

# Verb Classification and *Aktionsart* in the Nuosu Yi Language

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## Abstract

This paper discusses and introduces the verb classification and *aktionsart* of the Nuosu Yi language. The Nuosu Yi language has all kinds of the five *aktionsart* features which have been introduced by pioneer linguists Zeno Vendler (1967), David Dowty (1979), Carlota S. Smith (1997), Van Valin (2005) and Van Valin & LaPolla (1997). The verbs of Nuosu Yi language can be classified into five categories: those that express ‘state’, ‘activity’, ‘achievement’, ‘accomplishment’ and ‘semelfactive’. It also discusses the opposition of the terms ‘aspect’ and ‘*aktionsart*’ in Nuosu language through distinguishing the concept opposition of ‘viewpoint aspect’ and ‘situation aspect’, ‘grammatical aspect’ and ‘lexical aspect’, ‘subjective aspect’ and objective aspect, and so on.

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