

## A Study on the Perception of Transitivity and the Usage in Language Acquisition

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This study starts from the research of Lee(2016) about Korean Learner's perception about transitivity. Lee(2016) examines how Korean learners accept the perception on transitivity. The transitivity expresses the relation with agent and the target of action. Even though this conception has universal semantic features, each language has its way to express morphologically and syntactically. The foreign students' difficulties are due to this gap of foreign language with theirs. So it is necessary to investigate the procedure, how Korean learners accept and adjust the transitivity in the sentence.

Through the survey Lee(2016) reached to such conclusions as that. First, Korean learners did not divide the transitivity and intransitivity mechanically. Without the prior Korean knowledge the learners chose right answer based on the speech context. Second, in the process of speech foreign students recognized the agent as an important element. '-eul/reul(-을/를)' works as typical marker representing transitivity, and learners choose this case depending on the presence of agent. Third, students perceived that the sentences including '-eul/reul(-을/를)' have stronger feeling in comparison with the sentences without '-eul/reul(-을/를)'. Because the object of sentence makes the target of action explicitly, the meaning of sentence having that marker becomes more clearly. Fourth, Korean learners tried to clarify the relation with subject and object constantly. So the teaching method should concentrate on the action and its object, that is, help them set the strategy about understanding context.

This article testifies the results of Lee(2016), and reveals the process accepting and expressing transitivity. There are many grammatical elements related with transitivity. So the morphological and syntactic features will be investigated and the components of sentence will be categorized. In addition to that, it is important to analyze the errors of Korean learners. This article will carry out thorough investigation about the usage of universal concept, transitivity in foreign language acquisition.

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