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CHAPTER 5

Metafunctional profile of the grammar of Tagalog

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5.1 Ecosocial context

Tagalog¹ is a member of the Austronesian language family, in the Western Austronesian² group. Its relatives in this group include other Philippine languages, Malay/Bahasa Indonesian and other Indonesian languages, Malagasy, certain languages in Kampuchea, Vietnam, Taiwan and the western end of New Guinea, and two Micronesian languages – Chamorro and Palauan. More specifically, Tagalog is a central Philippine language, alongside Bikol and the various Bisayan languages (including Cebuano with 10 million speakers).

Tagalog has about 12 million native speakers, concentrated around Manila, and the island of Mindoro. Historically, it was the Tagalogs who became agents of symbolic control for the Spanish (from the 17th century; Rafael 1988) and then the American colonialists (from the early 20th century) – clergy, educators, administrators, lawyers, artists, writers, politicians and so on. Business on the other hand has tended to be controlled by the Chinese ethnic minority; and Illocanos (Ferdinand Marcos being the best known) predominate in the police and armed forces. The election of Cory Aquino in the 1980s represented a return to political power by the Tagalogs following the Marcos militarist dictatorship. In general the Tagalogs, like many Filipinos, form a highly positional Catholic society, with social and institutional networks elaborated around the family. Access to their language and culture depends ultimately on marriage or informal "adoption" into one of these extended family groups.

Tagalog has a controversial role as the basis for the national language of the Philippines, currently termed Filipino (Cruz 1990), with around 30 million speakers. There is a national "academy" to promote the development of Filipino and a keen interest among linguists³ in what the Prague School termed "intellectualiza-

tion". Filipino is currently propagated through the country's bilingual education program (Filipino/English), and through the print (especially comics and magazines) and electronic media (television, and a prolific movie industry releasing three or four new films every week).

Naturally the language of the agents of symbolic control for an American colony attracted the attention of American linguists. Bloomfield worked with a Tagalog graduate student in Chicago in producing his 1917 classic *Tagalog Texts with Grammatical Analysis*. Schachter and Oanes completed work on their well-known *Tagalog Reference Grammar* around 1960 (published 1972). These treatments have made Tagalog one of the best known non-Indo-European languages in the world, and are both notably self-conscious⁴ in their concern to present Tagalog grammar on its own terms, rather than as a variant of what Whorf called Standard Average European (hereafter SAE). For a summary of Spanish, American and other research on Tagalog see Gonzalez (1993).

5.2 Metafunctional preview

I'll begin with a brief orientation⁵ to the language, before moving on to consider TRANSITIVITY, MOOD and THEME in more detail.

5.2.1 Basic TRANSITIVITY – action and description

A simple action process is exemplified below, formed around the morphemes *langoy* 'swim' and *bata* 'child'. The infix *-um-* phases the process as completed action, while the pre-position *ang* highlights *bata* as Theme. In Tagalog verbal affixes specify the participant role of the Theme; in this case, alongside marking aspect, *-um-* signals that *bata* is actor in an action process.

- (1) *Lumangoy ang bata.*
swam THEME child
"The child swam."

A simple state process is exemplified in (2) below, formed around the morphemes *sarap* 'tastiness' and *ulam* 'savoury dish'. In this case the *ma-* prefix marks *sarap* as a descriptive attribute of the thematic *ulam*.

- (2) *Masarap ang ulam.*
tasty THEME savoury dish
"The dish is tasty."

Aspect is not marked in (2), since the clause is descriptive and there is no change of state. To phase dynamic processes, Tagalog uses a range of affixation, including prefixes, infixes and reduplication of the first consonant and vowel of the relevant morpheme. The three principal aspects of the action process *langoy* are outlined in Table 5.1 below.

Table 5.1 Realizations of aspect in action processes in Tagalog

realization	aspect	example	gloss
<i>-um-</i>	begun/completed	<i>lumangoy</i>	"swam"
<i>-um-</i> , reduplication	begun/incomplete	<i>lumalangoy</i>	"is swimming"
reduplication	not begun	<i>lalangoy</i>	"will swim"

The same resources may be drawn on to phase descriptive clauses, as a marked option, as shown in Table 5.2 below.

Table 5.2 Realizations of phase in descriptive clauses in Tagalog

realization	phase	example	gloss
<i>-um-</i>	begun/completed	<i>sumarap</i>	"became tasty"
<i>-um-</i> , reduplication	begun/incomplete	<i>sumasarap</i>	"is becoming tasty"
reduplication	not begun	<i>sasarap</i>	"will become tasty"

5.2.2 Basic MOOD – statement, question, command

Simple declarative mood is exemplified in (3) below (see also examples (1) and (2) above). In this example the process is formed around the morpheme *laro* 'game', verbalized with the prefix *mag-* (so *maglaro* 'to play'; with aspect *maglaro*, *maglalaro*, *maglalaro*).

- 'declarative'; mid rising-falling tone⁶
(3) *Naglaro ang bata.*
played THEME child
"The child played."

The polar question complementing (3) in (4) below employs an interrogative particle *ba*, which follows and is enclitic to the process; this kind of question is spoken on a rising tone.

- 'interrogative: polar'; rising tone
(4) *Naglaro ba ang bata.*
played INT THEME child
"Did the child play?"

For a command, the aspectless form of the process is deployed; the person undertaking the process is realized explicitly.

'imperative'; high falling tone

- (5) *Maqlaro ka*
 play THEME+2SG
 "Play!"

5.2.3 Basic THEME

Tagalog, like many of its neighbours from adjacent but genetically unrelated Asian language families, can be characterized as a Topic prominent language (Schachter 1976, 1977, 1995), and there has been considerable discussion around the proper characterization of the *ang* phrase introduced above (as Subject or Topic; see Martin 1983; Buenaventura-Naylor 1995, for discussion). Bloomfield (1917:§93) describes this phrase as the "definite, known object underlying the predication as starting-point of discourse"; Schachter & Oranes (1972:60) state that it "expresses the focus of attention of the sentence". Martin (1993) (following Fries 1981, 1993) prefers the SFL term Theme, representing the unmarked point of departure in a Tagalog clause – the speaker's angle on what is being talked about. The *ang* phrase is typically realized last in a decontextualized⁷ elicited Tagalog clause (conflating with unmarked New, according to Buenaventura-Naylor's (1975) analysis of Tagalog information structure) – as in examples (1) to (5) above. Alternatively, the *ang* phrase may appear initially as marked Theme as in example (6) below, followed by the so-called "inversion" marker *ay*:

- 'unmarked Theme'
- (3) *Naglaro ang bata.*
 played THEME child
 "The child played."
- 'marked Theme'
- (6) *Ang bata ay naglaro.*
 THEME child INV played
 "The child played."

5.3 TRANSITIVITY

Philippine languages are well-known for what is often referred to as their "focus" system. Through this system processes are affixed to signal the experiential role of the Theme (*ang* phrase). In examples (1), (3), (4), (5) and (6) above, the processes were affixed (*-um-*, *-nag-* and *mag-*)⁸ to mark the Theme as Actor in an action process. In Figure 5.1 below the process (*hiram* "borrow") is inflected (*-in-*) to mark the Theme not as Actor (*tao* "man") but as acted upon (*pera* "money"). Virtually

Tagalog focus system:

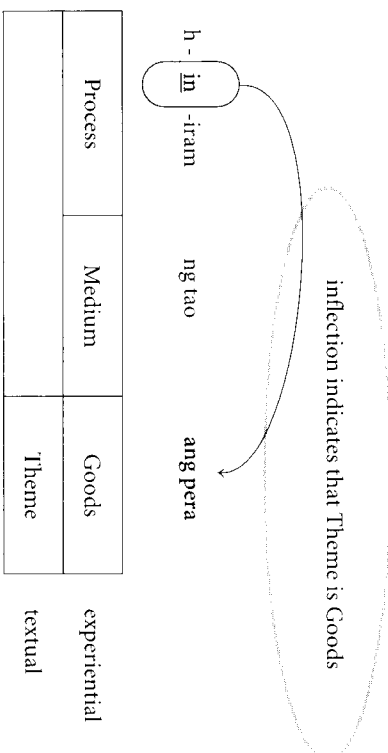


Figure 5.1 Verbal inflection in relation to TRANSITIVITY and THEME

all participants and circumstances in a Tagalog clause can be made thematic and focused upon in such terms. Comparable systems in SAE, generally referred to as VOICE, might thus be characterized as restricted focus systems – with constraints on how many participants and circumstances can be made Theme (Subject if you will) and limited verbal affixation to mark a change of voice (just active versus passive for example).

In Tagalog, marking Theme onto the participant most affected by the process is the unmarked choice (see Figure 5.1). A range of focus selections for *hiram* "borrow" is exemplified below, with examples adapted from Ramos⁹ (1974) influential case grammar. In these examples the pre-position *ng* (pronounced/*nan*/) marks non-Thematic participants and *sa* marks circumstances; in order to simplify the glossing these markers will not be translated.

- Medium/Theme
- (7) *H-in-iram ang tao ng pera sa bangko sa pamamagitan ng*
 borrowed THEME man money bank instrumental
bahay niya.
 house his
 "The man used his house to borrow some money from the bank."
- Goods/Theme
- (8) *H-in-iram ng tao ang pera sa bangko ...*
 borrowed man THEME money bank
 "The man borrowed the money from the bank ..."

- Direction/Theme
- (9) *H-in-itan-an ng tao ng pera ang bangko ...*
 borrowed man money THEME bank
 "The man borrowed some money from the bank ..."
- Instrument/Theme
- (10) *I-p-in-ang-iritan ng tao ng pera sa bangko ang bahay niya.*
 borrowed man money bank THEME house his
 "The man used his house to borrow some money from the bank."

Distinctive realizations are used to designate participants and circumstances as conscious – proper names for people take the pre-positions *si, ni, kay* (singular) and *sina, nina, kina* (plural); pronouns, which refer only to conscious entities, take a pre-position only as circumstances (*sa*) and otherwise provide distinctive *ang* and *ng* forms. These realization patterns are outlined in Table 5.3 below (with pronouns illustrated for first person singular only).

Table 5.3 Marking of participants

Textual/experiential functions	± conscious		pronouns ⁹
	common nouns (pre-positions)	proper nouns (pre-positions)	
Theme Participant	<i>ang</i>	<i>si/sina</i>	<i>ako</i> "I"
non-Theme participants	<i>ng</i>	<i>ni/nina</i>	<i>ko</i> "me/my"
non-Theme circumstances	<i>sa</i> (+)	<i>kay/kina</i>	<i>sa akin</i> "to me"

Process affixes and participant and circumstance markers are important criteria as far as types of PROCESS are concerned. In addition, Martin (1996) takes into account the following factors:

- the number and nature of the participants associated with the process
- the form of the relevant nominalization
- the type of general verb used to refer to the process
- the presence or absence of a process
- the bidirectionality of the process
- marked patterns in the process's abilitative, social or causative paradigms

5.3.1 Mental processes

Mental processes in Tagalog are illustrated in (11) and (12) below for the process *halata* "notice"; in (11) the phenomenon perceived is Theme, whereas in (12) the Theme is the perceiver.

- (11) *Na-halata ng babae ang pagbabago sa boyfriend niya.*
 noticed woman THEME change boyfriend her
 "The woman noticed the change in her boyfriend."
- (12) *Naka-halata¹⁰ ang babae ng pagbabago sa boyfriend niya.*
 noticed THEME woman change boyfriend her
 "The woman noticed a change¹¹ in her boyfriend."

The features which help distinguish mental processes from other process types are as follows:

- i. their processes are generally realized by *ma*-class verbs (see examples (13) to (15) below);
- ii. they may involve a projection, introduced with a linker (*ng/na*) instead of a marker (*ang/ng/sa*); where the verb focuses on the projection, the mental process clause will thus lack a Theme (as in example (17) below);
- iii. one key participant must be endowed with human consciousness; the other need not be and may be realized by a clause (constituting an act, idea or fact – i.e. macro- and meta-phenomena);
- iv. they are nominalized with the prefix *pagka-* (*pagka-intindi* "understanding");
- v. they cannot be questioned with a general doing verb (*gawa/mangyari*) or with a wh verb (*ano*) – cf. *umano siya* "what's he doing?" querying an action process;
- vi. a process is always present and realized by a verb;
- vii. they have defective ability/involuntary action paradigms because their *ma*-prefix is identical to the object focus ability/involuntary action prefix (used in action clauses).

