

Ellipsis constructions:

Please translate the following sentences in your language, and transcribe them (using IPA, if possible). The light portions are the elided structures. Please share with us any linguistic information you might have about these constructions in your language.

Type (1): deleted [obj + NVE]

Specific object:

1. Bahâr-ey zabun-â yâd gero-Ø, vali
rezâ-ey
Bahâr-? language-PL râ memory take.PST-3SG but
rezâ
- [zabun-â yâd] na-gero-Ø.
language-PL râ memory NEG-take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, Rezâ didn't.

2. Bahâr-ey zabun-â yâd na-gero-Ø, vali
Bahâr language-PL râ memory NEG-take.PST-3SGbut
rezâ-ey [zabun-â yâd] gero-Ø.
rezâ language-PL râ memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn the languages, Rezâ did.

Nonspecific object:

3. Bahâr-ey zabun yâd gero-Ø, vali rezâ-ey
[
Bahâr language memory take.PST-3SG but rezâ
one
zabun yâd] na-gero-Ø.
language memory NEG-take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned a language, Rezâ didn't.

4. Bahâr-ey zabun yâd na-gero-Ø, vali
rezâ-ey
Bahâr language memory NEG-take.PST-3SGbut rezâ-ey
[zabun yâd] gero-Ø.
one language memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn a language, Rezâ did.

Type (2): Deleted [NVE]

Specific object:

5. *Bahâr-ey zabun-â yâd gero-Ø,
rezâ-ey
Bahâr language-PL râ memory take.PST-3SG
rezâ-ey
alefbâ-hâ [yâd] gero.
alphabet-PL memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, Rezâ the alphabets.
6. *Bahâr-ey zabun-â yâd gero-Ø, vali
Bahâr language-PL râ memory take.PST-3SG but
alefbâ-hâ-y [yâd] na-gero-Ø.
alphabet-PL-CLTC memory NEG-take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, but not the alphabets.
7. *Bahâr-ey zabun-â yâd na-gero-Ø, vali
Bahâr language-PL râ memory NEG-take.PST-3SG but
alefbâ-hâ-y [yâd] gero-Ø.
alphabet-PL-CLTC râ memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn the languages, but she did learn the alphabets.

Nonspecific object:

8. *Bahâr-ey zabun yâd gero-Ø, vali
rezâ-ey
Bahâr language-PL memory take.PST-3SG but
rezâ
alefbâ [yâd] gero-Ø.
alphabet memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn the languages, but she did learn the alphabets.
9. *Bahâr-ey zabun yâd gero-Ø, vali
Bahâr language memory take.PST-3SG but
alefbâ-ey [yâd] na-gero-Ø.
alphabet memory NEG-take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned a language, but didn't learn an alphabet.

10. *Bahâr-ey zabun yâd na-geroØ,
 Bahâr one language memory NEG-take.PST-3SG
- vali alefbâ-ey [yâd] gero-Ø.
 but alphabet memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn a language, but she did learn an alphabet.

Type (3): deleted [NVE+LV]

11. Bahâr-ey zabun-â yâd gero-Ø, rezâ-ey
 Bahâr language-PL râ memory take.PST-3SG rezâ
- alefbâ-hâ [yâd] gereft]
 alphabet-PL memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, Rezâ [learned] the alphabets.

12. Bahâr-ey zabun yâd gero-Ø, rezâ-ey
 Bahâr language memory take.PST-3SG rezâ
- alefbâ [yâd] gereft-Ø]
 alphabet memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned a language, Rezâ [learned] an alphabet.

13. Bahâr-ey zabun -â yâd gero -Ø, yâ
 Bahâr language-PL râ memory take.PST-3SG or
- alefbâ -hâ [yâd] gereft-Ø]
 alphabet-PL memory take.PST-3SG
Did Bahâr learn the languages, or [learn] the alphabets?

14. Bahâr-ey zabun yâd gero -Ø, yâ
 Bahâr language memory take.PST-3SG or
- alefbâ [yâd] gereft-Ø]
 alphabet memory take.PST-3SG
Did Bahâr learn a language, or [learn] an alphabet?