

# Contents

<i>Editorial statement</i>	xi
<i>Preface</i>	xii
<i>List of abbreviations</i>	xiv
<b>Introduction</b>	1
0.1 <i>Aims and methodology</i>	1
0.2 <i>Theoretical framework</i>	3
0.3 <i>The sociolinguistic status of Sardinian</i>	5
0.4 <i>Orthography</i>	8
<b>1 The sentence</b>	13
1.1 <i>Constituent order</i>	13
1.1.1 Structure of the clause	13
1.1.2 Constituent-order variations	16
1.2 <i>Propositional attitude</i>	21
1.2.1 Negation	21
1.2.2 Questions	24
1.2.3 Imperatives and hortatives	26
<b>2 The noun phrase</b>	31
2.1 <i>Components of the NP</i>	31
2.1.1 The noun	31
2.1.2 Determiners and quantifiers	34
2.1.3 Numerals	39
2.1.4 Adnominal adjectives	41
2.1.5 Possessives	44
2.2 <i>Structure of the NP</i>	45
2.2.1 Preliminary assumptions	45
2.2.2 Prenominal elements	46
2.2.3 Postnominal elements	50

2.2.4 Order of postnominal adjectives	52
2.2.5 NPs without determiners	56
2.2.6 Prepositional accusatives	65
2.2.7 Headless NPs	69
2.2.8 Extrapolosition of the head noun	76
<b>3 The verb phrase</b>	80
3.1 <i>Morphosyntax of the verb</i>	80
3.1.1 Verbal flexion	80
3.1.2 Perfective and progressive aspect	82
3.1.3 Periphrastic future and conditional constructions	89
3.2 <i>Transitivity of the verb</i>	94
3.2.1 Thematic roles and grammatical functions	94
3.2.2 Impersonal constructions	100
3.2.3 Unaccusative verbs	106
3.2.4 Existential uses of <i>āere</i> and <i>éssere</i>	113
3.2.5 Copular verbs	114
3.2.6 Pronominal verbs	119
3.2.7 Passive constructions	124
3.2.8 Pronominal voice	127
3.3 <i>Auxiliary verbs</i>	130
3.3.1 Choice of perfective auxiliary	130
3.3.2 Syntactic properties of perfective and progressive constructions	137
3.3.3 Modal verbs	142
3.3.4 The future use of <i>āere</i>	146
3.3.5 ‘Semi-auxiliaries’	149
3.4 <i>Structure of the VP</i>	154
3.4.1 Auxiliaries and preverbal modifiers	154
3.4.2 Complements and postverbal modifiers	158
<b>4 Minor predicate categories</b>	165
4.1 <i>Adjectives and adverbs</i>	165
4.1.1 Morphology	165
4.1.2 Functional types	168
4.2 <i>Degrees of comparison</i>	173
4.2.1 Comparison of inequality	173
4.2.2 Superlative degree	178
4.2.3 Comparison of equality	179
4.3 <i>Prepositions and adverbs of time and place</i>	180
4.3.1 Basic uses of prepositions	180
4.3.2 Prepositions and their complements	185

4.3.3	Location, goal and source	189
4.3.4	Temporal uses of prepositions	193
4.3.5	Deictic adverbs of place and time	195
<b>5</b>	<b>Pronouns</b>	199
5.1	<i>Disjunctive pronouns</i>	199
5.1.1	Personal pronouns	199
5.1.2	Demonstrative, interrogative and negative pronouns	203
5.1.3	Pronominal uses of quantifiers and indefinite expressions	208
5.2	<i>Clitics</i>	213
5.2.1	Forms and basic uses	213
5.2.2	Order and compatibility of clitics	218
5.2.3	Datives of interest	221
5.2.4	Ethic datives and locatives	230
5.3	<i>Coreference and binding</i>	239
5.3.1	Preliminary remarks	239
5.3.2	Binding properties of pronouns	240
5.3.3	Reciprocal and complementary relations	245
<b>6</b>	<b>Subordinate clauses</b>	247
6.1	<i>Complement and adverbial clauses</i>	247
6.1.1	Finite clauses	247
6.1.2	Mood	251
6.1.3	Infinitival clauses	260
6.1.4	Infinitival constructions with causative verbs	270
6.1.5	Imperfect subjunctives and inflected infinitives	278
6.1.6	Nominal infinitives	282
6.1.7	Participial clauses	285
6.1.8	Interrogative complements	291
6.2	<i>Other subordinate clauses</i>	293
6.2.1	Relative clauses	293
6.2.2	Free relatives and similar constructions	300
6.2.3	Conditional and concessive constructions	305
<b>7</b>	<b>Constituent-order variations</b>	312
7.1	<i>Reordering processes</i>	312
7.1.1	Left-dislocation	312
7.1.2	Right-dislocation	318
7.1.3	Inversion	327
7.1.4	NP fronting	332
7.1.5	Fronting of other constituents	338

x *Contents*

7.1.6 Fronting and other preposing phenomena	345
7.2 <i>Stress, focus and related issues</i>	351
7.2.1 Assignment of stress and focus	351
7.2.2 Focus and illocutionary force	355
<i>Conclusion</i>	362
<i>Notes</i>	367
<i>Bibliography</i>	373
<i>Index</i>	376