

# CIRCUMSTANTIAL ADJUNCTS USED IN THE TALE “THE TAMING OF THE SHREW”

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## Abstract

The study deals with the use of circumstantial adjuncts in the tale “The Taming of the Shrew”. The sources of data were adopted from one of the six tales from Shakespeare which are retold by E.F Dood, namely “The Merchant of Venice”, “The Tempest”, “Julius Caesar”, “The Taming of the Shrew”, “King Lear”, and “Macbeth” from which “The Taming of the Shrew” was taken as sample. Descriptive analysis technique is used to find new evidence to prove the truth of the story. It is also used to find out the dominant type of circumstantial adjuncts used in the tale. The finding indicates that only eight of the nine types of circumstantial adjuncts were found in the tale. Through the analysis done the dominant type that usually occurs is location. Meanwhile circumstantial adjunct of angel is the only type which is not found in the tale.

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## INTRODUCTION

Systemic Functional Grammar views language as a resource for making meaning. It relates grammatical categories to the communicative functions which they serve. Basically, the ways in which language is used for different purposes and different situations have shaped its own language. Halliday (1994: 26) explains that a language consists of a set of systems and the speaker or the writer may choose the ways of expressing meaning. When people use a language to express meaning and they do so in specific situation, the form of the language that they use is influenced by the complex elements of those situation. In other words, it attempts to describe language in actual use and to focus on texts and their context.

In systemic functional grammar language is seen as conveying three functions, namely Ideational Function, Interpersonal Function, and Textual Function in which all of them are called Metafunctions of language where language is interpreted as a system of meaning,

followed by forms through which the meaning can be realized. In other words, Functional grammar is arranged to explain how the language is used by applying the functional components called Metafunctions. In metafunctions of language circumstance often occurs in many kinds of process.

### *Circumstantial Adjunct*

Circumstantial adjunct is one of the important elements in clause. Therefore, it is significant to know as part of the clause which is used to express meaning through sentences. Moreover, It often occurs in many kinds of process. Halliday (1994:150) notes that there are three perspectives of circumstantial adjunct, first, that it is associated with attendant on the process, referring to examples such as the location of an event in time or space, its manner, or its cause; and these notions of *when, where, how, and why*, the things happened provided adverbs rather than nouns. Circumstance is equipment in Longman Dictionary of Contemporary

English, an adverb is a word which describes or adds to the meaning of a verb, an adjective, another adverb or a sentence, which answers such questions as *how?*, *when?*, or *where?* The second perspective states that circumstance maps into adjunct. As stated in Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English, Adjunct is a word or phrase which limits or gives particular meaning to another word/ part of a sentence. For example the word “Sunday” in the sentence : *They arrived on Sunday.* So, there is similarity between adverb and adjunct. The third perspective states that circumstances are typically expressed not as nominal groups, but either as adverbial group or prepositional phrase;

a. *I found everything in good condition.*

b. *I live in this house.*

Matthews (1997) notes that circumstance indicates the external setting, in space and time especially, of an event, etc. such as *in New York, yesterday*, and *from French*, where ‘complement’ or circumstantial adjunct would be variously applied to these. Circumstantial adjunct adds information about the action or answering questions such as *how, where, how much, to what extent and why?*. Both the types of process and the types of circumstantial adjuncts are in turn part of more general pictures which are possible to establish after exploring the clause complex.

### ***Types of Circumstantial adjunct***

#### 1. Extent

It is the degree to which a thing extends. It can be length, area, volume, and scope. It is expressed in terms of some unit of measurement such as yards, rounds, and years. Extent is identified by the usage of interrogative forms like *how far?*

Which shows spatial distance, *how long?* which shows duration, *how many?* Which shows measure units, and *how many times?* Which shows frequency.

#### 2. Location

It is a type of circumstantial adjunct which shows position or place. Generally, the interrogative forms for indicating circumstantial element of location are *where?* and *when?* the typical structure is an adverbial group or prepositional phrase; such as *around, downstairs, in London, long ago, parralel to, near, beyond, on the left of, behind, between you and me*, etc.