Examples of the three main types of mental process (reaction, perception, cognition) are presented as examples (13) to (15) below, along with lists of semantically related processes.

'reaction'

- (13) *Na-awa ang babae sa boyfriend niya.*
 pitied THEME woman boyfriend her

Proc: mental: reaction	Senser	Phenomenon
	"The woman pitied her boyfriend."	

Semantically related processes: *galit* "be angry at", *gulat* "be surprised at", *inggit* "envy", *hiya* "be ashamed of", *tiwa* "be happy about", *inis* "be irritated with", *takot* "be afraid of", *lungkot* "be sad about", *awa* "pity", *lilo* "be confused about", *inip* "be bored with", *balisa* "be anxious about", *suklam* "be disgusted with", *sabik* "be

eager for”, *yamot* “be annoyed with”, *galak* “be glad about” (“deep”¹² Tagalog), *poor* “hate” (deep Tagalog), *sawa* “be fed up with”.

‘perception’

- (14) *Na-dama ng babae ang kamay niya.*
felt woman THEME hand his

Process	Senser	Phenomenon
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“The woman felt his hand.”

Semantically related processes: *kita* “see”, *dinig* “hear”, *puna* “notice”, *amoy* “smell”, *tikim* “taste”, *pansin* “notice”, *masdan* “observe”, *tamaw* “view”, *batid* “be aware of”, *anihaw* “see through a haze”, *anihag* “see through a transparency”, *darama* “feel”, *dama* “feel”, *halata* “notice”, *hipo* “feel by touch”, *reparo* “notice”, *alala* “to have return to the mind”.

‘cognition’

- (15) *Na-limut-an ng babae ang payong.*
forgot woman THEME umbrella

Process	Senser	Phenomenon
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“The woman forgot her umbrella.”

Semantically related processes: *limot* “forget”, *tanda* “remember”, *intindi* “understand”, *tuto* “learn”, *alam* “know”, *isip* “think”, *inawa* “understand (be in sympathy with)”, *tuklas* “discover”, *damas* “experience”, *balita* “receive news”, *tagro* “find out”, *gusto* “wish”, *usisa* “investigate”, *wawa* “get the drift of”, *katob* “have a premonition of”, *watas* “understand”, *tulos* “catch the point of”, *damdani* “feel”, *asa* “hope”, *hula* “guess”.

Alongside their association with entities (the concrete phenomena in examples (11) to (15) above), mental processes combine with macrophenomena and metaphenomenon – perception with acts (16), cognition with ideas (17) and reaction with facts (18). Note that in (17) the idea is linked to its process of cognition by the hypotactic dependency marker *na*, and so is arguably a dependent clause: the projecting process (*nakitoban*) however is inflected as if a phenomenon were thematic in the projecting clause.

‘perception & act’

- (16) *Na-masdan ng babae ang isda l-un-angoy*¹³ sa tubig.
observed woman THEME fish swimming water

Process	Senser	Act (embedded macrophenomenon)
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“The woman observed the fish swimming in the water.”

‘cognition & idea’

- (17) *Na-katob-an ng pangulo na ta-takas siya.*
had a premonition head DEP will escape THEME+3SG

Process	Senser	Idea (dependent metaphenomenon)
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“The president had a premonition he’d escape.”

‘reaction & fact’

- (18) *Na-suklam ang tao sa bagay na nang-daya ang pangulo.*
were disgusted THEME people thing DEP cheated THEME head

Process	Senser	Fact (embedded pre-projected metaphenomenon)
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“The people were disgusted with the fact that the president cheated.”

One distinctive feature of reaction processes is that the phenomenon reacted to may be construed as a kind of causal circumstance (as in examples (19) and (20)) or as an agentive participant (as in example (21))¹⁴ – reflecting the general bi-directionality of this process type.

- (19) *Na-gulat ang babae (dahil) sa boyfriend niya.*
was surprised at THEME woman (because of) boyfriend her

Process	Senser	Phenomenon
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“The woman was surprised at her boyfriend.”

- (20) *K-in-a-gulat-an ng babae ang boyfriend niya.*
was surprised because of woman THEME boyfriend her

Process	Senser	Phenomenon
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“The woman was surprised at her boyfriend.”

- (21) *G-in-ulat ng boyfriend ang babae.*
surprised boyfriend THEME woman

Process	Agent/Phenomenon	Senser
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“The boyfriend surprised the woman.”

The criteria distinguishing sub-types of mental process (reaction, perception and cognition) are outlined in Table 5.4. above. Overall, these criteria oppose reaction processes (which in a sense respond to phenomena) to perception and cognition processes (which are more active). An outline of these oppositions is suggested in Figure 5.2 (for further discussion see Martin 1996).

Table 5.4 Criteria distinguishing sub-types of mental process

	reaction	perception	cognition
Senser focus affix	<i>ma-</i>	<i>maka-</i>	<i>maka-</i>
Phenomenon focus affix	<i>ika-/ka-...-an</i>	<i>ma-</i>	<i>ma...-an</i>
Phenomenon marker (non-Theme)	<i>sa</i>	<i>ng</i>	<i>ng</i>
directionality	two-way	one-way	one-way
causative affixes	no	yes	yes
social affixes	no	yes	(if reciprocal)
unmarked "Clause Phenomenon"	fact	act	idea
Senser marker (non-Theme)	<i>ng</i>	<i>ng</i>	<i>ng</i>

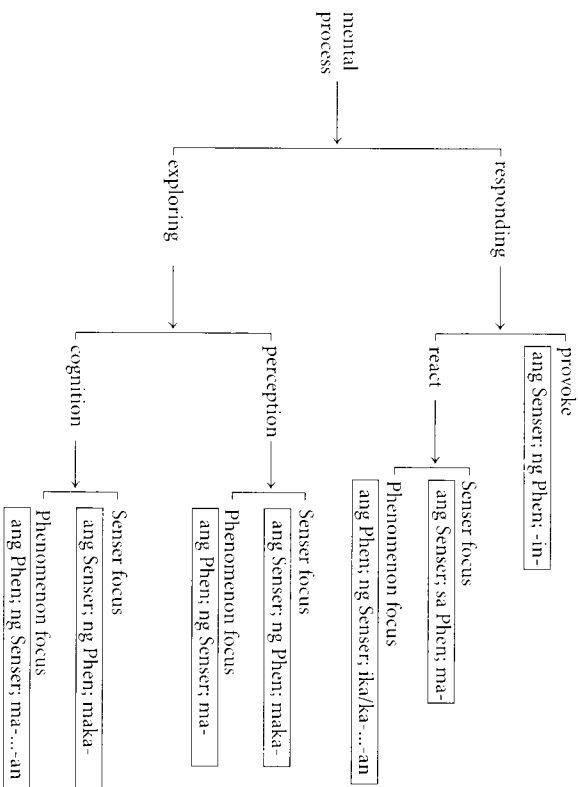


Figure 5.2 Basic mental processes in Tagalog

5.3.2 Material processes

Material processes (examples (1) and (3) to (10) above) differ from mental processes in Tagalog in several respects, as summarized in Table 5.5 below. As far as participants are concerned they involve an actor, and optionally an undergoer and a beneficiary.

Table 5.5 Criteria distinguishing material from mental processes

verb class	material	mental
"undergoer" focus affix	<i>-um-, mag-, -in-, i-, -an</i>	<i>ma-, ma...-an, ika-, ka...-an</i>
# key participants	1, 2 or 3	2
metaphenomenon	not possible	possible
participant consciousness	± conscious	one conscious participant
general verb	<i>ano/gawa/mungyari</i>	–
nominating affix	<i>pag-</i>	<i>pagka-</i>
ablative/involuntary action paradigm	full	defective

One of the key puzzles as far as material processes are concerned is the significance of *-um-* and *mag-* as focus affixes. Very few verbs take both affixes, but when they do the affect on the affected participant is striking. Note the following examples from Ramos (1976) (cf. *um-abot* "reach for", *mag-abot* "hand to"), glossed here as centrifugal or centripetal according to the trajectory of the affected goods (*gulay* "vegetables").

- 'centrifugal'
- (22) *Nag-bili ang babae ng gulay.*
 sold THEME woman vegetables
 Process Actor Goods
 "The woman sold some vegetables."
- 'centripetal'
- (23) *B-in-ili ang babae ng gulay.*
 bought THEME woman vegetables
 Process Actor Goods
 "The woman bought some vegetables."
- 'centrifugal'
- (24) *I-p-in-ag-bili ng babae ang gulay sa lalaki.*
 bought woman THEME vegetables man
 Process Actor Goods Beneficiary
 "The woman sold the vegetables to the man."
- 'centripetal'
- (25) *B-in-ili ng babae ang gulay sa lalaki.*
 bought woman THEME vegetables man
 Process Actor Goods Beneficiary
 "The woman bought the vegetables from the man."

In (22) and (23) the Actor is Theme; in (24) and (25) the goods affected is Theme. So *mag-* pairs with *i-* or *ipag-*, and *-um-* with *-in-*. Verbs following the *mag-/i-* centrifugal pattern are compared with those following the *-um-/in-* pattern below:

centrifugal pattern *mag-/i-* (Ramos 1974:84–86 class 4): *abuloy* “contribute”, *bagsak* “drop”, *bigay* “give”, *bayad* “pay”, *sabit* “hand”, *hulag* “drop”, *akyat* “carry up”, *tali* “tie”, etc.
centripetal pattern *-um-/in-* (Ramos 1974:87–88 class 6): *hingi* “ask for”, *dukot* “draw out”, *tanggap* “receive”, *agaw* “snatch”, *abot* “reach for”, *hila* “pull horizontally”, *hanap* “search for”, etc.

Following Lopez (1941) Ramos also draws attention to what he refers to as “internal” and “external” verbs. His internal class is exemplified in (26), where the participant undertaking the process is the one affected by it (*-um-*); this contrasts with (27), where the participant instigating the process affects another participant (*mag-*).

(26) *B-um-angon ako.*

got up	I
Process	Actor

“I got up.”

(27) *Nag-bangon ng bago- ng bahay ang pari.*
 erected new DEF house THEME priest
 “The priest built a new house.”

Schachter & Orlanes (1972:293) exemplify the pattern as follows:

<i>l-um-abas</i>	“come out”	<i>mag-labas</i>	“take out”
<i>p-um-asok</i>	“enter”	<i>mag-pasok</i>	“take in”
<i>um-akyat</i>	“climb”	<i>mag-akyat</i>	“carry up”
<i>um-alis</i>	“leave”	<i>mag-alis</i>	“remove”
<i>um-iwi</i>	“go home”	<i>mag-iwi</i>	“take home”

Pursuing the opposition, Ramos (1974:139) notes one further pattern, exemplified in (28) and (29).

(28) *P-um-itol ang babae ng kahoy.*
 cut THEME woman wood
 “The woman cut off a piece of wood.”

(29) *Nag-putol ang babae ng kahoy.*
 cut THEME woman wood
 “The woman cut some wood.”

With *-um-*, the verbs involved suggest acquisition, on behalf of the participant undertaking the process; with *mag-* the process is neutral in this respect.

<i>h-um-iwa</i>	“slice off”	<i>mag-hiwa</i>	“slice”
<i>p-um-iiit</i>	“tear off”	<i>mag-punii</i>	“tear”
<i>b-um-ali</i>	“break off”	<i>mag-bali</i>	“break”
<i>t-um-aga</i>	“hack off”	<i>mag-taga</i>	“hack”
<i>g-um-iiptit</i>	“scissor off”	<i>mag-gupit</i>	“cut with scissors”

One way to generalize these three oppositions¹⁵ is to argue that action clauses in Tagalog are based on two different types of clause nucleus, where the nucleus consists of a **Process** and a **Medium** through which that Process is actualized. One of these, the *-um-* type is basically implosive (or centripetal): it involves events in which the Medium either simply acts, or acts on done-to’s in such a way as to draw them into the nucleus. The other, the *mag-* type, is basically explosive (or centrifugal, to use Ramos’s term): it involves more volatile events in which the Medium acts in a way that has repercussions for other participants – the done-to (**Goods**) undergoes a change of state or position. A network of oppositions reflecting this perspective is outlined in Figure 5.3 (for details see Martin 1996c), including metaleological processes involving no participants (e.g. *um-tulan* “it rained”) and acts which involve just one (*l-um-aynas siya* “s/he went away”).

