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## **Comparing conjunctions in Orochon and Evenki**

### **Abstract**

The current article focuses upon the results of the conjunctions analysis and the ways of their forming in the Orochon language. The data obtained are compared with the data on the conjunctions' morphological forms in the Evenki language obtained in the previous studies. This study identified 3 kinds of coordinative conjunctions (connective conjunction, disjunctive conjunction, adversative conjunction) and 4 kinds of subordinating ones (gradational conjunction, conditional conjunction, causal conjunction, temporal conjunction). The comparative analysis demonstrated a larger inventory of conjunctions in Evenki compared to Orochon. In both languages, the same syntactic function can be performed by different parts of speech – some Orochon conjunctions have Evenki equivalents presented by adverbs, postpositions, and suffixes. Unlike notional words, functional ones show little phonetic or morphological correspondence of the Evenki and Orochon languages. Genetic affinity is found in gradational and causal conjunctions that have the similar acoustic and grammar forms in the compared languages.

**Keywords:** the Orochon language, the Evenki language, grammar, functional words, conjunctions, coordinating conjunction, subordinating conjunction, connective conjunction, disjunctive conjunction, gradational conjunction, adversative conjunction, conditional conjunction, causal conjunction, temporal conjunction

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