functioning as the head of a relative clause, is marked as such from within the case-frame corresponding to the case of the “object”.

Eñala'há kšilo äpçólô'ha lu eñtyangena.

'compose.in.writing'-RTR 'clown'-STA/OBJ-ERG FRAMED:CPT-'read'-DYN/CSV-PCS-THM 1m-IND 'written.page'-MPS/CND/COA-TPF/3-THM

A clown wrote the book I just finished reading.

[More literally: *A clown wrote what I just finished reading -- a book.*]

The above sentence could also be structured using a RELATIVE case-frame, however it would require an Obviative personal-reference root with a switch-reference affix:

Eñala'há kšilo eñtyangena äpçólô'hu'a lu edalača.

'compose.in.writing'-RTR 'clown'-STA/OBJ-ERG 'written.page'-MPS/CND/COA-TPF/3-THM FRAMED:CPT-'read'-DYN/CSV-PCS-RLT 1m-IND

Obviative-SWR/1-THM

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2. The following two sentences utilize a RELATIVE case-frame:

Žalá li kšilenë malêhu'a elalu.

'see' 1m/NEU-AFF 'clown'-STA/OBJ-TPF/3-STM FRAMED:'talk'-RCP-FAC-RLT 'child'-IND

I see a clown (who is) talking with a child.'

Erčäsókh elavöte žžjasu'a kširë.

'state.of.being.corrupted'-STA/CTE-PRX-SBT/7 'child'-N-DCD/6-ABS FRAMED:'feel.fascination'-STA/BSC-PRX-RLT 'clown'-STA/OBJ-P-STM

'Children who like clowns have obviously been corrupted.'

3. The following sentence utilizes a DESCRIPTIVE case-frame, which operates like a RELATIVE case-frame for adjectival clauses:

Erčuláfs elanwe awinšasa'e kšivöto hërrnařkúsu'a.

'corrupt'-DYN/BSC-ATI/1 'child'-MPD/SEP/N-ABS FNC-NEG/4-'be.well-behaved'-PRX-DSC 'clown'-STA/OBJ-N-DCD/6-ERG FRAMED:inc.stem:STM-'ocelot'-main.stem:'own'-PRX-RLT

'Ocelot-owning clowns tend to corrupt children who are naughty.'

4. The following sentence utilizes a carrier adjunct marked for RELATIVE case:

Uřkás arrnalenë kšila řu'a Bubu.

'own'-PRX 'ocelot'-TPF/3-STM 'clown'-STA/OBJ-THM CARRIER-RLT 'Bubu'

'The clown owns an ocelot named Boo-boo.'

Unrestricted relative clauses can be shown either by attaching a coordinative clause (as in Ithkuil 2011) or by inserting the clause using PARENTHETICAL register.