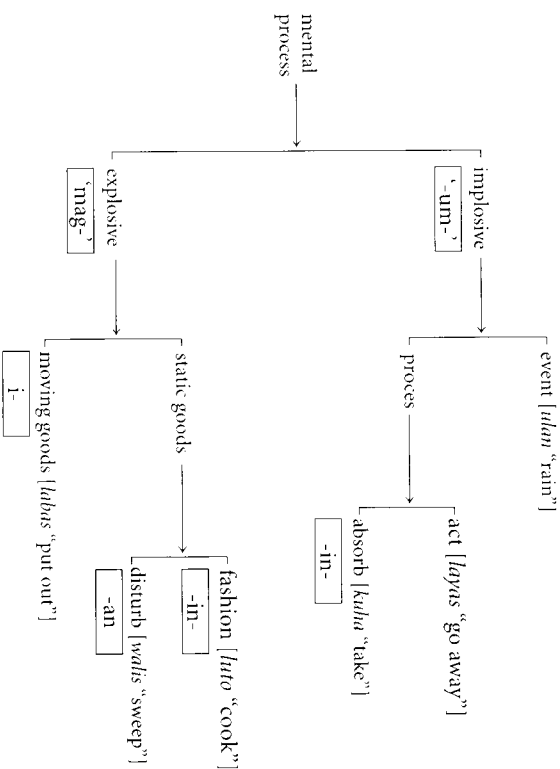


Figure 5.3 Basic material processes in Tagalog

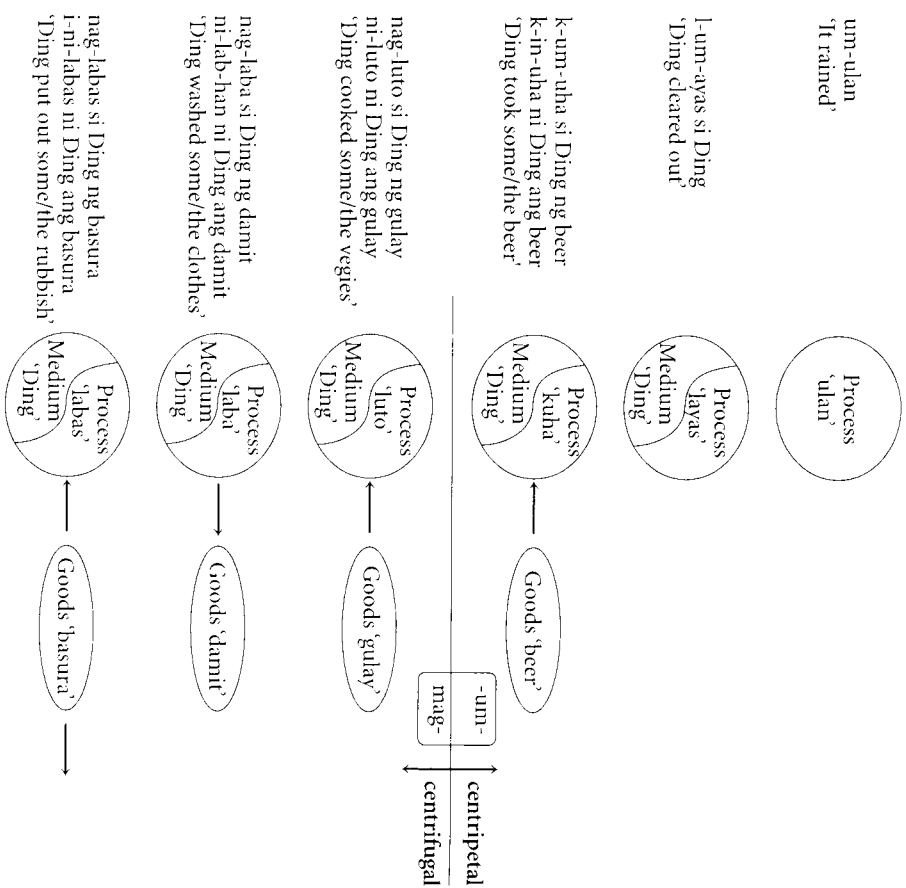


Figure 5.4 Scale of volatility for material processes in Tagalog

Figure 5.4 arranges Tagalog material processes topologically along a scale from least to most volatile. On the implosive side of the scale meteorological, intransitive behavioural and 'ingestive' transitive processes are aligned; on the explosive side we move through processes according to the degree to which the goods are impacted upon as reflected in the focus affixes *-in-* (creation and impact), *-an* (surface disturbance) and *-i-* (ejection).

Martin (1996c) suggests generalizing this 'centripetal/centrifugal' perspective across material and mental process. Figure 5.5 scales mental processes along the lines outlined for material processes in Figure 5.4, beginning with the more introverted reaction processes where phenomena impact emotionally on sensors and moving on to more extroverted perception and cognition processes where sensors

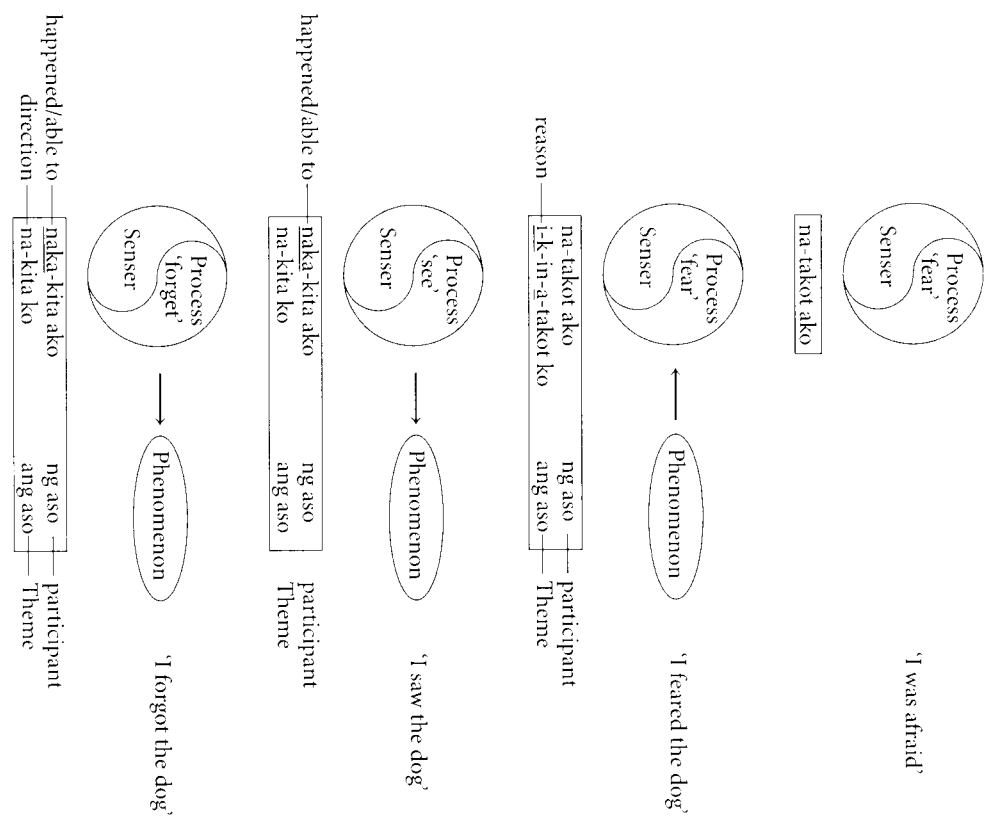


Figure 5.5 Scale of volatility for mental processes in Tagalog

grammatically construe phenomena. In taking this step, we are opening up the possibility that transitivity systems might be generalized across process types in other than the familiar transitive and ergative terms (Martin 1996b) – with respect to the volatility of their process plus medium nuclei. This third possibility is outlined in relation to the other two in Figure 5.6 on page 270.

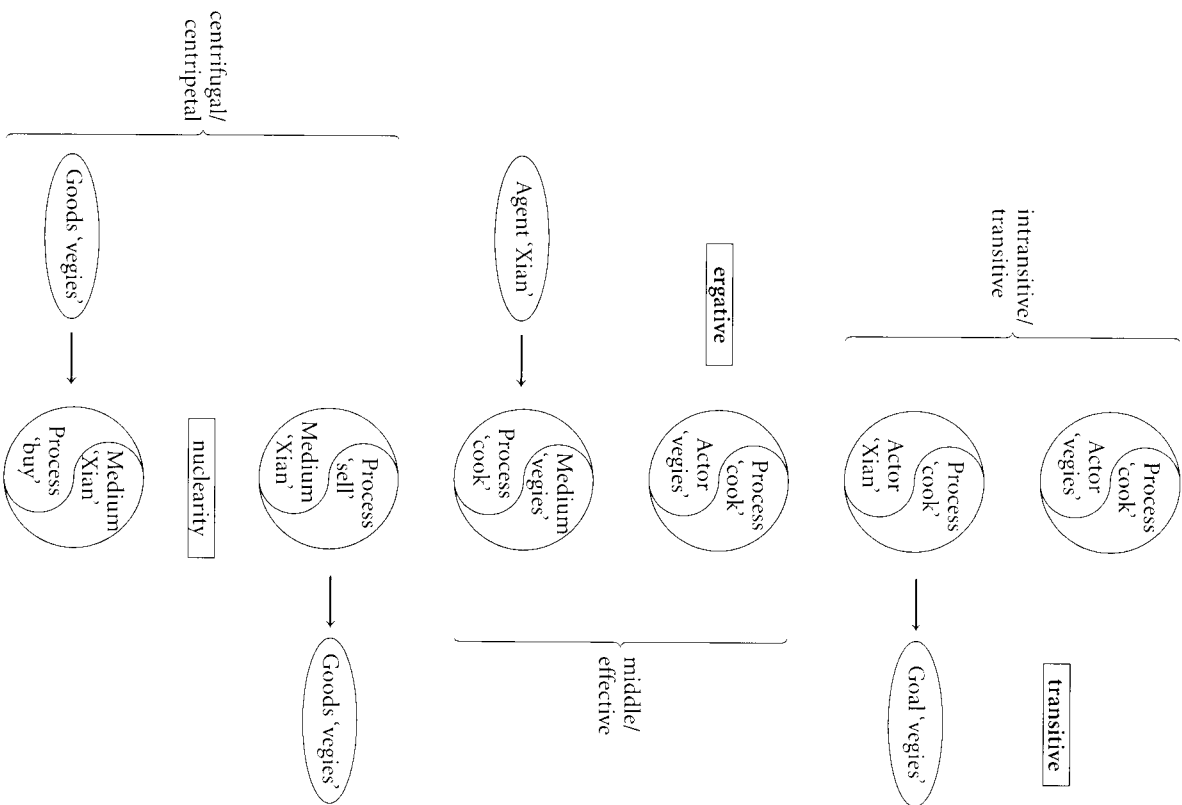


Figure 5.6 Transitive, ergative and nuclear transitivity

By way of distinguishing inner from outer roles around these nuclei, Tagalog draws on the *ng/sa* distinction noted above.¹⁶ This is easiest to see when clauses are nominalized or in recently completed aspect and so have no Theme:

(30) (*magaling ang*) *pagka-intindi ng babae ng wika sa biyaha niya.*
 clever THEME understanding woman language trip her
 “The woman’s understanding of languages on her trip was clever.”

(31) *Ka-ra-rating ng babae sa probinsiya dahil sa Pasko.*
 has just arrived woman province because of Christmas
 “The woman has just arrived in the province because of Christmas.”

As example (31) illustrates, certain of these *sa* markers can be expanded to give more specific meanings. Using an ad hoc semantic classification of circumstances, these can be listed as follows:

Matter	<i>tungkol sa, ukol sa</i>	“about”
Cause	<i>dahil sa</i>	“because of”
Benefactive	<i>para sa</i>	“on behalf of”
Instrument	<i>sa pamamagitan ng</i>	“with”
Accompaniment	<i>kasama ng</i>	“with”
Location	<i>bukod sa</i>	“with”
	<i>galing sa</i>	“besides”
	<i>patungo sa</i>	“from”
		“to”
		“in the middle of”
		“in front of”
		“in front of” ... etc.

