

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910828073803321
Autore	Zolyomi Gabor
Titolo	Copular clauses and focus marking in Sumerian // Gabor Zolyomi ; managing editor, Katarzyna Grzegorek ; associate editor: Anna Borowska ; language editor, Allison Kirk
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Warsaw, [Poland] ; ; Berlin, [Germany] : , : De Gruyter Open, , 2014 ©2014
ISBN	3-11-040170-3
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (xii, 200 pages) : digital, PDF file(s)
Classificazione	EM 1850
Disciplina	499/.955
Soggetti	Sumerian language - Syntax
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and indexes.
Nota di contenuto	Front matter -- Contents -- Abbreviations -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction -- 1 Sumerian in a Nutshell -- 2 Non-verbal Predicates in Sumerian -- 3 A Typology of Sumerian Copular Clauses -- 4 Attributive Copular Biclausal Constructions -- 5 Specificational Copular Biclausal Constructions -- 6 Subordinate Clauses Followed by a Copula -- 7 Summary and Outlook -- References -- Index of Quoted Texts -- Index of Subjects
Sommario/riassunto	This work is the first comprehensive description of Sumerian constructions involving a copula. Using around 400 fully glossed examples, it gives a thorough analysis of all uses of the copula, which is one of the least understood and most frequently misinterpreted and consequently mistranslated morphemes in Sumerian. It starts with a concise introduction into the grammatical structure of Sumerian, followed by a study that is accessible to both linguists and sumerologists, as it applies the terminology of modern descriptive linguistics. It provides the oldest known and documented example of the path of grammaticalization that leads from a copula to a focus marker. It gives the description of Sumerian copular paratactic relative clauses, which make use of an otherwise only scarcely attested relativization strategy. At the end of the book, the reader will have a clear picture about the morphological and syntactic devices used to mark identificational, polarity and sentence focus in Sumerian, one of

the oldest documented languages in the world.

---