

# Ingressive, Inceptive, Inchoative

Comparing initial-boundary markers in Mandarin and pre-Tang Chinese



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# Aspect in Languages without Aspect



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How are *beginnings*  
construed linguistically?

# 2 hikers rescued after one lost his shoes and started to freeze

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FRANCONIA, N.H. (AP) — Two trail runners were airlifted from a New Hampshire mountain over the weekend after one man lost his shoes and continued running barefoot through several feet of snow, officials said.

While trekking through deep snow one of the men lost his trail running shoes and decided to continue barefoot before being forced to stop “due to frozen extremities,” officials said in a statement.

source: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2021/01/25/nation/2-hikers-rescued-after-one-lost-his-shoes-started-freeze/>

# Eerste drie EU-landen **begonnen met vaccineren** tegen coronavirus



“First three EU countries [have] begun vaccinating against corona virus”

“People in Groningen and Drenthe start hoarding groceries [lit. *hit at the hoard*]”

## Groningers en Drenten slaan massaal aan het hamsteren. Bekijk hier de lege schappen

13 maart 2020, 16:06 · Groningen

Deel dit artikel



Dik (1997:221*ff.*):  
“phases of  
development”

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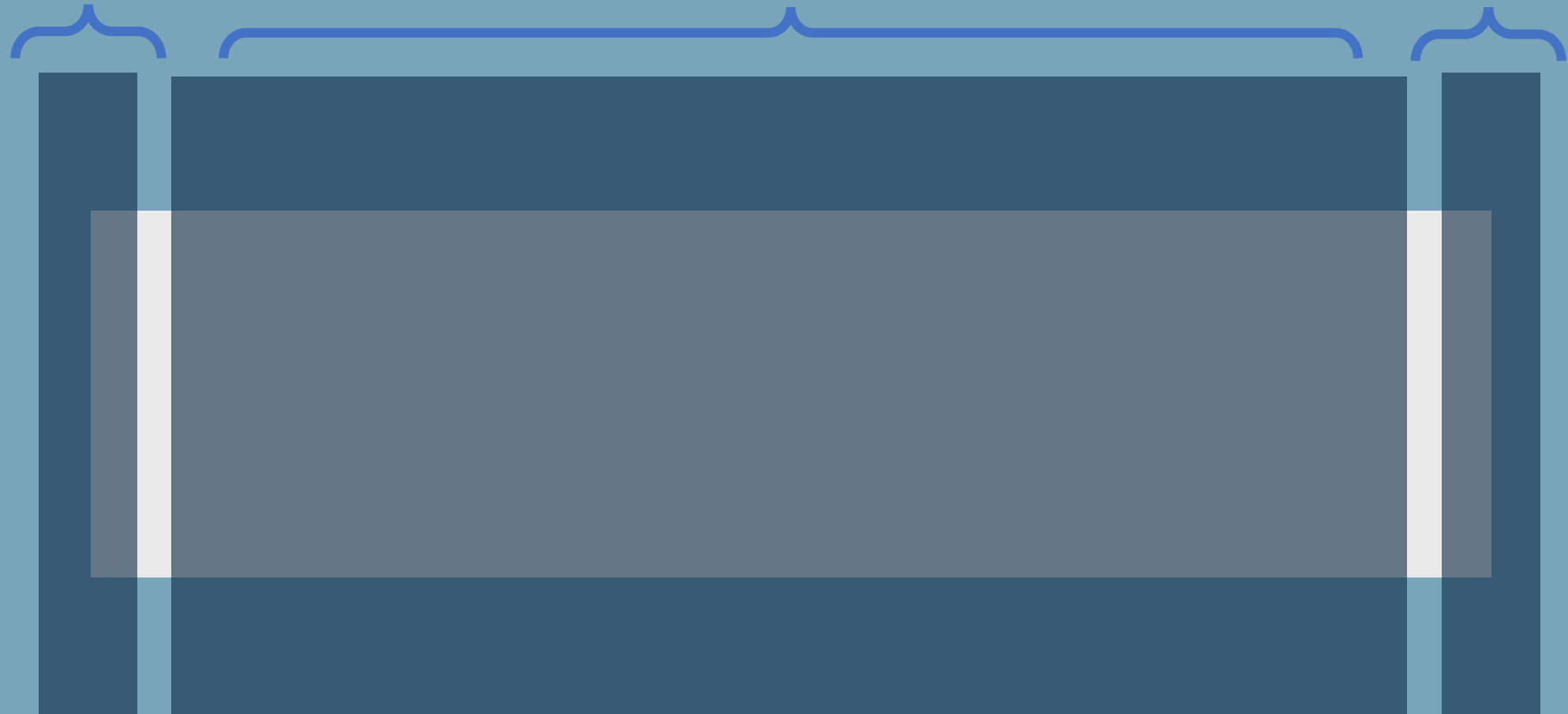
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*Ingressive*

