

LING135 Article Review (10 points)

A 'review paper' generally contains both a summary of an article's main claims and an evaluation of these claims. In the evaluative component, you may bring in outside data/research if it would enhance your discussion, but this is not required.

For the summary section of your paper, it may be helpful to consider these questions:

- What is the main argument of the article?
- What background information is the author providing? This is typically in the form of a literature review. It can also be observations and/or motivations for a study, if one is conducted.
- What evidence does the author provide to support their argument? Did they conduct a study? Where did their data come from and how did they analyze it?

Your evaluation of the paper may include both strengths and limitations you see in the article. Ensure that your evaluation is not entirely negative! For each weakness you identify, seek to be as explicit as possible about **why** you consider this aspect of the analysis to be flawed. It's not enough to say 'I don't like this approach!'

Nuts and bolts:

The paper should be 2-3 pages, double spaced with reasonable fonts and margins.¹ No more than 50% of your paper should be a summary of the main claims of the article. The remaining portion will be critically engaging with the article.

A note on writing style: This is a more formal paper and should be written in an academic register of the mythical Standard American English.

¹ Typically this is 10-12 point font, 1 inch margins.