This paper focuses on the morphosyntax of San Sebastián del Monte Mixtec (ISO:mks), a language of the Mixtecan family, Otomanguean stock (Rensch, 1976). San Sebastián del Monte is a town in the Santo Domingo Tonalá municipality of Oaxaca State, Mexico, in the district of Huajuapan, approximately 45km SW of Huajuapan de León, with a population of 2000 persons.

My study is based on ongoing fieldwork and it offers a detailed description of the occurrence of the morpheme *ga*, to inform our knowledge of Mixtec and our current crosslinguistic understanding of comparative and additive morphemes in general.

In San Sebastián del Monte Mixtec the additive particle is used in a comparative construction (1) and as an actual additive (2), but it is also used in cases where there is no additivity in the meaning (3).

(1) Yu’ù kuaa=ga kopayá sás=i ja me=ní
1SG.FULL much=ADD papaya eat.COMP=1SG than FOCUS=2SG.FORMAL
‘I ate more papayas than you.’

(2) Kási=in in=ga ndikà
eat.POT=1SG one=ADD banana
‘I’ll eat another banana.’

(3) Kón=i nòmi=ì in=ga náyivi
want.CONT=1SG hug.CONT=1SG one=ADD person
‘I want to hug the other person.’

I propose that in the case of the Mixtec *ga* morpheme, we are dealing with polysemy, where one morpheme is able to express multiple related meanings through different syntactic and pragmatic properties.