Syntax: Words in Combination

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

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