

Tricolour

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Tricolour is an experiment in extreme minimalism: it is an engineered language that uses the three primary colours **Red**, **Green**, and **Blue** as its phonemes out of which is constructed its vocabulary of eighteen words; as a result of this minimalism the language can only be used to communicate abstractions.

Tricolour is an exclusively right-branching VSO language with accusative alignment. There are four word classes: particles and prepositions (p.) have grammatical functions, while verbs (v.) and pronouns (n.) are marginally lexical. Pronouns are used based on the role of their referents, with three exceptions (**GGB-GGR**) that are dropped if clear from context.

Examples

Tricolour: **BRG, BGR BRB GRB GBB.**

Gloss: Move, negation contain origin subject.

English: They move, and aren't where they were.

Tricolour: **BRG RR (GGB) RB GBB.**

Gloss: Move instrument (generic) possessor subject.

English: They ride their vehicle.

Vocabulary

BGB v. do; make, create.

BGG v. be, exist; stay, remain.

BGR p. & v. negation.

BRB v. contain, include; possess.

BRG v. move, go; change.

BRR v. use.

GBB n. subject.

GBG n. object (direct or indirect).

GBR n. action.

GGB-GGR n. generic pronouns.

GRB n. origin; reason; possessor.

GRG n. location, time; direction, goal; consequence.

GRR n. instrument; manner; companion.

RB p. origin; reason; possessor.

RG p. location, time; direction, goal; consequence.

RR p. instrument; manner; companion.