Actually the picture is not quite as neat as the *ng/sa* opposition in (30) and (31) would imply. Not all circumstances are in fact marked with *sa*: for example, *kasama ng* “with” listed under Accompaniment above. In addition, Manner (see example (32)) and Extent are marked with *nang*, distinguished orthographically from *ng*, but phonologically identical; and Role is marked with *bilang* “as”. What characterizes all circumstances is their inability to be marked simply with orthographic *ng*.

(32) *Umuwi ka nang mabilis.*
 go home THEME+2SG CIRC fast
 “Go home quickly!”

5.3.3 Relational processes

Turning to relational processes, attributive processes place a thematic Carrier in relation to an Attribute realized by a noun or adjective, without a pre-position (to classify as in example (33)), or describe as in (34)).

(33) *Tisera ang babae.*
 teacher THEME woman
 Attribute Carrier
 “The woman is a teacher.”

(34) *Matalino ang babae.*

clever THEME woman

Attribute	Carrier
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“The woman is clever.”

Circumstantial attributive processes use one of the pre-positions noted above to mark the circumstantial relation (e.g. location, as in example (35) below).

(35) *Nasa bahay ang babae.*

CIRC house THEME woman

Attribute: circumstantial	Carrier
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“The woman is in the house.”

Identifying processes¹⁷ place two *ang* phrases in relation to one another, as in example (36) (at first blush, a clause type with two Themes). Perhaps these clauses can be interpreted as grammatically splitting the functions of thematic orientation and newsworthiness which are realized together on clause final *ang* phrases in mental and material processes (for contextualized examples see text (81) below).

(36) *Ang pangulo ang babae.*

THEME president THEME woman

Identifier	Identified
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“The woman is the president.”

Basic¹⁸ existential clauses on the other hand are one the few clause types in Tagalog lacking an *ang* phrase. The existential marker *may* (alternatively *mayroon*; for negative *wala*) precedes the Existent as in (37).

(37) *May babae sa bahay.*

EX woman CIRC house

Existent	Circ: location
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“There is a woman in the house.”

Possession in Tagalog may be construed either circumstantially or existentially (see Ramos & Cena 1980, for discussion). General possession, including temporary possession, ownership and metonymy (part/whole relations) is realized in clauses with *may* marking the possession (or part) and with the possessor (or whole) as Theme.

(38) *May lapis ang babae.*

EX pencil THEME woman

Attribute/ Possession	Carrier/ Possessor
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“The woman has a pencil.”

Ownership can be alternatively construed circumstantially, with the possessor as a kind of location (with pre-position *sa*) and the possession as Theme.

(39) *Sa babae ang bahay.*

CIRC woman THEME house

Identifier/ Possessor	Identified/ Possession
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“The house belongs to the woman.”

Temporary possession may be similarly realized, but with pre-position *nasa* in place of *sa*.

(40) *Nasa babae ang lapis.*

CIRC woman THEME pencil

Identifier/ Possessor	Identified/ Possession
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“The woman has the pencil.”

Martin (1996c) suggests that the existential clause type as well as the identifying one has been generalized across process types in Tagalog (*may umalis* ‘someone left’; *umalis siya* ‘she left’; *siya ang umalis* ‘she’s the one who left’), and that the motivation for this generalization has to do with arguability (modal responsibility). Note the contrast with English, which prefers to realize nonspecific participants as nominal groups (i.e. *someone*), rather than deploying an existential clause. The existential construal suits Tagalog, which otherwise would have the problem of a non-specific Theme (**umalis si someone* ‘someone left’); for discussion see Martin (1983) and Section 5.4 below.

5.3.4 Text illustration

Material and relational processes are exemplified in Text 5.1 below, a short biography of the economics professor T. S. Tullao, Jr. (Tullao 1990); for examples of mental processes see Texts 5.3 (clauses (1) and (3)) and 5.4 (clauses (11) and (16)). Text 5.1 outlines Tullao’s academic accomplishments and current activities. To clarify the presentation, linkers have been detached and glossed (e.g. orthographic *nasabing* in clause (2) reworked as *nasabi -ng*).

Text 5.1

(1) *Nagtapos ng AB in Economics, summa cum laude*
completed his BA in Economics, summa cum laude

Process	Goods
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sa De La Salle University noong 1972,
at De La Salle University in 1972

Circ: location | Circ: location (past)
"Dr Tereso S. Tullao Jr completed his BA in Economics, summa cum laude, at De La Salle University in 1972,"

- (2) Si Dr Tereso S. Tullao Jr ay kasalukuyang
Dr T.S. Tullao Jr INV presently

Carrier | |
professor at tagapangulo ng sa nasabi -ng unibersidad.
Departamento ng Ekonomiks
professor and head of the circ aforesaid dep university
Department of Economics

Attribute
"he is presently professor and head of the Department of Economics at that university."

- (3) Nagtapos din siya ng MA in Development Education
completed also he an MA in Development Education

Process | | Medium | Goods
noong 1974 sa Stanford University, California.
in 1974 at Stanford University, California.

Circ: location (past) | Circumstance: location
"He also completed an MA in Development Education at Stanford University in 1974."

- (4) Magkasunod niya -ng tinapos ang MALLD at ang PhD
one after the other he dep completed an MALLD and a PhD

Circumstance | Med | Process | Goods
noong 1980 at 1982 sa Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts
University, Massachusetts.

in 1980 and 1982 at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy,
Tufts University, Massachusetts

Circ: location (past) | Circumstance: location
"He completed an MALLD and a PhD in succession at the Fletcher
School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Massachusetts."

- (5) Napaakalooban siya ng Don Santiago Syjuco Professorial ...
got granted he the Don Santiago Syjuco Professorial ...

Process | Direction¹⁹ | Goods ...

Chair sa Ekonomiks at isa sa mga ginawaran
Chair of Economics and one circ pl awarded

... Goods ...
ng titulo -ng University Fellow ng DLSU.
title dep University Fellow of DLSU

... Goods ...
"He has had bestowed on him the Don Santiago Syjuco Professorial Chair
of Economics and one of the honorary titles of University Fellow of DLSU."

- (6) Nakapagture na rin siya sa iba't-iba -ng
got to teach mature also he circ several dep

Process | | Medium | Circumstance: ...
bansa tulad sa Japan, USA, at Tsina.
country including Japan, USA and China

... location
"He has also had the opportunity to teach in several countries, including
Japan, the USA and China."

- (7) Bukod sa pagtuturo, abala rin saya sa pagiging
besides teaching busy also he circ being

Circ: accompaniment | Attribute | Carrier | Circ: ...
consultant ng Board of Investments at iba pa -ng
consultant on Board of Investments and other more dep

... location ...
nga institusyon at pang-ekonomiya at pang-cthakasyon.
organisationsyong

pl institutions and for economic and for education
organisations
... location ...

"Besides teaching, he is also busy as a consultant on the Board of
Investments and many other economic and educational institutions and
organisations."

- (8) Aktibo rin siya sa pagsusulat ng mga artikulo
active also he circ composing circ pl articles

Attribute | Carrier | Circ: location ...
sa ekonomiks na nalalahala sa loob at labas ng bansa.
circ economics dep getting published inside and outside country

... location ...
"He is also actively involved in composing many articles (getting)
published inside and outside the country."

- (9) *Kabilang sa iba pa niya -ng aklat*
among circ other more he DEP books
Attribute

ang *Three Essays on Trade and Development (DLSU 1987) at*
Understanding Economics in the Philippine Setting (Phoenix 1986).

THEME Three Essays... and Understanding Economics...

Carrier

"Among his many other books are *Three Essays on Trade and Development* (DLSU 1987) and *Understanding Economics in the Philippine Setting* (Phoenix 1986)."

This biographical sketch outlines Professor Tullao's achievements from 1972 to 1987. It involves eight material processes – six finite (in *bold italics* below) and two nominalizations (underlined below):

material processes (action highlighted)

- (1) ***Nagtapos*** "finished" ... *ng AB in Economics* ...
- (3) ***Nagtapos*** "finished" ... *din siya ng MA in Development Education* ...
- (4) ... ***tinapos*** "finished" ... *ang MALLD at ang PhD* ...
- (5) ***Napakakalooban*** "granted" ... *siya ng ... Professorial Chair sa Ekonomiks* ...
- (6) ***Nakapagturo*** "taught" ... *na rin siya sa iba't ibang bansa* ...
- (7) ... ***pagtuturo*** "teaching" ...
- (8) ... ***pagsusulat*** "writing" ... *ng mga artikulo sa ekonomiks na nalalathala* "published" ...

There are four relational attributive processes:

relational processes (attribute in bold)

- (2) ***Si Dr Tereso S. Tullao Jr ay kasalukuyang professor*** ...
- (7) ... ***abala*** rin siya sa *pagiging consultant* ...
- (8) ***Akitho*** rin siya sa *pagsusulat ng mga artikulo* ...
- (9) ***Kabilang sa iba pa niyang aklat ang Three Essays*** ...

The material processes are all arguably of the *mag-* type (including *sulat* "write" whose nominalization includes reduplication of the first syllable, a feature of the *mag-* class;²⁰ although *sulat* is often used as an *-um-* verb, *-um-* verbs do not involve this reduplication). This pattern foregrounds Professor Tullao's enterprise – earning degrees, having honours bestowed, teaching and publishing.

<i>tapos</i> "end" (clauses (1), (3) & (4))	<i>mag-tapos</i> <i>t-in-apos</i>	(finisher focus) (accomplishment focus)
<i>kaloob</i> "gift" (clause (5))	<i>mng-kaloob</i> <i>ipag-kaloob</i>	(giver focus) (gift focus)
<i>turo</i> "instruction" (clauses (6) & (7))	<i>mng-turo</i> <i>i-turo</i>	(teacher focus) (content focus)
<i>lathala</i> "publication" (clause (8))	<i>mng-lathala</i> <i>i-lathala</i>	(publisher focus) (publication focus)
<i>sulat</i> "writing" (clause (8))	<i>mng-sulat</i> <i>i-sulat</i>	(author focus) (composition focus)

At the same time, three of the finite realizations of these extroverted processes involve what Schachter & Oranes refer to as the ability/involuntary action prefix (*ma-*, *maka-*); for completed aspect they suggest translating this as "got" to make the point that something has indeed been accomplished:

ablitative/involuntary action
na-pagkalooban "got given"
naka-pagturo "got to teach"
na-lalathala "are getting published"

This suggestion has not however been taken up in the free translation of clauses (5), (6) and (8) in Text 5.1 above (repeated in part below), where glossing the processes with "got" seems as inappropriate as glossing them "was able to" or "happened to" would be.

- (5) *Napagkalooban siya ng Don Santiago Syjuco Professorial Chair* ...
got granted he Don Santiago Syjuco Professorial Chair
"He has had bestowed on him the Don Santiago Syjuco Professorial Chair ..."
- (6) *Nakapagturo na rin siya sa iba't ibang bansa,*
got to teach mature also he circ several DEP country
"He has also had the opportunity to teach in several countries, ..."
- (8) *Akitho rin siya sa pagsusulat ng mga artikulo na nalalathala* ...
active also he circ writing circ pl article DEP got published
"He is also actively involved in composing many articles published ..."

Taken alongside the two nominalizations which elide Tullao as actor (*pagtuturo* "teaching" in clause (7) and *pagsusulat* "writing" in clause (8)), what seems to be going on here is that the text is mitigating somewhat Tullao's agency – supervision

deflates instigation. Honours get granted, overseas teaching positions get offered and articles get published – with others, or fate, or perhaps divine providence in charge (for further discussion of this fashion of speaking in Tagalog, see Martin 1983). We might say then that Tullao is construed as fortunate, or blessed, as well as highly charged; and that the panegyric is somewhat more effacing than the English translation allows!

The following text from an acclaimed novel by Lualhati Bautista (Bautista 1983:4–5) features *-um-* class verbs; a mother (Lea) and her young son (Ojie) are arguing about drinks during a primary school beauty pageant. The relevant processes here are in bold in Text 5.2 below, and feature motion away from Mum and towards Ojie's step-father Ding. Note in addition the transitive *-um-* process *humingi* 'ask for' in clause (4), where the goods (i.e. the money for the drink) are to be acquired by Ojie. Clearly at this stage of life Ojie is constructed materially as much less accomplished than Professor Tullao – and loses the argument with his mother in the process!

