



THE CLAUSE STRUCTURE IN AWING



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ABSTRACT

From a structural linguistic perspective, this paper sets out to identify and analyse the structure of the clause in Awing, one of the languages in the North West Region of Cameroon. The detailed analysis is done using the structuralism approach of Routledge (1993:262f), which states that structuralism is “any approach to linguistic description which views the

grammar of a language primarily as a system of relations.” The paper reveals that the types of clauses we have in English are also found in African languages. As a study in grammar, the Awing language is characterised by the morpho-syntactic aspects that are common in most grassfield Bantu languages.

KEYWORDS

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