LIN 491. Study Questions #9: Tsujimura, Ch. 6. Semantics 2 (pp. 364-389)

2. Tense and aspect
   NOTE: John runs should be included in (80), p. 364.

   1. What do ‘tense’ and ‘aspect’ refer to, respectively?  → p. 364

2.1. Tense

   2. (1) What does VERB-(r)u indicate other than a non-past event and state?
   (2) What does VERB-ta indicate other than a past event and state?

   3. It is actually common nowadays to say -te (i)na ‘haven’t done,’ instead of -na-kat-ta ‘didn’t do,’ in response to a question with an adverb indicating a specific past time like kinoo ‘yesterday’ and kyonen ‘last year.’
   [TV interviewer asking people on the street]
   A: Kinoo-no senkyo iki mashi-ka? ‘Did you go to the election yesterday?’

   NOTE: The ta analyzed as expressing ‘future completed state’ (p. 368) has long been analyzed in traditional Japanese studies as kakusei ‘(sudden) realization.’ The verb need not be repeated.
   a. At-ta! ‘There it is!';
   b. I-ta! ‘There (you) are/(he) is!';
   c. A, basu ki-ta!
      (I) found (it)!'
      (I) found (you/him)!’
      ‘Oh, the bus is coming!’

   4. What are the ‘three additional functions’ of -tda?

2.2. Aspect

2.2.1. Grammatical aspect

   5. (1) What does VERB-te-i-ru indicate?  → pp. 369-370
   (2) What is the difference between VERB-te-i-ru and VERB-te-a-ru?  → pp. 369-370

   6. [to JPN speakers] How are the Ss in each pair different from each other?
         ‘A painting is hanging on the wall.’  ‘There is a painting on the wall.’
      b. Ane-wa ryoo-ni haitte-i-ru  vs.  Ane-wa ryoo-ni i-ru.
         ‘My sister is (living) in the dormitory.’  ‘My sister is in the dormitory.’
         ‘There is a carpet (layed) on the floor.’  ‘There is a carpet on the floor.’

    7. Why should the following be not OK, though they actually are?
       a. Kyoo-wa moo hashitte-a-ru.  ‘(I) have already run today.’
       b. Tappuri nete-a-ru  ‘(I) have slept a lot.’

    8. What does each of the following sentences mean?

    9. Can you think of a shimau counterexample to the description in the last paragraph before 2.2.2. on p. 375?

Exercises #1, 3-5