

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 zwâna-gân **yâd** **gerd-Ø**, wali rezâ
Bahâr language-PL memory take.PST-3SG but
rezâ

[zabun-â ro **yâd**] **na-gerd-Ø**.
language-PL râ memory NEG-take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, Rezâ didn't.

2. Bahâr zwâna-gân **yâd** **na-gerd-Ø**, wali
Bahâr language-PL memory NEG-take.PST-3SGbut

rezâ [zabun-â ro **yâd**] **gerd-Ø**.
rezâ language-PL râ memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn the languages, Rezâ did.

Nonspecific object:

3. Bahâr zwân **yâd** **gerd-Ø**, wali rezâ [ye
Bahâr language memory take.PST-3SG but rezâ
one

zabun **yâd**] **na-gerd-Ø**.
language memory NEG-take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned a language, Rezâ didn't.

4. Bahâr zwân **yâd** **na-gerd-Ø**, wali rezâ
Bahâr language memory NEG-take.PST-3SGbut rezâ

[ye zabun **yâd**] **gerd-Ø**.
one language memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn a language, Rezâ did.

Type (2): Deleted [NVE]

Specific object:

5. *Bahâr zwâna-gân **yâd** **gerd-Ø**,
rezâ

Bahâr language-PL memory take.PST-3SG
rezâ

Alefbâ-gân [yâd] gerd.
alphabet-PL memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, Rezâ the alphabets.

6. Bahâr zwâna-gân yâd gerd-Ø, wali
Bahâr language-PL memory take.PST-3SG but

Alefbâ-gân [yâd] na-gerd-Ø.
alphabet-PL memory NEG-take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, but not the alphabets.

7. Bahâr zwâna-gân yâd na-gerd-Ø, wali
Bahâr language-PL memory NEG-take.PST-3SG but

Alefbâ-gân [yâd] gerd-Ø.
alphabet-PL memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn the languages, but she did learn the alphabets.

Nonspecific object:

8. *Bahâr zwân yâd gerd-Ø, wali
rezâ
Bahâr language memory take.PST-3SG but
rezâ

alefbâ [yâd] gerd-Ø.
alphabet memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn the languages, but she did learn the alphabets.

9. *Bahâr zwân yâd gerd-Ø, wali
Bahâr language memory take.PST-3SG but

alefbâ [yâd] na-gerd-Ø.
alphabet memory NEG-take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned a language, but didn't learn an alphabet.

10. Bahâr zwân yâd na-gerd-Ø,
Bahâr language memory NEG-take.PST-3SG

wali alefbâ [yâd] gerd-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 zwâna-gân **yâd** **gerd-Ø,** rezâ
Bahâr language-PL memory take.PST-3SG rezâ
- Alefbâ-gân [**yâd** **gereft]**
alphabet-PL memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr learned the languages, Rezâ [learned] the alphabets.
12. Bahâr zwân **yâd** **gerd-Ø,** rezâ
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 zwâna-gân **yâd** **gerd -Ø,** yâ
Bahâr language-PL memory take.PST-3SG or
- Alefbâ-gân [**yâd** **gereft-Ø]**
alphabet-PL memory take.PST-3SG
Did Bahâr learn the languages, or [learn] the alphabets?
14. Bahâr zwân **yâd** **gerd -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?