



6 Study Guide

Syntax: Words in Combination

Terminology

You should be able to simply define or explain the following terms and concepts.

Active	Location
Adpositional Phrase	Matrix clause
Adverbial Clause	Noun Phrase
Agent	Object
Argument	Passive
Beneficiary	Patient
Case role	Phrase
Clause	Polar question
Complement Clause	Predicate
Constituent	Recipient
Construction	Recursion
Coordination	Relative Clause
Copula	Sentence
Core/oblique	Source
Ditransitive	Subject
Experiencer	Subordination
Goal	Temporal
Head noun	Theme
Indirect object	Transitive
Instrument	Verb Phrase
Intransitive	

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Skills

On completion of this chapter, you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Identify the boundaries of syntactic constituents and state the order of elements in a template
- Present evidence in support of arguments that sequences of words do (or do not) constitute phrasal constituents
- Use square brackets and labeled tree diagrams to exhaustively represent the constituent structure of sentences in English
- Provide evidence in support of arguments that justify the categories subject, object, and indirect object in English
- Differentiate between core and oblique arguments
- Identify intransitive, transitive, and ditransitive verbs
- Identify grammatical relations and semantic roles of noun phrases in sentences
- Describe the structures of specific constructions
- Distinguish coordination from subordination
- Distinguish among relative, complement, and adverbial clause types
- Conduct basic syntactic analysis on a data set from another language, determining which word is which, and providing basic information about the lexical classes, constituency, grammatical relations, etc.