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## Linguistics Seminar 4

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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<sub>AG</sub> ] donated [ the book<sub>PAT</sub> ] [ to the library<sub>BEN</sub> ]

- b) decide

[ He<sub>EXP</sub> ] decided [ to leave<sub>THEME</sub> ]  
[ He<sub>EXP</sub> ] decided [ that he would leave<sub>THEME</sub> ]

- c) scratch

[ The cat<sub>AG</sub> ] scratched [ the dog<sub>Od</sub> ]

- d) delegate

[ She<sub>AG</sub> ] delegated [ to the sales team ]  
[ She<sub>AG</sub> ] delegated [ the work<sub>Od</sub> ] [ to the sales team ]

- e) book

[ He<sub>AG</sub> ] booked [ the table<sub>PAT</sub> ] (for his girlfriend)<sub>BEN</sub>  
[ He<sub>AG</sub> ] booked [ himself<sub>PAT</sub> ] [ into the rehab clinic<sub>LOC</sub> ]

- f) excite

[ The proposal<sub>TH</sub> ] excited [ Jack<sub>EXP</sub> ]  
[ It<sub>NOTHING</sub> ] excites [ me<sub>EXP</sub> ] [ that we 're going to see the Bootleg Beatles<sub>TH</sub> ]

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

- a) believe

I believe [ in ghosts<sub>PP</sub> ]  
I believe [ him<sub>NP=Od</sub> ]  
I believe [ that he's telling the truth<sub>Clausal Complement=Od</sub> ]

- b) describe

She described [ the situation<sub>NP=Od</sub> ] (to her friend<sub>PP=Oi</sub>)  
She described [ me<sub>NP=Oi</sub> ] [ the situation<sub>NP=Od</sub> ]

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  $clausal\ complement=Od$  ]