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## **THE INTERACTION OF VERBAL TENSE FORMS IN FOLKLORE TEXTS**

### **Abstract**

This article focuses upon the interaction of verbal past tense forms in the Khakass folklore texts. The past tense forms of the modern Khakass language are investigated quite well in the scientific literature, but their functional and semantic characteristics are described only at the sentence level and were not specifically studied at the level of a connected text. Folk tales are original texts and unique examples of a coherent text. The analysis of the texts showed that out of the total number of past tense forms, 4 forms have text-forming properties: *-γan*, *-dy*, *-tyr* and *-chyh*. The article reveals their functional features and specific interaction patterns at the text level. The first 3 indicate narrative, result and vagueness correspondingly, whereas the last one is used in small texts and participates in creating the contrast of assurance and vagueness in the statement.

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