Omissibility of a Preposition in the Omission of a Prepositional Object in English Prepositional Phrases

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Jeong, In-Sik. 2011. Omissibility of a Preposition in the Omission of a Prepositional Object in English Prepositional Phrases. Linguistic Research 28(1), 53-73. When a prepositional object is contextually recoverable and omitted in structures such as a prepositional particle plus its object, the omissibility of its preceding particle is closely bound up both with its meaning and its double status as an overlapping category for adverb and preposition. Some particles which denote place or direction can be used both prepositionally and adverbially depending on the presence or absence of their objects. These types of particles should not be omitted when their object is removed, performing their meaning in combination with a verb. In addition, such particles do not allow their object to be the subject of a passive. On the contrary, other particles are used only prepositionally. These types of particles should be omitted when their object is contextually recoverable and removed, because they cannot stand alone as prepositions. The understanding of the omitted preposition and prepositional object is retrieved from the context. (Seoul Digital University)

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