"Animacy" based

| Dyirbal | 1,2 pers pronoun | ʻwho, someone' wan ^y a | other 3 rd pers pronoun | proper names | human common nouns | non-human common nouns |
|---------|---------------------|---|--|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| A | Ø | ERG | -ŋgu | -ŋgu | -ŋgu | -ŋgu |
| S | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| Р | -na | ACC | Ø | ø/n ^y a | ø/n ^y a | Ø |

| Yidin ^y | 1,2 pers pronoun | human deic- tics, interrog | inanimate deictics | proper names, kinship | inanimate interrog | common nouns |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| A | Ø | ERG | ERG | ERG | ERG | ERG |
| S | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| Р | ACC | ACC | Ø/ACC | Ø/ACC | Ø | Ø |

| Waga-Waga | pronouns | proper names | human common nouns | non-human common nouns |
|-----------|----------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| A | ERG | ERG | ERG | ERG |
| S | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| P | ACC | ACC | ACC | Ø |

| Ritharngu | pronouns | humans | higher animals | lower animals | inanimate |
|-----------|----------|--------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| A | Ø | ERG | ERG | ERG | ERG |
| S | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| Р | ACC | ACC | ACC | Ø | Ø |

| Cashinawa | 1,2 pers pronoun | 3 pers pronouns | nouns |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
| A | Ø | habũ | Ũ |
| S | Ø | habu | Ø |
| P | -a | haa | Ø |

| Lak | pronoun | noun |
|-----|---------|------|
| A | Ø | ERG |
| S | Ø | Ø |
| Р | Ø | Ø |

| Dalabon | |
|---------|--|
| A | ERG if P is more animate; Ø otherwise |
| S | Ø |
| Р | Ø |

| Spanish | pronoun | (specific) human | (nonspecific) human | nonhuman |
|---------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|----------|
| A | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| S | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| Р | ACC | ACC | Ø | Ø |

Note: In Spanish, accusative and dative Case take on the same morphological form (the "preposition" a). But only accusative Case is subject to the animacy and specificity effects.

"Animacy" + number

| Arabana | non-singular pronouns | singular pronouns (example is 1 st person) | proper nouns | common nouns |
|---------|--------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| A | Ø | aḍu | -ru~-ri | -ru~-ri |
| S | Ø | aṇḍa | Ø | Ø |
| Р | -na | aṇa | -na | Ø |

| Diyari | 1,2 pers plural | other pronouns | proper names | common nouns |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A | Ø | ERG | ERG | ERG |
| S | Ø | Ø | Ø | Ø |
| Р | ACC | ACC | ACC | Ø |

Case marking vs. agreement

| Warlpiri Murinypata Gahuku | Case marking (dependent marking) | agreement (head marking) |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| A | ERG | Α |
| S | Ø | A |
| P | Ø | В |

(possibly explained by the pronominal quality of agreement)

Tense/Aspect/Mood

| some Iranian Ianguages | Past tense | Other tenses |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|
| A | ERG | Ø |
| S | Ø | Ø |
| P | Ø | ACC |

| Burushaski | Past tenses | Present and future tenses |
|------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| A | ERG | Ø |
| S | Ø | Ø |
| Р | Ø | Ø |

| Sumerian | Perfective aspect | Imperfective aspect |
|----------|----------------------|---------------------|
| A | ERG | Ø |
| S | Ø | Ø |
| P | Ø | ACC |

| Northeast Neo- Aramaic (agreement) | Perfective aspect | Imperfective aspect |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|
| A | A | В |
| Р | В | A |

Mixed systems

Various combinations of criteria are attested.