

SECOND LANGUAGE (L2) SENTENCE PROCESSING

Processing structures in a L2

- Clefts
- Relative clauses
- Long distance Wh- dependencies
- Noun phrase agreement

Theoretical approaches to L2 sentence processing

1. Different representations and processing (Shallow Structure Hypothesis, Clahsen & Felser, 2006)
2. Fundamentally identical to native processing, but with limited processing capacities:

lexical processing (Lexical Bottleneck, Hopp, 2014 ; Bartek et al, 2011)

working memory capacities (McDonald, 2006)

VERB-PARTICLE CONSTRUCTIONS (VPC) *also known as Phrasal Verbs*

- Structures that are **not present in French**
- More than 3000 VPCs in English (McArthur & Atkins, 1974)

