Word order in subordinate clauses: innovative or conservative? A typology of word order change

A subordinate clause can never stand alone! A subordinate clause always begin with some sort of opening word – a subordinator/bisatsinledare. The subject and the sentence adverb always come before the first verb in a subordinate clause. Hon blev arg eftersom han inte ville köpa frukt på torget varje dag.

Language typology - basic word order. The two types of syntactic typology. What is basic word order?. Basic word order at the clausal level consists of three major parts: subject (s), object (o) and verb (v). Basic word order can be found in...

Punctuation: Clauses - eng 141. Beginning punctuation. Goals distinguish between phrases and clauses main and subordinate clauses know how to punctuate clause combinations. Vocabulary. A phrase is any group of words a clause is a. Hence, the Dutch word order resembles German rather than English: whereas English has a rather consistent SVO order, Dutch, Frisian, and German extensively use other patterns, such as OVS or XVSO in main clauses, or SOV in embedded clauses. 174 EXTENDING HAWKINS' COMPARATIVE TYPOLOGY (3) A typology of some Germanic languages (preliminary) Word order strict-SVO SVO Verb Case in main subclause agreement clause varieties found mainly SVO residual (some English: residual V2 SVO without pronouns only) agreement productive on German: mainly V2 SOV in all varieties NPs Dutch, residual (some mainly V2 SOV in all varieties Frisian: pronouns.

A recurrent claim in the literature on word order change is that subordinate clauses tend to preserve older patterns. However, even though individual cases of unrelated and typologically distinct languages have been discussed, no quantitative data has been used to support this claim. In addition, arguments have been presented that contradict the view that subordinate clauses are conservative. This work is meant to contribute to the discussion by providing a far-reaching typology of word order change. The results suggest that subordinate clauses are indeed conservative, but with nuances.