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Abbreviations used:

nom.	Nominative	m.	Masculine
acc.	Accusative	f.	Feminine
gen.	Genitive	n.	Neuter
dat.	Dative	pl.	Plural
instr.	Instrumental	adj.	Adjective
prep.	Prepositional	и т.д.	etc.
imp.	Imperfective		
perf.	Perfective		