

Reduplication in Taglennaa

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The objective of this paper is to provide an overview of reduplication in Taglennaa. Taglennaa is Kordofan Nubian language spoken in the eastern side of Kadero hills in north eastern Nuba Mountains. The paper will provide an introductory description of reduplication Taglennaa covering its types and functions. It will include an analysis of the phonological, morphological, syntactic, and semantic aspects of reduplication. Full reduplication in which a full word, stem, or root is repeated is the most common type of reduplication attested in Taglennaa. It involves all word classes such as adverbs, adjectives, numbers, verbs, and nouns. Reduplication serves several functions in Taglennaa when applied to the different word classes. These functions include the expression of intensity in adverbs and adjectives, expression of distribution and multiplication in numbers, the expression of frequentative and plurality in verbs, and the expression of similarity in nouns. The reduplication of nouns is less productive than that of other word classes. The paper will discuss these and other aspects of reduplication in Taglennaa.