Problem Set 1

Due August 28 before class. Submit on LumiNUS > Files > Student Submission > PS1.

1. **Constituency:**

   Are the underlined parts of the following sentences constituents? Use at least five constituency tests each to support your answer.

   (1)   You should <u>save some money</u> before you retire.

   (2)   I think <u>that Donca</u> wrote the book.

   (3)   I baked this cake <u>for Coppe</u>.

   (4)   I'm excited <u>for Ted</u> to come to Singapore.

   (5)   I like <u>the new car</u> that Sarah bought.

   Make sure you use each of our constituency tests at least once.

2. **Parts of speech:**

   Identify all the parts of speech/syntactic categories in the sentences in (1–3) below.

   (1)   Our neighbor might have been swatting his son with a twinkie on his head.

   (2)   Did Jack and Beatrice seriously not want us all to consider painting our classroom an obnoxiously bright shade of green?

   (3)   Two of Ami's agitated roommates asked him whether his syntax professor had truly been seen on the subway drinking vodka at 3:00 in the morning.

   Formatting advice:

   Type up your sentence like this and identify syntactic categories like this.
   A   B   C   D   E   F   G   H   I   J   K   L

   The letters here are meant to represent syntactic categories such as: *D(et), P, Adj, Adv, V, N,* etc., as discussed in class. If a word doesn't belong to any of the categories discussed so far in class, leave them as ??.

3. **Phrasal verbs:**

   Do Exercise 3 Part A at the end of *Core Syntax* chapter 3 (pages 99–100).

   Write this exercise *as a short paper*: Write in full sentences to explain your thinking. All examples, rules, etc. should be numbered (as in the presentation in the textbook and handout). If you would like to reference relevant examples or rules from the textbook or class handout, they should be reproduced in your submission. The final result should be a **self-contained** document that another linguistics student can read and follow, without referring to other class materials.

   Your submission for this part should be about 1.5 to 2 pages, typed.

   A short, useful guide to writing linguistics papers (for this class or for others!) is available at `https://mitcho.com/teaching/newmeyer1988.pdf` .