

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 zowân-ak-ân **fer** **bu-Ø**, wale razâ
Bahâr language-DEF-PL memory is.PST-3SG but rezâ

[zowân-ak-ân **fer**] **now-Ø**.
language-DEF-PL memory NEG-is.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, Rezâ didn't.

2. *Bahâr zowân-ak-ân **fer** **now-Ø**,
wale
Bahâr language-DEF-PL memory NEG-is.PST-3SG but

razâ [zowân-ak-ân **fer**] **bu-Ø**.
rezâ languageDEF--PL memory is.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn the languages, Rezâ did.

Nonspecific object:

3. *Bahâr zowan **fer** **bu-Ø**, wale razâ [
Bahâr language memory is.PST-3SG but rezâ one

Zowane **fer**] **now-Ø**.
language memory NEG-is.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned a language, Rezâ didn't.

4. *Bahâr zowân **fer** **now-Ø**, wale
razâ
Bahâr language memory NEG-is.PST-3SG but rezâ

[zowâne **fer**] **bu-Ø**.
one language memory is.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn a language, Rezâ did.

Type (2): Deleted [NVE]

Specific object:

5. *Bahâr zowân-ak-ân **fer** **bu-Ø**, razâ
Bahâr language-DEF-PL memory is.PST-3SG rezâ

alefbâ-ak-ân [fer] bu.
 alphabet-DEF-PL memory is.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, Rezâ the alphabets.

6. *Bahâr zowân-ak-ân fer bu -Ø,
 wale
 Bahâr language-DEF-PL memory is.PST-3SG but
 alefbâ-ak-ân [fer] now-Ø.
 alphabet-DEF-PL memory NEG-is.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, but not the alphabets.

7. * Bahâr zowân-ak-ân fer now-Ø, wale
 Bahâr language-DEF-PL memory NEG-is.PST-3SG but
 alefbâ-ak-ân [fer] bu-Ø.
 alphabet-DEF-PL memory is.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn the languages, but she did learn the alphabets.

Nonspecific object:

8. *Bahâr zowân fer bu-Ø, wale
 razâ
 Bahâr language memory is.PST-3SG but rezâ
 alefbâ [fer] bu-Ø.
 alphabet memory is.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn the languages, but she did learn the alphabets.

9. *Bahâr zowân fer bu-Ø, w
 Bahâr language memory is.PST-3SG but
 alefbâ [fer] now-Ø.
 alphabet memory NEG-is.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned a language, but didn't learn an alphabet.

10. *Bahâr zowân fer now-Ø,
 Bahâr language memory NEG-is.PST-3SG
 wale alefbâ [fer] bu-Ø.
 but alphabet memory is.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn a language, but she did learn an alphabet.

Type (3): deleted [NVE+LV]

11. Bahâr zowân-ak-ân **fer** **bu-Ø**, razâ
Bahâr language-DEF-PL memory is.PST-3SG rezâ
- alefbâ-ak-ân [**fer** **bu]**
alphabet-DEF-PL memory is.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, Rezâ [learned] the alphabets.
12. Bahâr zowân **fer** **bu-Ø**, razâ
Bahâr language memory is.PST-3SG rezâ
- alefbâ [**fer** **bu-Ø]**
alphabet memory is.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned a language, Rezâ [learned] an alphabet.
13. Bahâr zowân-ak-ân **fer** **bu -Ø**, yâ
Bahâr language-DEF-PL memory is.PST-3SG or
- alefbâ –ak-ân [**fer** **bu-Ø]**
alphabet-DEF-PL memory is.PST-3SG
Did Bahâr learn the languages, or [learn] the alphabets?
14. Bahâr zowân **fer** **bu -Ø**, yâ
Bahâr language memory is.PST-3SG or
- alefbâ [**fer** **bu-Ø]**
alphabet memory is.PST-3SG
Did Bahâr learn a language, or [learn] an alphabet?