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Revision History:

Name	Change Date	Version	Description of Changes
Omar Javed	06 th November, 04	0.1	Created
Sara Hussain	17 th Dec, 04	4.1.0.0	modified for compatibility with grammar/Lexicon file (changed PERSON to PERS, _MORPH FORM to _MORPH_FORM)

POS ID: UPOS14

Part of Speech Name: Aspectual Auxiliary

Part of Speech String: Asp_Aux

Lexical Entry Template:

<word>: asp_aux, ^ _AUX_FORM = '<logical form of word>', ^ JA_TYPE = {aa, ja}, ^ _ALLOWED_FORM = {BARE, SUBJUNCTIVE, PERFECTIVE, HABITUAL}, ^ _SUBJ_CASE = {NOM, ERG}, ^ _MORPH_FORM = {BARE, SUBJUNCTIVE, PERFECTIVE, HABITUAL}, ^ TNS_ASP HABITUAL = POS, ^ CAUSATION = {NO, SINGLE, DOUBLE}, ^ NUM = {SG, PL}, ^ GEND = {M, F}, ^ PERS = {1, 2, 3}, ^ RESPECT = {NORESPECT, FAMILIAR, USUAL, EXTRA}.

Sample Lexical Entry:

آتا : asp_aux, ^ _AUX_FORM = 'aa', ^ JA_TYPE = aa, ^ _ALLOWED_FORM = {BARE, habitual}, ^ _SUBJ_CASE=NOM, ^ _MORPH_FORM = habitual, ^ TNS_ASP HABITUAL = POS, ^ CAUSATION = NO, ^ NUM = SG, ^ GEND = M, ^ PERS = {1, 2, 3}, ^ RESPECT = NORESPECT.
آتے : asp_aux, ^ _AUX_FORM = 'aa', ^ JA_TYPE = aa, ^ _ALLOWED_FORM = {BARE, habitual}, ^ _SUBJ_CASE=NOM, ^ _MORPH_FORM = habitual, ^ TNS_ASP HABITUAL = POS, ^ CAUSATION = NO, ^ NUM = PL, ^ GEND = M, ^ PERS = {1, 2, 3}, ^ RESPECT = {NORESPECT, FAMILIAR, USUAL, EXTRA}.
آئی : asp_aux, ^ _AUX_FORM = 'aa', ^ JA_TYPE = aa, ^ _ALLOWED_FORM = {BARE, habitual}, ^ _SUBJ_CASE=NOM, ^ _MORPH_FORM = habitual, ^ TNS_ASP HABITUAL = POS, ^ CAUSATION = NO, ^ NUM = SG, ^ GEND = F, ^ PERS = {1, 2, 3}, ^ RESPECT = NORESPECT.
آئی : asp_aux, ^ _AUX_FORM = 'aa', ^ JA_TYPE = aa, ^ _ALLOWED_FORM = {BARE, habitual}, ^ _SUBJ_CASE=NOM, ^ _MORPH_FORM = habitual, ^ TNS_ASP HABITUAL = POS, ^ CAUSATION = NO, ^ NUM = PL, ^ GEND = F, ^ PERS = {1, 2, 3}, ^ RESPECT = {NORESPECT, FAMILIAR, USUAL, EXTRA}.
جاتا : asp_aux, ^ _AUX_FORM = 'ja', ^ JA_TYPE = ja, ^ _ALLOWED_FORM = {BARE, habitual, SUBJUNCTIVE}, ^ _SUBJ_CASE=NOM, ^ _MORPH_FORM = habitual, ^ TNS_ASP HABITUAL = POS, ^ CAUSATION = NO, ^ NUM = SG, ^ GEND = M, ^ PERS = {1, 2, 3}, ^ SUBJ = NORESPECT.

Description

Aspectual Auxiliaries are used to show manner and aspect of the verb. Different inflectional forms of it can be represented using following features: _AUX_FORM, JA_TYPE, _ALLOWED FORM, _SUBJ_CASE, _MORPH_FORM, TNS_ASP HABITUAL, CAUSATION, Gender, Number, Person and Respect. The detailed description of



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these features is given in [1]. The feature list does not have Predicate, because it only introduces some features in Tense_Aspet of the main verb. Aux_Form is an alternate of Predicate that shows the name of verb. The description of the features is following:

JA_TYPE can be: aa Example: انا
 ja Example: جاتا
 It cannot be NULL or both

_ALLOWED_FORM can be:
BARE: Example: انا
SUBJUNCTIVE: Example: جاتا
PERFECTIVE:
HABITUAL: Example: آتی
It cannot be null or more than one.

