

Verb serialization in Chrambo

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The present communication aims to describe serial verb constructions in Chrambo, a bantoid language spoken by a people called Mbaw'yakun in the Ndop municipality (Mbuh 2021: 17). It reveals that the language permits constructions with strings of verb phrases and without conjunctions. These verb phrases are marked for the same subject, same subject marker, same grammatical categories such as tenses, aspects and moods, same objects and other complements. Also, the communication shows that serial verb constructions in Chrambo usually code one event: the first verb behaves like the nucleus of the main clause whereas the second or the other verbs bring complementary information about it. As far as negation and transformations such as yes/no questions and passivation are concerned, this communication shows that they apply once to the whole sentence.