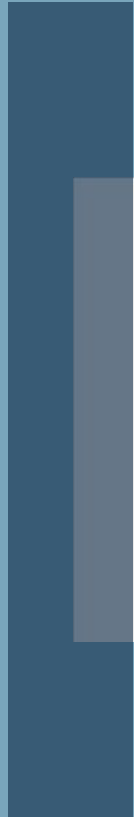
*Progressive*

*Egressive*



Dik (1997:221ff.): “phases of development”

*Ingressive*



# Situation Types?

STATE: EN ??John started being intelligent. NL ??‘Jan begon intelligent te zijn.’  
ACHIEVEMENT: EN ??John started reaching the top. NL ??‘Jan begon de top te bereiken.’

Dik (1997:221ff.): “phases of development”

Dik (1997)

# Situation Types?

## Vendler parameters ( $\pm$ )

## Examples



DYNAMICITY (dynamic/stative)

*Read/Know the answer*



TELICITY (telic/atelic)

*Eat/Look at the slice of pie*



DURATIVITY (durative/punctual)

*Search for/Find the keys*

# Situation Types?

<b>Situation Type</b>	 [±DYNAMIC]	 [±TELIC]	 [±DURATIVE]	<b>Examples</b>
State	—	—	+	<i>Susan <u>knew</u> the answer</i>
Activity	+	—	+	<i>Peter <u>searched</u> for his keys</i>
Accomplishment	+	+	+	<i>Hamza <u>ate</u> the pie</i>
Achievement	+	+	—	<i>Peter <u>found</u> his keys</i>
Semelfactive	+	—	—	<i>Susan <u>knocked</u> on the door</i>



起来

*-qilai*

始

*shǐ*

初

*chū*



**Mandarin**

(cf. Xiao & McEnery 2004)

**Pre-Tang Chinese**

**[<7th ct. CE]**

(cf. Meisterernst 2015)

起来  
-qilai

**Mandarin**

(cf. Xiao & McEnery 2004)

他哈哈大笑起来。

Tā hāhādàxiào-qilai.

3SG haha.big.laugh-QILAI

‘He began laughing heartily.’



# Pre-Tang Chinese [<7th ct. CE] (cf. Meisterernst 2015)

始

*shǐ*

湯征諸侯。葛伯不祀，湯始伐之。 [AC]

Tāng zhēng zhūhóu. Gě bó bù sì, Tāng shǐ fá zhī.  
Tang expedition prince Ge chief not offer Tang SHI punish him

‘When Tang made an expedition against the princes, the chief of Ge was not offering the proper sacrifices, so Tang began by punishing him.’





# Pre-Tang Chinese [<7th ct. CE] (cf. Meisterernst 2015)

初  
*chū*

十年，初為鄜時，用三牢。[AC]

Shí nián, chū wéi Fū zhì, yòng sān láo.

ten year CHU make Fu altar use three sacrificial.animal

‘In the tenth year they first made Fu their altar and used the three kinds of animals as sacrifice.’





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他忙起来，連飯也可以不吃。

Tā máng-*qilai* lián fàn yě kěyǐ bù chī.  
3SG busy-QILAI even food also can not eat

‘When he gets busy, he can even do without food.’

Xiao & McEnery (2004)



State

起来 - *qilai*



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初 *chū*



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說著孩子氣得笑起來。

Shuō-zhe háiziqì de xiào-qilai.

say-ZHE childish DE laugh-QILAI

‘Saying that she started laughing like a child.’

Xiao & McEnery (2004)



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[...] 初起兵於廣陵。

[...] chū qǐ bīng yú Guǎnglíng.

CHU raise troop in Guangling

‘He had just started raising his troops in Guangling.’





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成王少，周初定天下 [...].

Chéng wáng shào, Zhōu chū dìng tiānxià.

Cheng king young Zhou CHU establish empire

‘King Cheng was still young and Zhou was just starting to establish its empire.’

單于初立，恐漢襲之 [...].

Chányú chū lì, kǒng Hàn xí zhī [...].

Chanyu CHU establish fear Han attack him

‘The Chanyu had just been established and feared that Han could attack him.’



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又打起我來。

Yòu dǎ-qi wǒ lai.  
again hit-QI ISG LAI

‘They started to hit me again.’

天子 [...] 始拜名堂如郊禮。

Tiān zǐ shǐ bài míng táng rú jiāo lǐ.  
heaven son SHI bow bright hall like suburb rite

‘The son of Heaven, in front of the Bright Hall,  
started doing bows following the rites of the suburbs.’



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初 *chū*

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✓

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Activity

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Achievement



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初 *chū*

State



Activity



Accomplishment



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# Thanks for watching!

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