

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.

GENERAL NOTE: Since the verb 'to learn' is not a CP in Tat, I chose another transitive CP to answer the questions below – *qē zārān* 'to call'

Type (1): deleted [obj + NVE]

Specific object:

1. Bohor häkim-ho-ra **qē** **zän-Ø**, amo Rəzo
Bahâr doctor-PL-râ cry hit.PST-3SG but Rezâ
- [häkim-ho ra **qē**] **nä-zä-Ø**.
doctor-PL râ cry NEG-hit.PST-3SG
Bahâr called the doctors, Rezâ didn't.

2. Bohor häkim-ho-ra **qē** **nä-zän-Ø**, amo
Bahâr doctor-PL-râ cry NEG-hit.PST-3SG but
- Rəzo [häkim-ho ra **qē**] **zän-Ø**.
Rezâ doctor-PL râ cry hit.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't call the doctors, Rezâ did.

Nonspecific object:

3. Bohor häkim **qē** **zän-Ø**, amo Rəzo [ye
Bahâr doctor cry hit.PST-3SG but Rezâ one
- häkim **qē**] **nä-zän-Ø**.
doctor cry NEG-hit.PST-3SG
Bahâr called a doctor, Rezâ didn't.

4. Bohor häkim **qē** **nä-zän-Ø**, amo Rəzo
Bahâr doctor cry NEG-hit.PST-3SG but Rezâ
- [ye häkim **qē**] **zän-Ø**.
one doctor cry hit.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't call a doctor, Rezâ did.

Type (2): Deleted [NVE]

Specific object:

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

(5) IS IMPOSSIBLE IN TAT

6. Bohor hâkim-ho-ra qē zân-Ø, amo
Bahâr doctor-PL-râ cry hit.PST-3SG but
mäʕlim-ho-ra [qē] nâ-zân-Ø.
teacher-PL-râ cry NEG-hit.PST-3SG
Bahâr called the doctors, but not the teachers.

Note: acceptable but not preferred

7. Bohor hâkim-ho-ra qē nâ-zân-Ø, amo
Bahâr doctor-PL-râ cry NEG-hit.PST-3SG but
mäʕlim-ho-ra [qē] zân-Ø.
teacher-PL-râ cry hit.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't call the doctors, but she did call the teachers.

Note: acceptable but not preferred

Nonspecific object:

8. *Bahâr zabun yâd gereft-Ø, vali
rezâ
Bahâr language-PL memory take.PST-3SG but
rezâ
alefbâ [yâd] gereft-Ø.
alphabet memory take.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't learn the languages, but she did learn the alphabets.

(8) IS IMPOSSIBLE IN TAT

9. Bohor hâkim qē zân-Ø, amo
Bahâr doctor cry hit.PST-3SG but
mäʕlim [qē] nâ-zân-Ø.
teacher cry NEG-hit.PST-3SG
Bahâr called a doctor, but didn't call a teacher.

Note: acceptable but not preferred

10. Bohor ye häkim qē nä-zän -Ø, amo
 Bahâr one doctor cry NEG-hit.PST-3SG but
- mäʕlim [qē] zän-Ø.
 teacher cry hit.PST-3SG
Bahâr didn't call a doctor, but she did call a teacher.

Note: acceptable but not preferred

Type (3): deleted [NVE+LV]

11. Bohor häkim-ho-ra qē zän-Ø, Rəzo
 Bahâr doctor-PL-râ cry hit.PST-3SG Rezâ
- mäʕlim-ho-ra [qē zän-Ø]
 teacher-PL-râ cry hit.PST-3SG
Bahâr called the doctors, Rezâ [called] the teachers.
12. Bohor häkim qē zän-Ø, Rəzo
 Bahâr doctor cry hit.PST-3SG Rezâ
- mäʕlim [qē zän-Ø]
 teacher cry hit.PST-3SG
Bahâr called a doctor, Rezâ [called] a teacher.
13. Bohor häkim-ho-ra qē zän-Ø, yo
 Bahâr doctor-PL-râ cry hit.PST-3SG or
- mäʕlim-ho-ra [qē zän -Ø]
 teacher-PL-râ cry hit.PST -3SG
Did Bahâr call the doctors, or [call] the teachers?
14. Bohor häkim qē zän-Ø, yo
 Bahâr doctor cry hit.PST-3SG or
- mäʕlim [qē zän-Ø]
 teacher cry hit.PST-3SG
Did Bahâr call a doctor, or [call] an teacher?