

Turkic in the LACIM area

Morphophonology

Exercise

Exercise 1

Let's look at the harmonic suffixes of our complex verb form from Standard Turkish:

Gör -üş -tür -ebil -ecek -ler mi? 'Will they be able to make them see each other?'

The stem vowel is +front vowel → all suffix vowels are also +front

The stem vowel is +rounded vowel → suffix vowels of the {I⁴} class appear as +front/+rounded

<i>gör-</i>	to see	
<i>görüş-</i>	to see each other	{-(I ⁴)š} reciprocal
<i>gör -üş -tür -</i>	to make (two or more people) see each other	{-DI ⁴ r} factitive
<i>gör -üş -tür -ebil -</i>	X able to make them meet	{-A ² bil-} possibility
<i>gör -üş -tür -ebil -ecek</i>	X will be able to make them meet	{-(y)A ² cA ² K} prospective
<i>gör -üş -tür -ebil -ecek -ler</i>	They will be able to make them meet	{-IA ² r} person marker 3PL
<i>gör -üş -tür -ebil -ecek -ler mi?</i>	'Will they be able to make them see each other?'	{mI ⁴ } question particle

Now try to analyse the suffixes of the following complex verb form, also from StT:

Tanı-ş-tır-ıl-d-ınız 'You (PL) have been introduced to each other',

or, in the ETLL transcription, **tanı-ş-tır-ıl-d-İNİZ**

Exercise 2

Let us look at a complex verb form from South Oghuz. It is based on the same verb stem (<* tanu:-¹), which in combination with the reciprocal, has preserved the older meaning 'to discuss, speak'.

[áǵár] *dǎnı-š-dur-ma-sa-youz*

'[If] you (PL) don't make (her) speak, ...'

The expected form would have been ***danı-š-tır-ma-sa-yüz***

<i>dǎnı</i>	<i>-š</i>	<i>-dur</i>	<i>-ma</i>	<i>-sa-</i>	<i>youz</i>
<i>danı</i>	<i>-š</i>	<i>-tır-</i>	<i>ma-</i>	<i>sa-</i>	<i>yüz</i>

Try to analyze the morphological components and some of the phonological differences by considering also:

SLIDE 7: Contact-induced changes in the vowel inventory, and

SLIDE 16: Deviations in supra-segmental harmony

¹ According to Clauson (1972: 516), this goes back to the Middle Turkic verb stem *tanu:-* 'to suggest, recommend, discuss'; the meaning 'to know' developed in 15th century Western Oghuz.