Text 5.2 (Bautista 1983:4–5)

- (1) *Sumitip uli sa lens ng camera si Lea.*
 peeked again lens camera THEME Lea
 Process Location Medium
- (2) "Ano?" *tanong niya.*
 what question her
 Token Value
- (3) "Gusto ko ng soft drinks."
 want I soft drinks
 Process Senser Phenomenon
 "I want a soft drink."
- (4) "Do'n ka *humingi ng pera* sa tatay Ding mo.
 there TH+2SG ask for money father Ding your
 Loc Medium Process Goods Direction
 "Ask your father Ding² over there for some money."
- (5) "Wala ako *-ng dala dito.*"
 EX-NEG TH+1SG DEP load here
 Medium Process Location
 "I didn't bring anything here."

- (6) "Malayo siya, e!"
 far TH+3SG on the contrary
 Attribute Carrier
 "But he's a long way, eh!"
- (7) "Lapitan mo."
 approach you
 Process Medium
 "Go over (to him)."
- (-an construes the elided Theme (Ding) as Direction.)
- (8) "Hindi ako *makadaan!*"
 NEG THEME+1SG can pass
 Medium Process
 "I can't make it!"
- (9) "Di mamaya ka na mag-soft drinks."
 NEG soon TH+2SG FRUITION-soft drink
 Loc Medium Process
 "Listen, you'll soon have your soft drink."
- (10) "pag *makakadaan* ka na!"
 if can pass THEME+2SG now
 Process Medium
 "if you start to make your way over now!"
- (11) "Dumadara na lumayo si Ojie,"
 stamping in anger DEP moved off THEME Ojie
 Pro - -cess?? Medium
 "Stamping his feet in anger Ojie moved off,
- (12) at *makadaan papunta kay Ding.*
 and able to pass heading towards Ding
 Process Location
 "and headed over to Ding."

5.4 THEME

5.4.1 The system of THEME

Thematic flexibility in the Tagalog clause was illustrated in examples (7) to (10) in Section 5.3 above. Cena (1979) in fact refers to Tagalog as an “equal opportunity employer” because of the flexibility with which it focuses on participants and circumstances as Theme. With elicited sentences, including fully lexicalized participants, unmarked Theme tends to conflate with unmarked New, at the end of the clause. This supposedly unmarked clause type, is illustrated in (41) below and is presumably the basis for Tagalog’s characterization as a VOS language in formalist language typology. Note however that in general, affecting participants tend to precede affected ones; and circumstances tend to follow participants – and these factors may influence word order.

- (41) *Hi-in-tran ng tao ang pera sa bangka.*
 borrowed man THEME money CIRC bank
 “The man borrowed the money from the bank.”

Note as well that pronouns, which are always personal, are clitic to the Process, which in discourse tends to move a “given” unmarked Theme forward in the clause away from unmarked New. Thus the contrasting word order in (42) and (43).

- (42) *Na-kita ng Direktor si Brigitte.*
 saw director THEME Brigitte
 “The Director saw Brigitte.”
- (43) *Na-kita siya ng Direktor.*
 saw TH+3SG director
 “The Director saw her.”

Pronouns are further clitic to pre-enclitic interpersonal meanings coming first in clause – for example the negative marker *hindi* in (44). In discourse this tends to draw unmarked Themes further forward in the clause to bond with interpersonal Theme (which always comes first).

- (44) *Hindi siya na-kita ng Direktor.*
 NEG TH+3SG saw director
 “The Director didn’t see her.”

As noted in Section 5.2.3 above, marked Theme is realized by what is referred to as “*ay* inversion”. Marked Themes involve *ang* phrases, circumstances and expanding dependent clauses²³ as illustrated in (45) to (47) below.

- (45) *Ang pera ay hi-in-tran ng tao sa bangka.*
 THEME money INV borrowed man CIRC bank
 Theme Rheme

“The man borrowed the money from the bank.”

- (46) *Sa bangka ay hi-in-tran ng tao ang pera.*
 CIRC bank INV borrowed man THEME money
 Theme Rheme

“The man borrowed the money from the bank.”

- (47) *Nang mg-angat siya ng mukha ay wala si Raffy.*
 when raise a little TH+3SG face INV EX-NEG THEME Raffy
 Theme Rheme

“When she raised her face a little, there was no Raffy.”

Tagalog also makes use of highly marked absolute Themes involving an extra “coreferential” *ang* phrase in first position followed by *ay*.

- (48) *Ang bata ay malaki ang pagkagusto niya sa artista.*
 TH child INV big TH love his CIRC actor
 “As for the child, his love for the actor was big.”

5.4.2 Text illustration

A glimpse of the function of Tagalog’s THEME system in discourse is presented in Text 5.3²⁴ below. The text is from the beginning of Lualhati Bautista’s *Hinahamp Lang Magmamahal* “Looking for Love”, a Valentine Romance (1989:1–2). The heroine, Brigitte (an actor in situation comedy) is being introduced for the first time. Bautista is a renowned feminist novelist, who also writes subversive Mills & Boon style romances. Note in passing the use of English terms²⁵ (e.g. *utility boy*, *big shot*, *taping*), a common feature of contemporary Manila discourse; this kind of Filipino is referred to by some commentators as “Taglish” or “Engalog” – featuring Tagalog grammar and occasional English lexis.

Text 5.3 (Bautista 1989:1–2)

- (1) *Nakakaramdam na ng gutom si Brigitte*
 is feeling already hunger THEME Brigitte
 “Brigitte is already feeling hungry”
- (2) *pero hindi siya nakakating.*
 but NEG THEME+3SG able to complain
 “but she can’t complain.”

- (3) *Nahihya siya -ng magsalita kahit sa utility boy.*
is ashamed TH+3SG DEP speak even CIRC utility boy
"She is too embarrassed to speak to even the utility boy."
- (4) *Ewan ba niya*
not know INT she
"I don't know why (only she would know)"
- (5) *pero sa tinagalagal ng pagiging artista niya sa telebisyon,*
but CIRC enduring becoming actor she CIRC
"but even though she's been a TV actor for a long time now,
nahihya pa rin siya -ng magsabi
is ashamed even THEME+3SG DEP say
she is too embarrassed to discuss ...
ng problema niya sa mga kasamahan,
problem her CIRC PL associates"
... her problems with her associates"
- (6) *kahit kasing-simple lang iyon ng isa -ng tasa -ng kape.*
though as simple only that+TH one DEP cup DEP coffee
"even if it was just something as simple as a cup of coffee."
- (7) *Nag-aalala siya*
is worrying THEME+3SG
"She is worrying"
- (8) *na baka hindi siya pansinin.*
DEP maybe NEG THEME+3SG pay attention to
"that maybe she'd be ignored."
- (9) *Artista nga rin siya*
actor EMPH ako THEME+3SG
"She really was an actor"
- (10) *pero hindi siya big shot.*
but NEG TH+3SG big shot
"but she wasn't a big shot."
- (11) *At dahil hindi siya big shot*
and because NEG THEME+3SG big shot
"And because she wasn't a big shot"
- (12) *kaya dumarating siya nang magaga sa mga tapping.*
so is coming TH+3SG early CIRC PL tapping
"so she is coming early to the tapping sessions."

- (13) *Kahit sigurado siya*
although sure THEME+3SG
"Although she's sure"
- (14) *na mapapanis siya sa paghihintay,*
DEP become stale TH+3SG CIRC waiting
"that she'll get tired of waiting,"
- (15) *ayaw pa rin niya -ng sugalan ang peligro na...*
not want still she DEP gamble THEME danger DEP
"she still doesn't like running the risk that ...
manahan siya sa pagdating
be preceded TH+3SG CIRC arrival
... she'll be caught out by the earlier arrival ...
ng mga mas importante -ng artista.
PL more important DEP actor
... of the more important stars."
- (16) *Baka masulat pa siya sa diyaryo,*
maybe able to write still THEME+3SG CIRC newspapers
"She might get written up in the newspapers,"
- (17) *nahinap na.*
difficult already
"which would be hard."

The romance introduces its heroine in clause (1), at the end of the clause as Theme and New (arguably the only clause in the text with a clear VOS structure). Thereafter Brigitte is referred to pronominally (*siya/niya*) and selected as Theme (*siya*) on 13 occasions. Overwhelmingly then, the orientation of the text to its field in this part of the novel is Brigitte (following Fries (1981), the heroine constitutes the text's method of development). As pronominal Theme, Brigitte is realized towards the beginning of the clause, following verbs or inter-personal pre-enclitics and followed by more newsworthy, less established information, for example *sa diyaryo* "in the newspapers" in clause (16). It's only when clauses run out of news that *siya* comes last, as in (7), (9) and (13).

Although it has been claimed that in Tagalog, Themes must be definite²⁶ (e.g. Schachter 1976, 1977), Theme can be used to introduce participants²⁷ – as for Brigitte in (1) above (and *ang peligro* in (15)). When common nouns are used to introduce participants in this way, this supposedly categorical association of Theme with definiteness is broken (see Martin 1993 for exemplification). This is hardly surprising given the association of fully lexicalized Themes with final position, and Buenaventura-Naylor's (1975) association of final position with news. Text

5.3 exemplifies the way in which the enclitic properties of pronouns disassociate participants from news once their identity has been established.

A similar pattern of thematic development is found in Text 5.1 above, where Professor Tullao is construed as Theme in seven of the nine clauses. Note that in clause (1) of Text 5.1 an actor Theme is implied by the process affix *mag-*, but Tullao is in fact introduced as a marked Theme, via *ay* inversion, in the second clause. Thereafter he is realized through pronouns (*siya/niya*). This method of development is relaxed on two occasions to foreground Professor Tullao's major academic accomplishments as thematic news in clause final position – his overseas degrees in clause (4) and his major books in clause (9). For ease of reference, Themes are in bold in the abridged version of Text 5.1 below.

Themes in Text 5.1

- (1) *Nagtapos (Si Dr. Tereso S. Tullao Jr) ng AB in Economics ...*
- (2) *Si Dr. Tereso S. Tullao Jr ay kasalukuyang professor ...*
- (3) *Nagtapos din siya ng MA ...*
- (4) *Magkasunod niyang tinapos ang MALLD at ang PhD*
- (5) *Napagkalooban siya ng Don Santiago Syjuco Professorial Chair ...*
- (6) *Nakapagturong na rin siya sa iba't ibang bansa ...*
- (7) *Bikod sa pagtuturo, abala rin siya sa pagiging consultant ...*
- (8) *Aktibo rin siya sa pagsusulat ng mga artikulo ...*
- (9) *Kabilang sa iba pa niyang aklat ang Three Essays on Trade ...*

5.5 MOOD

In linguistics, Tagalog's Philippine-style focus system has celebrity status, and has drawn researchers to considerations of TRANSITIVITY and THEME. MOOD has tended to be backgrounded (Martin 1990, 2004), although interpersonal meanings play a key role in organizing a Tagalog clause. Basic proposals and propositions in Tagalog were illustrated in Section 5.2.2 above²⁸ (imperative, interrogative, declarative). To begin, we'll develop proposals in more detail.

5.5.1 Imperative

Tagalog imperatives generally deploy a non-finite form of the verb (affixed to focus on Theme but not marked for aspect). The person to whom the proposal is addressed and who is modally responsible for its undertaking is usually made explicit. First, second and third person proposals are all possible, as illustrated in

examples (49) to (52) below. The first and third person imperatives regularly include the optative enclitic particle *sana*. Martin (1990) discusses imperative options in more detail.

- 'imperative: speaker' (with "I" or exclusive "we"; oblique)
- (49) *I-ibing sana namin ang bangkay maya-maya.*
bury OPTATIVE WE-EXCL. THEME corpse soon
"We hope to bury the corpse soon."
- 'imperative: addressee' (with singular or plural "you"; jussive)
- (50) *I-ibing mo ang bangkay maya-maya.*
bury you-SG THEME corpse soon
"Bury the body soon."
- 'imperative: speaker/addressee' (with inclusive "we"; hortative)
- (51) *I-ibing natin ang bangkay maya-maya.*
bury WE-INCL. THEME corpse soon
"Let's bury the body soon."
- 'imperative: third party' (with "he", "she", "they"; optative)
- (52) *I-ibing sana nila ang bangkay maya-maya.*
bury OPTATIVE they THEME corpse soon
"I hope they will bury the body soon (let them bury the body soon)."

5.5.2 Indicative

Propositions, on the other hand, are realized through finite clauses, with verbs, where present, marked for focus and aspect. Rising intonation, with or without the enclitic interrogative marker *ba*, signals interrogative as opposed to informative mood.

