Linguistics Seminar 4

1. Label the syntactic functions in the following sentences:

   a) Last Sunday she had a complete brainwave

   > Last Sunday she had a complete brainwave
   > **A** | **S** | **V** | **Od**

   b) Give me that money right now!

   > Give me that money right now!
   > **V** | **Oi** | **Od** | **A**

   c) Since the incident fewer accidents have occurred

   > Since the incident fewer accidents have occurred
   > **A** | **S** | **V**

   d) The book has been delivered to number ten instead of number nine

   > The book has been delivered to number ten instead of number nine
   > **S** | **V** | **Oi** | **A**

   e) I consider him one of my best friends

   > I consider him one of my best friends
   > **S** | **V** | **Od** | **Co**

   f) She seems unhappy these days

   > She seems unhappy these days
   > **S** | **V** | **Cs** | **A**

   g) She thought herself into a corner

   > She thought herself into a corner
   > **S** | **V** | **Od** | **Co**

2. For each verb specify possible argument structure frames and provide a demonstration sentence

   a) donate

   > [She $_{AG}$] donated [the book $_{PAT}$] [to the library $_{BEN}$]

   b) decide

   > [He $_{EXP}$] decided [to leave $_{THEME}$]
   > [He $_{EXP}$] decided [that he would leave $_{THEME}$]

   c) scratch

   > [The cat $_{AG}$] scratched [the dog $_{AG.}$]

   d) delegate

   > [She $_{AG}$] delegated [to the sales team $_{??}$]
   > NB could be 'THEME' or 'PATIENT' depending on whether we conceive sales team as affected. [She $_{AG}$] delegated [the work $_{PAT}$] [to the sales team $_{BEN}$]

   e) book

   > [He $_{AG}$] booked [the table $_{PAT}$] (for his girlfriend)$_{BEN}$
   > [He $_{AG}$] booked [himself $_{PAT}$] [into the rehab clinic $_{LOC}$]

   f) excite

   > [The proposal $_{TH}$] excited [Jack $_{EXP}$]
   > [It $_{NOTHING}$] excites [me $_{EXP}$] [that we 're going to see the Bootleg Beatles $_{TH}$]

3. What kind of complements are chosen by the following words?

   a) believe

   > I believe [in ghosts $_{PP}$]
   > I believe [him $_{NP=Od}$]
   > I believe [that he's telling the truth $_{Clausal\ Complement=Od}$]

   b) describe

She described [the situation $_{NP=Od}$] (to her friend $_{PP=Oi}$)
She described [me $_{NP=Oi}$] [the situation $_{NP=Od}$]

c) claim

She claimed [the luggage $_{NP=Od}$]
She claimed [that the luggage was hers $_{Clausal\ complement=Od}$]

d) swap

They swapped [the Ferrari $_{NP=Od}$] (for the Porsche $_{PP=??}$)

e) passion

His passion [for good food $_{PP}$] was affecting his waist line.

f) passionate

Mary is passionate [about flower arranging $_{PP}$]

g) sad

Geoff is sad [about Sandra leaving $_{PP}$]
Geoff is sad [that Sandra is leaving $_{clausal\ complement=Od}$]