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Preface

This volume constitutes the third installment of a four-part collection containing syntactic sketches of languages in the Mixtecan family of Otomanguean. These languages are spoken in southern Mexico in the states of Oaxaca and Guerrero.

The present volume contains sketches of two Mixtec languages. Alacatlatzala Mixtec belongs to the Guerrero subgroup of lowland languages, and Diuxi-Tilantongo Mixtec belongs to the Eastern Highlands group. It also contains a description of Cuicatec, a language closely related to Mixtec and spoken in the area immediately northeast of it. The Cuicatec sketch is somewhat shorter than the Mixtec sketches because it is based solely on an analysis of published material, rather than on fieldwork carried out by the author.

These sketches follow closely the outline used in the two earlier volumes (Bradley and Hollenbach 1988, 1990).\(^1\) The structure of each language is presented with a minimum of theory, numerous examples, and illustrative text material at the end.

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\(^1\)These volumes, entitled *Studies in the Syntax of Mixtecan Languages 1* and *Studies in the Syntax of Mixtecan Languages 2*, were published as Summer Institute of Linguistics and the University of Texas at Arlington Publications in Linguistics 83 and 90.
Abbreviations

ADD additive
AFF affirmative
AML animal
CAUS causative
CF contrafactual
cf. compare
CMP complementizer
COL collectivizer
COM completive
CON continuative
DEI deity
DER derivational
DIR directional
EX exclusive
FAM familiar
FE female ego
GEN general
HAB habitual
HORT hortatory
IMP imperative
IN inclusive
INAN inanimate
INC incompletive
INT interrogative
INTS intensifier
KNO known object
LIM limiter
LIQ liquid
lit. literally
ME male ego
MS man speaking
NEG negative
PERF perfective
PL plural
POT potential
Reg. Sp. regional Spanish
REP repetitive
RES respect
SG singular
Sp. Spanish
SPEC specifier
SPH spherical
TAG tag question marker
UN unspecified third person
WOD wood
WS woman speaking
? gloss unknown