

Objectives

UNIT 9 – HEAD MOVEMENT

- 1) Understand the distinction between D-structure and S-structure
- 2) Explain what levels each constraint holds at.
- 3) Determine whether a language is verb raising or affix lowering. Describe the tests that distinguish these
- 4) Explain the complementarity between overt complementizers and $T \rightarrow C$ raising; 5) between overt auxiliaries and $V \rightarrow T$ raising; and between overt determiners and $N \rightarrow D$ raising.
- 5) Discuss the interaction between $V \rightarrow T$ and $T \rightarrow C$
- 6) Explain how the positioning of adverbs in French and Subjects in Irish is evidence for $V \rightarrow T$
- 7) Explain how the VP-internal subject hypothesis accounts for VSO languages
- 8) Discuss the whens, wheres, and whys of Do-support
- 9) Be able to draw trees showing stacked VPs with affix hopping

UNIT 10 -- DP MOVEMENT

- 1) Understand the theta grids of raising predicates like “is likely” and “seem”
- 2) Draw trees indicating DP movement of embedded subjects
- 3) Explain how the case filter motivates the movement of NPs out of infinitival clauses into main clauses
- 4) Describe how the passive suffix affects the theta grids and case assigning patterns of verbs
- 5) Show passive DP movement in a tree.

UNIT 11 -- WH MOVEMENT

- 1) Explain the motivation for WH-movement
- 2) Draw the tree indicating WH-movement (and it's interaction with DP movement and head movement).
- 3) Identify various island types.
- 4) Explain why wh-island sentences are ungrammatical according by the MLC.
- 5) Identify various complementizer types
- 6) Explain the restrictions on wanna contraction.

UNIT 12 -- UNIFIED THEORY OF MOVEMENT

- 1) Understand and apply the Y-model of grammar
- 2) Explain and apply the principle of Full Interpretation to feature structures
- 3) Distinguish between overt and covert movement
- 4) Explain the difference between LF and PF
- 5) Explain how strong and weak features determine whether movement is overt or covert
- 6) Understand Scope and how it applies to the Universal and Existential quantifiers

UNIT 13. - SPLIT VPS

- 1) Understand how split VPs explain object shift,
- 2) Understand how split VPs particle constructions
- 3) Be able to draw the trees for both prepositional ditransitives and double object ditransitives

UNIT 14 -- RAISING VS. CONTROL

- 1) Distinguish between raising and control predicates
- 2) Distinguish between Subject to Subject Raising (SSR) and Subject control constructions
- 3) Distinguish between Subject to Object Raising (SOR) and Object control constructions.
- 4) Apply the idiom, clausal subject and expletive tests.
- 5) Draw theta grids and trees of SSR, SOR, OC, and SC sentences.
- 6) Describe the syntactic, lexical and pragmatic restrictions on control of PRO
- 7) Explain why PRO is null.
- 8) Distinguish between PRO and *pro*.
- 9) Determine how a language has set the null subject parameter.