#### 3. Manner

##### a. Means

It is typically expressed by a prepositional phrase with the preposition *by* or *with* which refers to the means where the process takes place. It is probed by the interrogative forms; *what means?*, *how?*, and *what with?*

In addition to generalize expressions of means the category includes, in principle, the concepts of both agency and instrumentality. Instrument is simply a kind of means meanwhile an agent functions as a participant in the clause.

##### b. Quality

An adverbial group with *-ly* adverb typically expresses quality as head, it tells *how* and is probed by *how?* Or *how...?* plus appropriate adverb. Quality expressions characterize the process in respect of any variable that makes sense.

##### c. Comparison

Comparison is typically expressed by a prepositional phrase with *like* or *unlike*, or an adverbial group of similarity or difference. It tells *like* what and the interrogative usually used is *what...like?*

#### 4. Cause

##### a. Reason

It is typically expressed by a prepositional phrase with a complex preposition that represents the reason for which a process takes place, and what cause it. It is probed by the prepositional phrase such as *because of, as a result of, consequently, thanks to, and wh- from why? Or how?*

##### b. Purpose

It is typically expressed by a prepositional phrase representing the purpose for which an action takes place with the intention behind it. It is probed by the prepositional phrase such as *for the purpose of, in the hope of, and the interrogative corresponding with what for?*

##### c. Behalf

It is typically expressed by a prepositional phrase with *for* or with a complex preposition, which represents the entity, typically a person, on whose behalf or for whose sake the action is undertaken –who it is for. The complex prepositions used such as *as for the sake of, in favor of, on behalf of, etc.* the interrogative corresponding is *who for?*

#### 5. Contingency

##### a. Condition

It is typically expressed by a prepositional phrase such as *in case of, in the event of.*

##### b. Concession

It is typically expressed by phrase or prepositional phrase such as *in spite of or despite.*

##### c. Default

It is usually expressed by a prepositional phrase such as *in the absence of, in default of.*

#### 6. Accompaniment

Accompaniment is a type of circumstantial adjunct which represents

the meanings and corresponds to the interrogatives *with whom?*, and *who/what else?*, but not *who/what?*. It is something which is often found with something else. It is expressed by prepositional phrase with preposition such as *with, without, besides, instead of.*

##### a. The comitative

Represents the process as a single instance, although two entities are involved. There are two subcategories of comitative in positive and negative aspect.

##### b. The additive

Represents the process as two instances; both entities clearly share the same participant function, but one of them is presented circumstantially for purposes of contrast.

#### 7. Role

##### a. Guise

It is typically expressed by the usual preposition namely *as*, and complex prepositions with this function are *by way of, in the role/shape/guise/form of etc.* It corresponds to the interrogative *what as?* And describes the meaning of *be* (attribute or identity) in the form of circumstance.

##### b. Product

It is typically expressed by prepositional phrase which describes the meaning of *become* (attribute or identity). It corresponds to the interrogative *what into?*

#### 8. Matter

Matter is a type of circumstantial element equivalent to the verbiage. It is related to verbal processes, which are described, referred to, narrated etc. Matter is expressed by prepositions such as *about, concerning, with reference to* and sometimes *simply*. The interrogative from is *what about?* And it is frequent with both verbal and cognitive mental processes.

## 9. Angle

Angle is also related to verbal processes, but in this case to the sayer; it is like *as...says*. The simple preposition used in this function is *to*; it is often expressed by more complex form such as *according to, in the view, opinion of, from the standpoint of, etc.*

## METHODOLOGY

This study was conducted by using descriptive quantitative design. Borg and Gall (1983: 354) elaborates that descriptive method is primarily concerned with finding out what it is. It means that this study does not intend to find a new theory but to find new evidence to prove the truth of a theory. Based on the research design, this study analyzed the types of circumstances, and tried to find out the dominant types of circumstances used in the tale "The Taming of The Shrew" from Shakespeare.

