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#### ABBREVIATION AND SYMBOLS USED IN THE THESIS

1PS - First Person Singular M - Male

2PS - Second Person Singular MAUX - Modal Auxiliary

3PS - Third Person Singular MH - Middle Honorific

ABL - Ablative MV - Main Verb

ACC - Accusative NH - Non honorific

ADJ - Adjective NPT - Non Past

ADV - Adverb OBE - Obeisance

DAT - Dative OBJ - Object

ERG - Ergative PF - Perfect

F - Female PM - Polite Marker

GEN - Genative POSS - Possessive

HH - High Honorific PREP - Preposition

INES - Inessive PT - Past

INF - Infinitive RM - Request Marker

INTJ - Interjection SAT - Salutation

LH - Low Honorific SIM - Simultaneous

LOC - Locative VHH - Very High Honorific

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