

with a specifier nan6 "that," and mention of the specific common noun is omitted. This is governed by paragraph considerations and other factors that determine the frame of reference within which a referent is considered to be still new information. It is also controlled by the requirement that certain kinds of information must be realized with the common noun, and thus the common noun phrase is invoked where otherwise the classifier might be enough.

6. Summary

The Nominal Group in Tai-Lue is composed of two coreferential Noun Phrases, one built around the common noun, the other built around a classifier noun. Semantic information is distributed between these two NPs and the classifier attracts information such as Number, Specification, and Events.