- 'indicative: informative'
- (53) *t-inn-akbo si Lydia nang ma-bilis.*
ran THEME Lydia fast
"Lydia ran fast."
- 'indicative: interrogative'
- (54) *t-inn-akbo ba si Lydia nang ma-bilis.*
ran INT. THEME Lydia fast
"Did Lydia run fast?"

Informatives include both exclamative and declarative structures. For exclamatives, the attribute or circumstance of manner being intensified is realized in first position, most commonly with pre-position *ang* – as in example (56).

- 'indicative: informative: declarative'
- (55) *Ma-ganda siya.*
beautiful THEME+3SG
"She's beautiful."

- 'indicative: informative: exclamative: attribute'
- (56) *Ang ganda niya.*
THEME beautiful s/he
"How beautiful she is!"

The most common tag involves the negative marker *hindi* and the interrogative marker *ba*; this tag, *hindi ba*, may either precede or follow the clause. The *wh* word *ano* ("what") is also used as a tag, following the clause.

- 'indicative: informative: declarative: tagged'
- (57) *Hindi ba, t-um-akbo siya nang ma-bilis?*
NEG INT ran THEME+3SG fast
"She ran fast, didn't she?"

- 'indicative: informative: declarative: tagged'
- (58) *Hindi siya t-um-akbo nang ma-bilis, ano?*
NEG THEME+3SG ran fast what
"She didn't fast, did she?"

Content focused interrogatives realize their "wh" word in first position, optionally followed by *ba*:

- 'indicative: interrogative: polar' (rising tone)
- (59) *T-um-akbo ba siya nang ma-bilis?*
ran INT THEME+3SG fast
"Did she run fast?"

- 'indicative: interrogative: wh' (falling tone)
- (60) *bakit ba siya t-um-akbo nang ma-bilis?*
why INT TH+3SG ran fast
"Why did she run fast?"

For "wh" questions about participants (*sino* "who", *ano* "what"), Tagalog uses an identifying structure with the "wh" word as Token and the rest of the clause in effect nominalized as Value.

'indicative: interrogative: wh: participant' (identifying)

- (61) *Sino ang i-mi-ibing niyo?*
who THEME buried-you+PL
"Who did you bury? (Who is the one that you buried?)"

- 'indicative: interrogative: wh: circumstance' (non-identifying)
- (62) *Nasaan niyo i-mi-ibing ang bangkay?*
where at you-PL buried THEME corpse
"Where did you bury the body?"

Since Tagalog lexical items are so regularly deployed across word classes, "wh" verbs are possible in Tagalog – formed by verbalizing "wh" stems with aspect and focus markers:

- 'indicative: interrogative: wh: process'
- (63) *In-ano mo ba?*
COMPLETED what you-SG INT
"What did you do?" (presuming something has happened)

Basic mood systems in Tagalog are outlined in Figure 5.7; realizations have been exemplified above. For further discussion see Martin (1990).

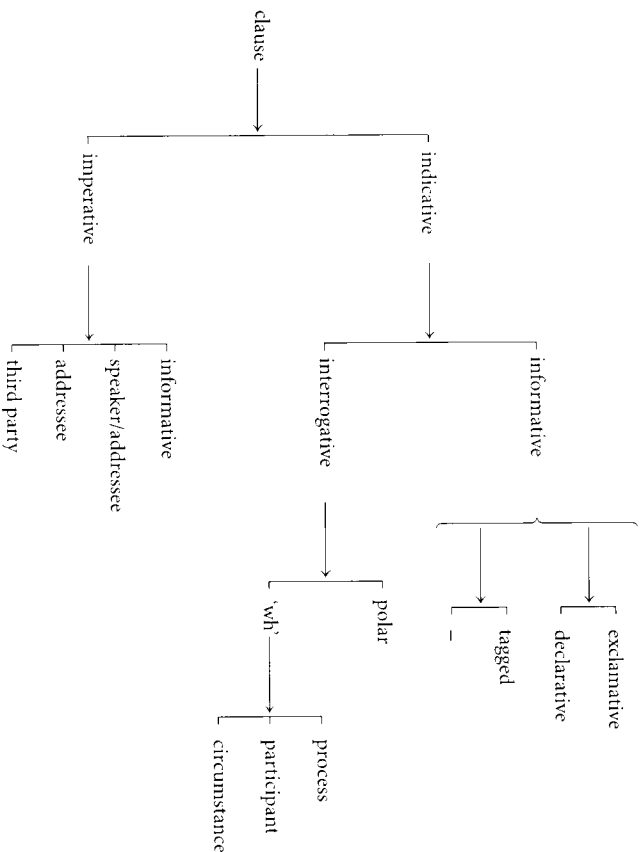


Figure 5.7 Basic mood systems in Tagalog

5.5.3 MODALITY

Turning from MOOD to MODALITY, Tagalog deploys a range of modalizing pre-enclitics at the beginning of the clause. These are often related to the rest of the clause by the linking particle *-ng/na*, which in effect constructs modality as Head and scopes the content it is modalizing as dependent (see Martin 1990, 1995a, 2004, for discussion). For proposals, inclination,²⁹ obligation and ability are all available, as shown in Table 5.6.

Table 5.6 Modalizing pre-enclitics for proposals

	positive	negative
inclination	<i> gusto, nais, ibig</i>	<i> ayaw, ayoko</i>
obligation	<i> kailangan, dapat</i>	
ability	<i> pwede, maari, kaya, maraming</i>	

These modulations are treated as “pseudo-verbs” by Schachter & Orlans (for them, a sub-class of adjectival) and have the following properties:

- they do not select for aspect;
- they do not select for voice;
- they link hypotactically to the verbal Predicate they modulate (*na/-ng*);
- the verbal Predicate they modulate does not select for aspect;
- like adjectives, they are intensified by hypotactic repetition (*na/-ng*); and
- like adjectives, they nominalize with *ka...*-*an* (*ka-dapat-an* “rights”).

- (64) *Dapat ka -ng um-lwi.*
 should THEME+2SG DEP go home
 “You should go home.”
- (65) *Hindi mo naman kaya -ng gawin iyon.*
 NEG you-SG CONTRAST able DEP do that
 “But you can’t do that.”

For propositions, realizations for probability, intensity, usuality and appearance are all available. Like modulations, these modalizations tend to be hypotactically linked to the rest of the clause. Except for appearance, they are graded from high values to low ones, as shown in Table 5.7.

- (66) *Tiyak na mali ka.*
 certain DEP wrong THEME-2SG
 “You are certainly wrong.”
- (67) *Lalo siya -ng magiging kawawa.*
 too much TH+3SG DEP becoming pitiful
 “She’ll become all the more pathetic.”

Table 5.7 Modalizing pre-enclitics for propositions

	probability	intensity	usuality	appearance (unscaled)
high	<i> tiyak na, sigurado-ng</i>	<i> lalo-ng, sobra-ng, masyado-ng, labis na; talaga-ng, totoo-ng, tunay na, higit na</i>	<i> (pa)lagi-ng</i>	<i> para-ng, mukha-ng, tita, wari</i>
median	<i> siguro</i>	repetition (with <i>ng</i>)	<i> karaniwan na, madalas</i>	
low	<i> baka, maramhi, sakali-ng, baka sakali-ng, possible-ng</i>	<i> (ka)muntik na, bahaywan-ng, halos</i>	<i> paminsan-minsan, (pan)bhira-ng</i>	

- (68) *Lagi tayó -ng na-ta-talo.*
 always TH+1PL-INCL DEP are losing
 “We always lose.”

- (69) *Para ka -ng may problema.*
 seems TH+2SG DEP EX problem
 “It looks like you’ve got a problem.”

5.5.4 POLARITY

Negation in Tagalog is sensitive to mood and existentiality. Non-existential propositions are negated with the pre-enclitic *hindi*, realized in first position:

- ‘positive non-existential’
- (70) *D-um-ating siya.*
 came THEME+3SG
 “She came.”
- ‘negative non-existential’
- (71) *Hindi siya d-um-ating.*
 NEG THEME+3SG came
 “She didn’t come.”

For existential propositions, *wala* functions to negate the existence of the participant implied by the focus affixes on the verb (like modalities, *wala* is linked hypotactically to the rest of the clause):

- ‘positive existential’
- (72) *May d-um-ating.*
 EX came
 “Someone came.”

'negative existential'

- (73) *Wala -ng d-um-ating.*
EX-NEG DEP came
"No one came."

With proposals, the pre-enclitic *huwag* is used; it is hypotactically linked to the clause it negates when followed by enclitic particles.

- (74) *Huwag sana kita³⁰ -ng tawagin.*
NEG OPTATIVE I/you DEP call
"Let's hope I won't have to call you."

- (75) *Huwag mo ako -ng tawagin.*
NEG you TH+1SG DEP call
"Don't call me."

5.5.5 Enclitic particles

As noted, Tagalog makes use of a range of enclitic particles, including non-circumstantial pronouns (as outlined in Table 5.8). These particles follow the experiential hub of the clause (its process, as in example (76)), unless it is preceded by pre-enclitic meanings (Martin 1990:20–21) which themselves attract these particles (as in example (77)).

Enclitic particles also realize a range of textual and interpersonal meanings, as outlined in Table 5.9. For further discussion of the meaning of these particles and their internal ordering see Martin (1981, 1990, 1993, 1997).

- (76) *T-um-akbo siya nang ma-bilis.*

ran TH+3SG fast
"She ran fast."

- (77) *Hindi siya t-um-akbo nang ma-bilis.*

NEG TH+3SG ran fast
"She didn't run fast."

Table 5.8 Enclitic pronouns in Tagalog

	Theme ¹	non-Theme	English gloss
speaker alone	<i>ako</i>	<i>ko</i>	"I"
speaker + others	<i>kami</i>	<i>namin</i>	"we" (inclusive)
speaker + addressee	<i>ayo</i>	<i>natin</i>	"we" (exclusive)
addressee alone	<i>ka</i>	<i>mo</i>	"you" (singular)
addressee + others	<i>kayo</i>	<i>ninyo</i>	"you" (plural)
other alone	<i>siya</i>	<i>niya</i>	"she"/"he"
other + others	<i>ila</i>	<i>nila</i>	"they"

Table 5.9 Enclitic particles in Tagalog

textual		interpersonal	
<i>na</i>	MATURE	<i>nga</i>	INTENSIVE
<i>pa</i>	IMMATURE	<i>daw/raw</i>	REPORTATIVE
<i>man</i>	CONCESSIVE	<i>ho</i>	DEFERENCE
<i>din/trin</i>	SIMILARITY	<i>po</i>	GREAT DEFERENCE
<i>lang/lamang</i>	REDUCTIVE ²	<i>ba</i>	INTERROGATIVE
<i>mana</i>	IMPERMANENCE	<i>kaya</i>	SPECULATION
<i>nanan</i>	CONTRAST	<i>pala</i>	SURPRISE
<i>kasi</i>	REASON	<i>sana</i>	OPTATIVE
<i>tuloy</i>	RESULT	<i>yata</i>	UNCERTAINTY

5.5.6 Text illustration

Dialogic aspects of interpersonal meaning are illustrated in Text 5.4 below, from one of the radio dramas studied in Bautista³³ 1979: *Flora del Cielo* ("Flowers of Heaven"). In this scene Lucilia and her mother are exploring the possibility that an evil spirit³⁴ is hanging around Lucilia's baby daughter Loreta.

Text 5.4 (Bautista 1979)

Lucilia (1) *Loreta, anak...*

Loreta child

"Loreta, my child ..."

(2) *Aba?*

what

"What?"

(3) *Bakit nandito na sa duyan ang bata?*

why here MATURE cradle THEME child

"Why is the child here in the cradle now?"

(4) *Inay... Inay...*

mum... mum...

"Mum... Mum..."

(5) *Kayo ba ang naglagay ng bata sa duyan?*

TH+2PL INT TH put child cradle

"Were you the one who put the child in the cradle?"

Nanay (6) *Anong³⁵ sabi mo Lucilia?*

THEME-what say you-SG Lucilia

"What did you say, Lucilia?"

(7) *Aba?*

what

"What?"

