

ASPECT, TENSE & MODALITY (Sergio F. Rodríguez – 2020)

ASPECT

'Aspect' is a non-deictic² (grammatical and lexical) category that allows us to portray the internal temporal shape of an event (e.g. completed, ongoing, dynamic, punctual, etc.).

"Aspect specifies the internal temporal structure of a situation." (Smith 1991: 135)

"As the general definition of aspect, we may take the formulation that 'aspects are different ways of viewing the internal temporal constituency of a situation'." (Comrie 1976: 3)

"Aspects have to do, not with the location of an event in time, but with its temporal distribution or contour." (Hockett 1958: 237)

Aktionsart (situation aspect) is a way of classifying situations (events and states) on the basis of their temporal contour, that is, the shape of their "run time". A state is a situation which is homogeneous over time (nothing changes within the time span being described), while an event involves some kind of change. The primary features which are used to distinguish different classes of events are duration and telicity (boundedness).

Grammatical aspect (or "viewpoint aspect") is a choice that the speaker makes in describing a situation, part of the claim that is being made about the situation. It is expressed by grammatical morphemes which indicate the relation between the run time of the situation and the "Topic Time", or time about which a claim is being made. The most basic distinction is between perfective aspect, which indicates that the situation time is contained within Topic Time, vs. imperfective aspect, which indicates that the situation time extends beyond the boundaries of Topic Time.

(Kroeger 2018: 400)

We will be considering a two-tiered theory of aspect:

- *Aktionsart* (also called 'situation aspect', 'lexical aspect', 'inner aspect', *mode d'action*)
- 'viewpoint aspect' (also called 'grammatical aspect', 'outer aspect')

² Deictic systems are those in which a speaker relates the here-and-now of the situation of utterance to its extralinguistic context (time, place, person, etc.). "A system which relates entities to a reference point is termed a deictic system, and we can therefore say that tense is deictic." (Comrie 1985: 14) Aspect, however, is non-deictic, i.e. it is not related to a "deictic centre" (Comrie 1985), "orientation point" (Smith 1997) or "anchoring point" (Saeed 2009).

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