

Spatial Topography and the Locative Case in Uncunwee (Kordofan Nubian)

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Uncunwee, also known as Ghulfan, is a Kordofan Nubian dialect spoken in the northern Nuba Mountains in the center of Sudan. Uncunwee speakers consider the language to be one of several dialects of the Ajang language. Data for this study was gathered among native Uncunwee speakers who are currently refugees in Cairo and Uncunwee speakers in Sudan.

In this paper I will discuss a set of post-positions commonly used in Uncunwee to express spatial relationships such as 'on', 'under', 'in', 'near', etc... I will also discuss the locative case marker, when it is used and the different phonological forms it can take. Finally I will discuss basic verbs of motion, placement and position.