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## Linguistics Seminar 3

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

- a) Yesterday afternoon Janet sold her beautiful old house to the mysterious couple
- b) On arrival they realised the true nature of their mistake
- c) Sweets will be given to all those with perfect marks
- d) The crushing machine crushed the old car into pieces
- e) She seems a bit unhappy since the accident
- f) As special treat the teacher allowed the students an extra long lunch break

2. EXAM QUESTION. For each of the verbs below, (a) specify all possible argument structures, e.g. AGENT + VERB + PATIENT, and (b) give example sentences.

NB the table overleaf shows the most common argument structures, but is not exhaustive

Here is an example:

*tell* →

AG + V + TH: She told a story

AG + V + PAT + BEN: She told her friend a story / she told a story to her friend.

- 1. spend
- 2. borrow
- 3. deliver
- 4. punish
- 5. fold
- 6. reveal
- 7. christen
- 8. take
- 9. plaster
- 10. surprise

Agent first	Theme first	Experiencer first	Patient first
(1) AG + V He jumped	(9) EXP + V He's suffering	(13) TH + V + EXP He scared me	(14) PAT + V the building collapsed
(2) AG + V + PAT She hit the mugger	(10) EXP + V + TH She saw the accident		
(3) AG + V + TH He reviewed the offer	(11) EXP + V + TH + ATTR I consider him a genius		
(4) AG + V + PAT + ATTR He hammered the nail flat	(12) EXP + V + ATTR 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 + TH + BEN He told the story to the man			
(8) AG + V + LOC He went home			