### *Technique of Collecting the Data*

This study was the result of a research where the primary data was taken from the tale selected and added with linguistic books to support this analysis. In which each sentence was identified based on theory of circumstance proposed by Halliday (1994).

### *Technique of Analyzing the Data*

The techniques of analyzing the data of this study are as follows:

1. Reading the tale "The Taming of the Shrew"
2. Determining the types of circumstance which are found in the tale
3. Classifying the types of circumstance in the tale into nine types; extent, location, manner, cause, contingency,

accompaniment, role, matter, and angle.

4. Counting the percentage of the circumstance by using the percentage formula as follows:

$$X = F/N \times 100\%$$

X : The percentage of the obtained items

F : The total circumstances of each type

N : The total circumstances from all types

5. Finding the types of circumstances which are frequently used in the tale
6. Concluding the result.

## DATA FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS

The data were gathered from the tale "The Taming of the Shrew" from Shakespeare which was retold by E. F. Dood. There are six tales from Shakespeare as population; *The Merchant of Venice, The Taming of the Shrew, The Tempest, Julius Caesar, King Lear, and Macbeth*. Based on the sampling method, one of them namely *The Taming of the Shrew*, was selected randomly as the sample.

### *Data Analysis*

After collecting the data, they were classified according to the types of circumstantial adjunct in the tale "The Taming of the Shrew". There are 200 occurrences of circumstantial adjunct found in the tale. 5 circumstantial adjuncts of extent, 70 circumstantial adjuncts of location, 61 circumstantial adjuncts of manner, 31 circumstantial adjuncts of cause, 1 circumstantial adjunct of contingency, 19 circumstantial adjuncts of accompaniment, 6 circumstantial adjuncts of role, 7 circumstantial adjuncts of matter, and circumstantial adjuncts of angle is not found in the tale under study.

### Research Finding

After analyzing the occurrence of adjunct in the tale “The Taming of the Shrew”, there are only eight types of

circumstance found. The circumstantial adjunct of angle is not applied in the tale. The percentage of the data can be seen as follow:

| No | Types of Circumstantial Adjuncts | Number | Percentage (%) |
|----|----------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| 1. | Extent                           | 5      | 2,5            |
| 2. | Location                         | 70     | 35             |
| 3. | Manner                           | 61     | 30,5           |
| 4. | Cause                            | 31     | 15,5           |
| 5. | Contingency                      | 1      | 0,5            |
| 6. | Accompaniment                    | 19     | 9,5            |
| 7. | Role                             | 6      | 3              |
| 8. | Matter                           | 7      | 3,5            |
| 9. | Angle                            | -      | -              |

It can be seen that the most dominant type of circumstantial adjunct used is location 35 %, followed by circumstantial adjunct of manner 30,5%, cause 15,5 %, accompaniment 9,5 (%), matter 3,5%, role 3%, extent 2,5 %, contingency 0,5 %, and angle 0,0 %.

Some representative examples of the data are shown below

#### 1. Extent

Extent is the degree to which a thing extends. It can be length, area, volume and scope.

a.

|        |            |            |                                 |
|--------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| I      | love       | Her        | <b>Ten times more than ever</b> |
| senser | Pr; mental | phenomenon | <b>Circ; extent</b>             |

b.

|            |                     |            |                        |
|------------|---------------------|------------|------------------------|
| She        | <b>Was always</b>   | known      | As Katharine the shrew |
| phenomenon | <b>Circ; extent</b> | Pr; mental | Circ; guise            |

c.

|                       |       |                        |              |
|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>All night long</b> | he    | Shouted and complained | So loudly    |
| <b>Circ; extent</b>   | sayer | Pr ; verbal            | Circ; manner |

d.

|          |            |                     |                    |
|----------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| You      | Are called | <b>sometimes</b>    | As Kate the cursed |
| Verbiage | Pr; verbal | <b>Circ; extent</b> | Circ; guise        |

#### 2. Location

Location is the type of circumstantial adjunct which shows position or place.