_SUBJ_CASE can be: NOM Example: آتے
 ERG
 It cannot be NULL

_MORPH_FORM can be: BARE: Example: آ
 SUBJUNCTIVE: Example: آئے
 PERFECTIVE: Example: آیا
 HABITUAL: Example: آتا
 It cannot be NULL

TNS_ASP HABITUAL can be:
POS: Example: انا

CAUSATION can be: NO: Example: آیا
 SINGLE:
 DOUBLE:
 It cannot be null.

NUM (Number) can be: SG (singular): Example: انا
 PL (plural): Example: آتے
 It cannot be null or both.

GEND (Gender) can be: M (masculine): Example: انا
 F (feminine): Example: آتی
 It cannot be null or both.

PERS (Person) can be: 3 (3rd person): Example: آتا
 2 (2nd person): Example: آتے
 1 (1st person): Example: آتی

RESPECT can be: NORESPECT, FAMILIAR, USUAL, EXTRA
 It cannot be null. It is used for agreement.

Examples:

جاتا، انا، پڑا، ملا، دیتا، لیتا وغیرہ



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POS Status: Active

Reference:

- [1] Urdu Verbs Forms and Features (MT-02_Verb Features.doc)
- [2] جامع القواعد، ابو اللیث صدیقی
- [3] Miriam Butt
- [4] نئی اردو قواعد، عصمت جاوید

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Replaces: -UPOS14

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Analysis: Following is the in-depth analysis of the rule.

Analysis 1: Urdu Grammar Writers have introduced a category of verbs called Helping Verbs [2]. Miriam Butt has termed these verbs as Light Verbs [3]. These verbs are used after main verb to enhance its meaning or to show some aspectual feature. These verbs are also used to make compound verbs by combining a noun or adjective and a verb. Some examples of these verbs are.

اسے خط لکھنا پڑتا ہے۔
وہ آم کھاتا جاتا ہے۔
وہ کام کرتا ہے۔

In above examples, پڑتا، جاتا، کرتا are helping or light verbs. In first sentence, parta shows that the subject has to write the letter. In second sentence, jata shows the continuity of eating action. And in third sentence, karta is used after noun kaam to show action of work.

Analysis 2: In Analysis 1, we discussed light verbs that perform two different tasks. a) Some light verbs are used to enhance meaning of a main verb, like jata and karta used in first and second example. b) Some light verbs are used after nouns/adjective to show some action. Ismat Javed gives two different classes for these two tasks. He termed verbs of a) as Helping Verb and b) as Non-Helping Verbs [4].

This analysis seems true, because both of these categories have different purposes. Another important point is that verbs of a) can be used after verbs of b). The compound word formed by noun/adjective and a verb acts as a single noun. For example,

اس نے کہانی یاد کی۔

We can use verbs of a) after compound word kaam karna.

اسے کہانی یاد کرنا پڑتی ہے۔
وہ کہانی یاد کرتا جاتا ہے۔

In these examples, parta and jata are used after karma in the similar way as they are used after main verbs lakhna and khana.

Another point is that we can have causation of group b) verbs but not of group a). For example, we can write

اسے خط لکھوانا پڑتا ہے۔
وہ کہانی یاد کروانا جاتا ہے۔

But following is not valid.

*اسے خط لکھنا پڑواتا ہے۔

Therefore, there should be two categories, a) Aspectual Auxiliary for enhancement of verb's meaning and b) Light Verbs to use after noun/adjective in a compound word.

Different inflectional forms of an aspectual auxiliary can be represented using following features: `_AUX_FORM`, `JA_TYPE`, `_ALLOWED_FORM`, `_SUBJ_CASE`, `_MORPH_FORM`, `TNS_ASP` HABITUAL, CAUSATION, NUM (number), GEND (Gender), PERS (Person) and RESPECT. The description of these features is given in [1].

Result: We decided on Analysis 2.

Future Work: Some Aspectual Auxiliaries can be classified as Modals.