- Lucila (8) *Kayo ba ang naglagay ng bata sa diyuan at*
 TH+2PL INT TH put child CIRC cradle and
nagpanilog sa kanya?
 made sleep s/he
 “Were you the one who put the child to sleep in the cradle?”
- Nanay (9) *Aba hindi.*
 DENIAL NEG
 “Why no?”
- (10) *Papano ko -ng patutulugin ‘yan*
 how I DEP make sleep that
 “How could I put it to sleep?”
- (11) *samantalang natatakot nga ako -ng humiipo diyuan.*
 while am afraid INTENS TH+I DEP touch there
 “when I’m really afraid to touch her?”
- Lucila (12) *King ganon,³⁶*
 if like that
 “If so,”
- (13) *sinong naglagay sa kanya sa diyuan?*
 TH-who put s/he cradle
 “who put her in the cradle?”
- (14) *Nilapag ko lang siya kanina dito sa sahig sa may*
 put I just TH+3SG recently here floor EX
banig
 woven mat
 “I only just put her here on the mat on the floor?”
- (15) *at naglaba ako sa labas ah.*
 and did laundry TH-I outside CONTRARY
 “and did the laundry outside, eh.”
- Nanay (16) *Ngayon, naniniwala ka na ba -ng may nagbantay*
 now believe TH+2SG MATURE INT DEP EX guarded
sa batang ‘yan.
 child that
 “Now do you believe that someone is watching over that child?”
- Lucila (17) *May?*
 mum
 “Mum?”
- (18) *Among ibig niyong sabihin?*
 what want you-PL say
 “What are you trying to say?”

- Nanay (19) *May impakto -ng nagbantay sa anak mo, Lucila.*
 EX evil spirit DEP is guarding child you-SG Lucila
 “There’s an evil spirit watching over your child, Lucila.”
 (musical bridge)
- crowd (20) *Naku... naniniwala kayo diyuan.*
 SURPRISE believe TH+2PL there
 “I’m surprised you believe that.”
- Nanay (21) *Ay naku... talaga -ng totoo nga kasama.*
 alas SURPRISE INTENS DEP true PL friend
 “Alas, it’s really true, friends.”
- (22) *Ako na mismo ang nakasaksi*
 TH+1SG DEP myself able to witness
 “I myself was the one who got to witness it”
- (23) *at ganon din si Dindo na anak ko.*
 and like that also TH Dindo DEP child I
 “and so did my child Dindo.”
- crowd (24) *Ganon ba?*
 like that INT
 “Is that so?”
- (25) *Pero para -ng hindi naman nangyayari ‘yan.*
 but seem DEP NEG CONTRAST happen TH-that
 “But it seems that it is not happening.”
- Nanay (26) *Ay naku kung ayaw niyong naniniwala...*
 well SURPRISE if INCLIN-NEG you-PL believe
 “Well if you don’t want to believe it...”
- (27) *basta talaga -ng ganon ang nangyayari.*
 exact INTENS DEP like that THEME happening
 “it’s just that that’s exactly what’s happening.”
- (28) *May tinigogoy talaga -ng diyuan ng bata*
 EX is rocking INTENS DEP cradle child
 “Someone is really rocking the child’s cradle”
- (29) *pero wala naman tao.*
 but EX-NEG CONTRAST person
 “but no one is there.”

This text is a proposition oriented one, concerned with who is in fact responsible for moving the baby into the cradle and rocking it. As such it includes a number of exchanges of information. For example, Nanay’s clauses (21) to (23) followed by the crowd’s clause (34) are a **statement** ^ **acknowledgement**; clauses (8) and (9) are an example of a **polar question** ^ **response**; and clauses (18) and (19) exemplify

an exchange in the form of **wh question** \wedge **response**. In this respect Text 5.4 contrasts with Text 5.2 above, where proposals about soft drinks are being negotiated, including two refusals by the son in response to commands from Mum (which are repeated here with a free translation closer to colloquial English; non-finite verbs are in bold):

command \wedge **refusal**

L (4) *Do'n ka humingi ng pera sa tatay Ding mo ...*

"Ask your father for some money."

O (6) *Malayo o siya, e!*

"Ah, C'mon, he's too far away."

command \wedge **refusal**

L (7) *Lapitan mo.*

"Go over to him."

O (8) *Hinid ako makadam!*

"I can't make it!"

Text 5.4 is very concerned with who is responsible for moving the baby and rocking the cradle. So alongside canonical clauses with single Themes, we find eight identifying clauses with two *ang* phrases either present or implied, and in addition three existential clauses with no topical Theme at all.

"canonical" clauses (one topical Theme, underlined)

(3) *Bakit nandito na sa duyan ang bata?*

(10) *Papano kong patutulugin 'yan*

(11) *samantalang natatakot nga akong humiipo diyam...*

(14) *nilapag ko lang siya kamina dito sa sahig sa may bang*

(15) *at naglaba ako sa labas ah ...*

(16) *ngyon, naniwala ka na bang may nagbantay sa batang 'yan?*

(20) *Naku ... maniwala kayo diyam*

(25) *pero parang hindi naman mangyayari 'yan ...*

(26) *basta talagang ganon ang nangyayari*

"canonical" clauses (topical Theme elided, in parentheses)

(12) *Kung ganon, (ryan)*

(21) *Ay Naku ... talagang totoo, mga kasama ... (ryan)*

(24) *ganon ba ... (ryan)*

identifying clauses (two *ang* phrases, underlined)

(6) *Ano 'ng sabi mo, Lucila ...*

(8) *Kayo ba ang naglagay sa bata sa duyan ... ?*

- (13) *siya 'ng naglagay sa kanya sa duyan ...*
 (18) *Ano 'ng ibig nihyong sabihin?*
 (22) *Ako na mismo ang nakasaki ...*

identifying clauses (*ang* phrase elision, in parentheses)

(9) *Aba hindi (ako) (ang naglagay sa bata ...)*

(23) *ganon din si Dindo na anak ko (ang nakasaki)*

existential clauses (no topical Theme, existential particle underlined)

(19) *May impakong nagbantay sa anak mo, Lucila ...*

(28) *may umungoy talaga ng duyan ng bata*

(29) *pero wala naman tao*

These selections provide some evidence for Martin's (1996c) association of identification and existentiality in Tagalog with modal responsibility. Identifying clauses have the function of focusing exclusively on the identity of the participant undertaking the process nominalized as Value, making the Token modally responsible for the action; existential clauses on the other hand are much less definite about the identity of those responsible. My point here is that something that is negotiated in languages like English through the choice of Subject, where modal responsibility is invested, is handled differently in a language where the structural function Subject is very difficult to motivate on interpersonal grounds (Schachter 1976, 1977, 1995). This would account for the frequency with which an identifying English clause feels like a very awkward translation for Tagalog identifying structures – English Subject does the work for which identification is required in Tagalog.

The other feature of this text that I would like to draw attention to is the foregrounding of interpersonal meaning at the front of the Tagalog clause in relation to topical Theme. To show this pattern, Text 5.4 is repeated in Table 5.10 below, with topical Themes underlined and interpersonal meanings in bold face (interpersonal meanings include vocatives, interjections, wh items, modality and various enclitic particles). Following on from the discussion of identification and existentiality above, I've also treated modally responsible Tokens and existential markers as interpersonal.

If following Halliday (1994), we treat the interpersonal meanings foregrounded at the front of the clause as interpersonal Theme, then what we get is a tendency towards a culminative patterning, with interpersonal Theme at the front of the clause and topical Theme following towards the end, especially if fully lexicalized (see Table 5.11). Once pronominalized, of course, topical Themes gravitate towards the front of the clause to bond with interpersonal Themes (e.g. clause (5) in Text 5.2 *wala ako* "NEGATIVE EXISTENTIAL I", clauses (2), (10) and (11) in Text 5.3, *hindi siya* "NEGATIVE she", and clause (10) in Text 5.4 *papano ko* "how I?").

Table 5.10 Foregrounding of interpersonal meanings in relation to topical Themes in Text 5.4 (interpersonal meanings in bold, topical Themes underlined>

Lucila	(1)	<i>Loreta, anak ...</i>
	(2)	<i>Aba?</i>
	(3)	<i>Bakit namdita na sa duyan ang bata?</i>
	(4)	<i>Inay ... Inay ...</i>
Nanay	(5)	<i>Kayo ba ang naglagay ng bata sa duyan?</i>
	(6)	<i>Anong sabi mo, Lucila ...</i>
Lucila	(7)	<i>Aba?</i>
	(8)	<i>Kayo ba ang naglagay sa bata sa duyan at nagpatulog sa kanya?</i>
Nanay	(9)	<i>Aba hindi ...</i>
	(10)	<i>Papaano kong patutulugin 'yan</i>
Lucila	(11)	<i>sannatalang natatakot nga akong humiipo duyan ...</i>
	(12)	<i>Kung ganon, ...</i>
	(13)	<i>simong naglagay sa kanya sa duyan ...</i>
	(14)	<i>nilapag ko lang siya kanina dito sa sahig sa may bang</i>
Nanay	(15)	<i>at naglaba ako sa labas, ah ...</i>
	(16)	<i>ngyon, nanuwala ka na bang may nagbantay sa batang 'yan?</i>
Lucila	(17)	<i>Nay?</i>
	(18)	<i>Anong ibig niyong sabihin?</i>
Nanay	(19)	<i>May impaktong nagbantay sa anak mo, Lucila ...</i>
crowd	(20)	<i>Naku ... maniwala kayo duyan</i>
Nanay	(21)	<i>Ay Naku ... talagang totoo, mga kasama ...</i>
	(22)	<i>Ako na mismo ang nakasaksi ...</i>
	(23)	<i>at ganon din si Dindo na anak ko ...</i>
crowd	(24)	<i>ganon ba ...</i>
	(25)	<i>pero parang hindi naman mangyayari 'yan ...</i>
Nanay	(26)	<i>Ay naku kung ayaw niyong maniwala ...</i>
	(27)	<i>bastia talagang ganon ang nangyayari</i>
	(28)	<i>may umuugoy talaga ng duyan ng bata</i>
	(29)	<i>pero wala naman tao</i>

Since Tagalog only pronominalizes conscious participants, this forms a natural dialogically charged grouping, since the pronouns refer to speaker, addressee and potential speaker/addressee roles.

5.6 A note on logical meaning

Space does not permit a thorough discussion of logical meaning in Tagalog. Note in passing however that Tagalog explicitly grammaticalizes hypotactic dependency through its linking particle (*na/-ng*). This operates across ranks³⁸ as illustrated below with examples from Texts 5.3 and 5.4 above. For details see Martin (1995).

Table 5.11 Interpersonal and topical Themes in Text 5.4

speaker	clause	interpersonal Theme	topical Theme
Lucila	(1)	<i>Loreta, anak ...</i>	
	(2)	<i>Aba?</i>	
	(3)	<i>Bakit</i>	<i>ang bata?</i>
	(4)	<i>Inay ... Inay ...</i>	
	(5)	<i>Kayo ba</i>	<i>ang naglagay ng bata sa duyan?</i>
	(6)	<i>Ano</i>	<i>(a)ng sabi mo</i>
Nanay	(7)	<i>Aba?</i>	
Lucila	(8)	<i>Kayo ba</i>	<i>ang naglagay ng/sa bata sa duyan ...</i>
Nanay	(9)	<i>Aba hindi ...</i>	
	(10)	<i>Papaano ko</i>	<i>'yan</i>
Lucila	(11)		<i>ako</i>
	(13)	<i>sino</i>	<i>ng naglagay sa kanya sa duyan ...</i>
	(14)		<i>siya</i>
Nanay	(16)		<i>ako</i>
Lucila	(17)	<i>Nay?</i>	<i>ka</i>
Nanay	(18)	<i>Ano</i>	<i>(a)ng ibig niyong sabihin?</i>
Nanay	(19)	<i>May</i>	
crowd	(20)	<i>Naku</i>	<i>kayo</i>
Nanay	(21)	<i>Ay Naku ... talagang</i>	
	(22)	<i>Ako na mismo</i>	<i>ang nakasaksi ...</i>
	(23)		<i>si Dindo na anak ko ...</i>
crowd	(25)	<i>parang hindi naman</i>	<i>'yan ...</i>
Nanay	(26)	<i>Ay naku kung ayaw niyo</i>	
	(27)	<i>bastia talagang</i>	<i>ang nangyayari</i>
	(28)	<i>may</i>	
	(29)	<i>wala naman</i>	

submodification

5.4, (21) *talaga -ng totoo*
INTENSITY DEP true
“really true”

modification in the nominal group

5.3, (6) *isa -ng tasa -ng kape*
one DEP cup DEP coffee
“one cup of coffee”