The interrogative forms which may indicate location are *where?* And *when?*

a.

|           |                       |               |            |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| Petruchio | <b>Now</b>            | Wished to see | The world  |
| senser    | <b>Circ; location</b> | Pr; mental    | phenomenon |

b.

|       |              |          |                       |
|-------|--------------|----------|-----------------------|
| He    | Threw        | The food | <b>On the floor</b>   |
| Actor | Pr; material | goal     | <b>Circ; location</b> |

c.

|                       |           |                |  |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|--|
| <b>At this moment</b> | Hortensio | came           |  |
| <b>Circ; location</b> | Behavior  | Pr; behavioral |  |

d.

|       |              |                       |
|-------|--------------|-----------------------|
| He    | Went         | <b>To Padua</b>       |
| Actor | Pr; material | <b>Circ; location</b> |

e.

|       |              |              |                        |
|-------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
| He    | stood        | helplessly   | <b>In front of her</b> |
| Actor | Pr; material | Circ; manner | <b>Circ; location</b>  |

### 3. Manner

Here are some clauses indicate manner in the tale:

a.

|       |              |               |                    |                |
|-------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| He    | welcomed     | The young man | <b>gladly</b>      | To his house   |
| Actor | Pr; material | Goal          | <b>Circ;manner</b> | Circ; location |

b.

|       |              |      |                |                            |
|-------|--------------|------|----------------|----------------------------|
| She   | had struck   | Him  | On the head    | <b>With the instrument</b> |
| Actor | Pr; material | Goal | Circ; location | <b>Circ; manner</b>        |

c.

|                  |                 |                      |  |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| Petrucio himself | Looked          | <b>Like a beggar</b> |  |
| Behavior         | Pr ; behavioral | <b>Circ; manner</b>  |  |

d.

|          |              |      |                     |
|----------|--------------|------|---------------------|
| Petrucio | kissed       | Her  | <b>proudly</b>      |
| Actor    | Pr; material | Goal | <b>Circ; manner</b> |

### 4. Cause

Here are some clauses using circumstantial adjunct of cause in the tale;

a.

|          |            |          |              |                          |
|----------|------------|----------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Petrucio | called     | Him      | loudly       | <b>For a cup of wine</b> |
| Sayer    | Pr; verbal | Verbiage | Circ; manner | <b>Circ; cause</b>       |

b.

|          |              |           |                    |
|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| I myself | Have cooked  | Some food | <b>For you</b>     |
| Actor    | Pr; material | Goal      | <b>Circ; cause</b> |

c.

|          |                 |                         |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| She      | Was ready       | <b>For the marriage</b> |
| Behavior | Pr ; behavioral | <b>Circ; cause</b>      |

d.

|       |                  |                 |                      |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| I     | Have come to ask | Your permission | <b>For my friend</b> |
| Actor | Pr; material     | goal            | <b>Circ; cause</b>   |

### 5. Contingency

|                                       |              |        |          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|
| <b>In spite of her beautiful face</b> | She          | Had no | admirers |
| <b>Circ; contingency</b>              | Pr; material | goal   | goal     |

### 6. Accompaniment

Accompaniment is usually expressed by prepositional phrases with such

prepositions as *with, without, besides, and instead of.*

a.

|           |             |                            |
|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Katharine | Argued      | <b>With him</b>            |
| Sayer     | Pr ; verbal | <b>Circ; accompaniment</b> |

|          |                                    |               |             |
|----------|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Petrucio | <b>Instead of helping his wife</b> | began to beat | His servant |
| Actor    | <b>Circ; accompaniment</b>         | Pr; material  | goal        |

b.

