

The voice suffixes and lexical meaning in Sakha

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This study surveys the voice system of Sakha(Yakut), focusing on the lexical meaning of verbs which contain one or more voice suffixes. Sakha has four voice suffixes: causative, reflexive, passive and reciprocal/cooperative. In most cases, the correlation between the suffixation and the lexical meaning is transparent. However, the author's research pointed out some marginal but atypical functions of Sakha voice suffixes:

(i) The causative suffix has reflexive and passive uses. (ii) A reflexive suffix must be inserted when a causative suffix is attached after a reciprocal/cooperative suffix.