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This paper aims at appealing the notion of subjectification of the verb /hǎn/ 'SEE' which displays in three unique constructions; negative, quotative, and equative constructions. The different kinds of construction of the verb /hǎn/ 'SEE' as a result of semantic extension show the development of raising constructions where the speaker is, semantically, an argument of the verb (Langacker: 1990). That is to say the verb /hǎn/ 'SEE' is grammaticalized by being raised into the three constructions to denote the speaker's involvement to the event as the speaker select a particular perspective to construe situations subjectively. Recognizing the subjectivity of the verb /hǎn/ 'SEE' raised in the three constructions helps support the notion of subjectification under the process of grammaticalization postulated by Langacker (1990).

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