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Abbreviations

1	First Person
2	Second Person
3	Third Person
s	Singular
p	Plural
m	Masculine
f	Feminine
Acc	Accusative
Nom	Nominative
Gen	Genitive
Dat	Dative
Asp	Aspectual Marker
Subj	Subjunctive
Ind	Indicative
Comp	Complementizer
Neg	Negative Marker
Fut	Future Marker
Prog	Progressive
FM	Focus Marker