

# Universal grammar

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A long time ago, in the early 1970s, a fellow had a book with a kind of universal grammar, describing what is common to language specific grammars. For example, it would classify the tense of verbs according to point of time and temporal direction: past, present, future, thus giving nine possibilities, noting that Turkish(?) is one of the few languages having the "future future" tense.

What book might this have been? Are there similar, more contemporary references?

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