

Introduction

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Mouse on house



House on mouse



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The big mouse on the little house



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Analytical Basis for Understanding Syntax

The Unit



Lexicology
(the Word)



Morphology
(the Morpheme)



Phonology
(the Phoneme)



Phonetics
(the Phone)



Syntax
(the Sentence)



Semantics
(the Proposition)

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Analytical Basis for Understanding Syntax

The primary concepts

- Grammatical roles (subject, object, ...)
- Predication
- Event schemas
- Phrase structure



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