|        |                     |          |  |
|--------|---------------------|----------|--|
| No one | Was willing to risk | marriage | <b>With the bad-tempered Katharine</b> |
| Actor  | Pr; material        | goal     | <b>Circ; accompaniment</b>             |

c.

|                |                 |                            |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| My pretty Kate | Must go         | <b>With me</b>             |
| Behaver        | Pr ; behavioral | <b>Circ; accompaniment</b> |

### 7. Role

Role is a type of circumstantial adjunct which includes guise and product. Guise is typically expressed by the usual preposition such as *by*

*way of, in the form of,* and it corresponds to the interrogative *what as?*. Product typically describes the meaning of “ become” and “what into”.

a.

|           |                 |                      |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Katharine | Flew            | <b>Into a temper</b> |
| Behaver   | Pr ; behavioral | <b>Circ; role</b>    |

b.

|          |            |              |                           |
|----------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| You      | Are called | sometimes    | <b>As Kate the cursed</b> |
| Verbiage | Pr; verbal | Circ; extent | <b>Circ; role</b>         |

c.

|           |               |      |                          |
|-----------|---------------|------|--------------------------|
| Katharine | Begged        | him  | <b>to be more gentle</b> |
| Actor     | Pr ; material | goal | <b>Circ; role</b>        |

d.

|          |                 |                                   |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Petrucio | Changed         | <b>Into more suitable clothes</b> |
| Behaver  | Pr ; behavioral | <b>Circ; role</b>                 |

### 8. Matter

Matter is a type of circumstantial adjunct which is related to verbal process. It usually

can be found with the use of preposition such as *about, concerning, with reference to*.

a.

|           |             |          |                                    |
|-----------|-------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Hortensio | told        | Petrucio | <b>All about the gentle Bianca</b> |
| Sayer     | Pr ; verbal | verbiage | <b>Circ; matter</b>                |

b.

|        |              |                           |
|--------|--------------|---------------------------|
| I      | Think        | <b>About your comfort</b> |
| Senser | Pr ; mentall | <b>Circ; matter</b>       |

c.

|           |             |                   |                    |                                   |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Katharine | talked      | Wisely and gently | to the other wives | <b>About the duties of a wife</b> |
| Sayer     | Pr ; verbal | Circ; manner      | verbiage           | <b>Circ; matter</b>               |

d.

|          |               |                         |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Petrucio | did not care  | <b>about the guests</b> |
| Actor    | Pr ; material | <b>Circ; matter</b>     |

### 9. Angle

Angle is the type of circumstantial adjunct which is also related to verbal

process. It is usually expressed by more complex form such as *according to, in the view, in the opinion of, from the stand point of*. It is the only circumstantial adjunct which is not found in the tale.

## CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

### Conclusion

Based on systematic Functional Grammar it is concluded that there are 9 types of circumstantial adjunct; extent, location, manner, cause, contingency, accompaniment, role, matter, and angle. The conclusion of this research is obtained in the following description:

1. From the nine types of circumstantial adjunct as proposed by Halliday (1994), there are only eight of them are found in the tale, because circumstantial adjunct of angle is not found in the clauses of the tale.
2. The percentage described shows that the occurrences of circumstantial adjunct systematically from the highest number to the lowest number is given as follows location 35%, followed by manner 30,5%, cause 15,5%, accompaniment 9,5%, matter 3,5%, role 3%, extent 2,5%, contingency 0,5% and the least is angle 0,00%. Therefore, it may be concluded that the dominant type of circumstantial adjunct which is most dominant is *location*.
3. Circumstantial adjunct can be said as one of essential element in the clause, because their occurrences usually exist in all the types of processes.

### Suggestions

In relation to the problems of this study, the following suggestions are proposed :

1. It is suggested that various types of circumstantial adjunct be mastered before doing analysis.
2. It is also suggested that the theory of Functional Grammar be studied by readers of literary works, so that they may get better comprehension of what they read.
3. It is also suggested that this study be used for learners who are interested in studying English as this scientific writing gives description of an aspect of linguistic studies.

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