Linguistics Seminar 3

1. EXAM QUESTION. Label the functions in the following sentences.

   a) Yesterday afternoon Janet sold her beautiful old house to the mysterious couple

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   > | A | S | V | Od | Oi |

   b) On arrival they realised the true nature of their mistake

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   > | A | S | V | Od |

   c) Sweets will be given to all those with perfect marks

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   > | S | V | Oi |

   d) The crushing machine crushed the old car into pieces

   > The crushing machine crushed the old car into pieces
   > | S | V | Od | Co |

   e) She seems a bit unhappy since the accident

   > She seems a bit unhappy since the accident
   > | S | V | Cs | A |

   f) As special treat the teacher allowed the students an extra long lunch break

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2. EXAM QUESTION. For each of the verbs below (a) select possible argument structures from the table (overleaf) (b) give example sentences.

   NB the table shows the main argument structure configurations. There may be other possibilities. If so, write out the argument structure in full.

   Here is an example:

   tell → (3) She told a story, (5) She told her friend a story / she told a story to her friend.

   1. spend

      > (2) She spent the money She spent the money
      > on clothes = possibly theme?

> (2) She punished the child

5. fold

> (2) She folded the paper
> (14) The company folded

6. reveal

> (2) He revealed the solution
> (5) He revealed the solution to the audience

7. christen

> (2) He christened the child
> (4) He christened the child Peter

8. take

> (2) He took the wallet
> (4) He took the wallet to/from the woman (NB 'benefactive' is the closest role, but with the preposition 'from', the movement is **away** from the woman)

9. plaster

> (2) The decorator plastered the wall
> (6) The decorator plastered the wall with paint
> (7) The decorator plastered the paint onto the wall

10. surprise

> (13) The news surprised me

Agent first	Theme first	Experiencer first	Patient first
(1) AG + V	(9) EXP + V	(13) TH + V + EXP	(14) PAT + V
He jumped	He's suffering	He scared me	the building collapsed
(2) AG + V + PAT	(10) EXP + V + TH		
She hit the mugger	She saw the accident		
(3) AG + V + TH	(11) EXP + V + TH + ATTR		
He reviewed the offer	I consider him a genius		
(4) AG + V + PAT + ATTR	(12) EXP + V + ATTR		
He hammered the nail flat	I feel tired		
(5) AG + V + PAT + BEN			
She gave a sweet to her friend			
(6) AG + V + PAT + INSTR			
She covered the wall with paint			
(7) AG + V + PAT + LOC			
He took the money from the wallet			
(8) AG + V + LOC			
He went home			