5.4, (16) *bata -ng 'yan*
child DEP that
“that child”

5.4, (19) *impakto -ng nagbantay*
evil spirit DEP is guarding
“evil spirit that is watching over ...”

projected reported speech and thought

5.4, (11) *natakokot nga ako -ng humipo diyam*
 am afraid INTENS TH-1 DEP touch there
 "I'm really afraid to touch it"

5.4, (16) *nanimiwala ka na ba -ng may nagbantay*
 believe TH+2SG MAT INT DEP EX guarded
 "do you believe that there's someone watching"

construing interpersonal Themes as Head of the clause

5.4, (18) *ibig niyong -ng sabihin*
 want you-PL DEP say
 "you want to say"

5.4, (26) *ayaw niyong -ng maniwala*
 not want you-PL DEP believe
 "you not want to believe"

5.4, (10) *papano ko -ng patutulugin*
 how I DEP make sleep
 "how could I put it to sleep"

5.7 News from somewhere

By way of closing, I'll raise some issues opened up by the preceding sketch of Tagalog clause grammar. As far as experiential meaning is concerned, the Tagalog clause confirms the productivity of exploring case relations through the notion of process type, giving due acknowledgement to mental and relational processes. While the types of process proposed help clarify the use of focus affixes, it remains to be explored just how much predictability has been achieved. As the following examples from Text 5.3 indicate, there are many verbs which challenge the realization patterns suggested in Section 5.3. In clause (7) from Text 5.3, for example (repeated here as (78)), *nag-a-alala* is conjugated as a *mag-* action verb, where one might expect mental reaction (i.e. *naka-ka-alala siya* or *na-a-alala-an niya*). At the same time, unlike material processes, it projects the following clause (8) (repeated here as (79)), which in turn contains *pansin-in* – which we might predict to pattern as mental perception (i.e. *siya ma-pansin*); but then it would mean "notice" instead of "pay attention to". Perhaps in each case behavioural facets of "worrying about" something and "taking notice of" someone are being foregrounded too (for discussion of behavioural processes in relation to material and mental processing see Halliday 1994).

- (78) *Nag-aalala siya*
 is worrying TH+3SG
 "She is worrying"

(79) *na baka hindi siya pansinin.*
 DEP maybe NEG TH+3SG pay attention to
 "that maybe she'd be ignored."

This raises the question of regularity³⁰ in languages with rich verbal affixation related to participant role marking. The more irregular the affixation, the less reliable it will be as evidence for case grammars. Other forms of reasoning about process types, such as those suggested in Table 5.4 and Table 5.5 above, will have to be deployed.

The analysis of process types offered here also raises the question of the extent to which the traditional transitive and ergative models of case relations can be generalized across languages. Is the notion of nuclearity (i.e. centrifugal and centripetal patterns around a process and medium nucleus) also relevant? And how far might it be generalized?

Interpersonally, Tagalog raises the question of how modal responsibility is to be interpreted in a language without a clear-cut Subject function. Here it was suggested that identifying and existential structures might have a dialogic role to play in languages of this kind. In addition, the range of meanings realized through Tagalog's enclitic particles, and their distribution in the clause, raises questions about prosodic forms of realization in grammar; also of interest in this regard is Tagalog's tendency to set up interpersonal Themes as the Head of their clause, with their domain hypotactically dependent upon them.

Textually, Tagalog exemplifies a language in which unmarked Theme conflates with unmarked news towards the end of the clause as far as fully lexicalized participants are concerned. Once introduced, these participants disassociate themselves from news as enclitic pronouns drawn towards the front of the clause, regularly bonding with pre-enclitic interpersonal Themes. In this sense Tagalog's association of Theme with 'definiteness' is accommodated as a text unfolds.

It seems to me that for progress to be made in understanding both interpersonal and textual meaning in Tagalog, systematic research programs involving text analysis need to be undertaken, so that questions of modal responsibility and information flow can be more fully explored. Through text based studies of this kind we can also work on the fashions of speaking in Tagalog discourse that challenge translation – the frequent use of abilitative/involuntary action prefixes *ma-/naka-*, the frequent use of the phase oriented particles *na* (completeness) and *pa* (ongoingness) in relation to aspect; the frequent use of identifying clauses; the frequent use of existential clauses – and so on. I'd better stop, since the term "frequent" here has a rather ethnocentric ring. Why does English use so few of these meanings anyway, one might well ask! Only contrastive text analysis, across comparable registers, will tell.

Notes

1. The figures used in this report are somewhat dated, based on Crystal (1987) and Gonzales (1993).
2. "Eastern" Austronesian (just 2 million speakers) includes the languages of Polynesia, Micronesia, Melanesia and many New Guinea languages (but not the "Papuan" ones); for more detail see Clark (1990).
3. See for example the *Philippine Journal of Linguistics* 21:1 Special Issue "Setting a Research Agenda for the Intellectualisation of Filipino".
4. For example, Schachter and Otnes' Predicate \wedge Topic analysis of Tagalog clause structure was very innovative for its time, and ultimately quite influential (leading to an interest in so-called Subject prominent and Topic prominent languages; Schachter 1976, 1977).
5. For a complementary sketch, including an overview of Tagalog phonology and morphology, see Schachter (1990).
6. Tone patterns as suggested in Schachter & Otnes (1972), Schachter (1990).
7. For contextualized examples, see Section 5.4 below.
8. Many of these affixes (e.g. *-um-*, *mag-*) function as portmanteau realizations of both focus and aspect; for example *-um-* marks completed aspect and actor focus.
9. Demonstrative pronouns lack the pre-position, including the "oblique" case: e.g. *ito, nito, dito* "here".
10. Along with the change in focus, the prefix *naka-* also introduces an abilitative/involuntary action meaning which will be passed over here.
11. The change in Topic also leads to a change in definiteness here; see Martin (1983) for discussion.
12. The term "deep" is used by Tagalog speakers to refer to words still used in some Tagalog speaking provinces but not current in Manila.
13. Note that *ang isda* is not linked to *lumanngoy sa tubig* and so the latter cannot be read as a relative clause. Compare: *na-kita ng babae bilh-in ng lalaki ang gulay* "The woman saw the man buying the vegetables"; *bilhin* is clearly aspectless here, and the absence of a linker between *na-kita ng babae* and *bilh-in ng lalaki ang gulay* along with the position of *ng lalaki* following *bilhin* point clearly to an act.
14. The *ng* phrase in example (21) cannot itself be made Theme; the clause has a restricted focus potential. This clause type is arguably material (behavioural), with *gimulat* glossed as "startled".
15. The following pairs, drawn to my attention by Arwin Vibar, may also be relevant: *l-um-ayus* "run away"/ *mag-layas* "roam"; *l-um-akad* "walk"/ *mag-lakad* "tramp"; *l-um-ibot* "stroll"/ *mag-ibot* "rope" – the *mag-* forms have a more open, extroverted sense of motion.
16. Note that with pronouns, only circumstantial roles in fact take a marker: for example *siya, niya, sa kaniya* ("he/him/to him").

17. Identifying structures are commonly used to project quotations (*Ang tanong sa akin ng produser: "Relihiyosa ka ba?"* – "The producer asked me, "Are you religious?"; see also clause (2) in Text 4.2; they are also used for wh interrogatives about participants (see Section 5.5).
18. For discussion of existential clauses with indefinite participants (e.g. *may dumating "someone came"*), see Martin (1996c).
19. Martin (1996c) introduces a Direction function for roles intermediate between participant and circumstance, including recipients of goods and information, and sources and destinations implicated by the process.
20. *mag-sulat* means to write continuously or repeatedly, and thus emphasises Tullao's productivity.
21. The son's step-father as opposed to his real father, *si tatay Raffy*.
22. *Dumandarag na lumanayo* is taken as a verbal group complex here.
23. The possibility of *ay* inversion with dependent clauses appears to confirm Fries's (1981) treatment of such clauses as marked Themes in English.
24. The text has been divided into ranking clauses for ease of reference; in (3) and (5) *nahihyang magsalita* and *nahihinyang magsabi* have been taken as verbal group complexes rather than clause complexes, since the two verbs share a common Theme (*siya*).
25. Note that the English words preserve English spellings; contrast assimilated borrowings such as *teletsyon* (television). Taglish involves both the use of specialized English terms in more formal registers and colloquial English words in relatively informal ones.
26. Related to this is the claim (e.g. Keenan & Comrie 1977) that Tagalog can only relativize into so-called Subject position (referred to as "Theme here"); for counter-examples to this overgeneralization see Cena (1979).
27. Professor Tullao's MAID and PhD degrees were both introduced as *ang* phrases in clause (4) in Text 4.1 above, as were his major publications in clause (9).
28. For discussion of intonation in relation to mood choices see Schachter & Otnes (1972), Schachter (1990).
29. In general, intention in Tagalog is realized through these modal pre-enclitics, in combination or not with the optative enclitic *sana*; there does not appear to be a clearly defined class of desiderative mental processes alongside these resources.
30. *Kita* is used in place of the syntagm *ko/ka, ko "I", ka "THEME+2SG"*.
31. Note that Thematic pronouns involve two syllables, except for *ka* "you-2sg". In marked Theme position however, *kanv* is used instead of *ka*; elsewhere, instead of the syntagm *ko/ka*, the realization *kita* is deployed.
32. Treated as textual in Martin (1981); alternatively it could be taken as the minimizing agnate to *nga* "INTRINSIVE"; as far as the sequence of enclitics is concerned it is on the border of the "textual" and "interpersonal" enclitics.
33. I am much indebted to Tish Bautista for making available her soap opera scripts to me.
34. English readers finding this a rather fanciful tale might be well advised to tune in to *Days of our Lives* for some supernaturally oriented soap opera from Salem.

35. *Among* is a contracted realization of *ano ang* here; also *sinong* = *sino ang* in clause (13) in Text 4.4, and *among* = *ano ang* in clause (18) in Text 4.4.
36. Textual meaning only; no interpersonal or topical Theme.
37. We should also note here that non-Theme Actor and Senser participants can be realized by oblique pronouns hypotactically linked to a following verb; thus as an alternative to *na-kia niya ang tiser* "she saw the teacher" we can have *kaniya-ig na-kita ang tiser* (Naylor 1980:41). The alternatives are proportional to alternative realizations of "possession" in nominal groups – *tiser niya/kaniya-ig tiser* "her teacher" and are illustrative of the strong fractal resonance across group and clause ranks in Tagalog; which we have not had space to explore here.
38. This is further complicated by the use of verb stems across process types: *sulat* "write" for example can be conjugated as *-um-* or *mag-*, with a predictable shift in meaning.

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CHAPTER 6

Metafunctional profile of the grammar of Chinese

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6.1 Introduction

Chinese is the name given to a group of languages, now referred to as the Sinitic languages, which is roughly parallel to the Romance group in terms of the spread of its varieties over the known historical period. Unlike the latter, however, the whole Sinitic group is referred to by its speakers as one language, Chinese (*zhongguohua*, more formally *hanyu*), and the varieties are referred to as dialects (*fangyan*). Taken as a single language, Chinese has well over one billion native speakers; if only Mandarin, the major dialect, is taken into account, it is still by far the world's most populous language, spoken by an estimated 885 million native speakers, the nearest to it being Spanish and English (332 and 322 million respectively) (Ethnologue, February 1999). Mandarin, referred to in Chinese as *Beifānghuà* ("northern speech"), is the basis for the standard language; it is spoken roughly north of the Yangtse river, and in the west and south-west regions of China. It is one of eight major regional dialects, each containing numerous dialectal variants, and given below with their main geographical centres: Wú (Shanghai); Mǐn (Fujian), commonly known in English as Hokkien, and usually split into Mǐnbēi (Fuzhou), and Mǐnnán (Xiamen), the latter also the majority language in Taiwan; Yuè or Cantonese (Guangdong); Xiāng (Hunan); Gà n (Jiangxi); Jī n (Shanxi); and Kejiā or Hakka (south-eastern hinterland). Cantonese, Hokkien and Hakka are also widely spoken in overseas Chinese communities.

The recorded history of China dates from about 1,000 BC, and records have been continuous since the early Han dynasty (c. 200 BC), with dates fixed by "reign period" – there never was any continuous system of dating. China has been ideologically united throughout the succeeding 2,200 years, and united politically for the greater part of this time. The major imperial dynasties in order were: