

# DPs Syntax in acquisition

A case study on Italian L2 by Czech and Slovak learners

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Czech and Slovak are languages which don't exhibit a manifest position for the Articles in the Determiner Phrase. The aim of this paper is to show how this structure is accessed during the learning of Italian, a language which presents the articles as for the standard behavior for nouns.

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## 1 Introduction

Two hypothesis: DP as Spec or Phrase.

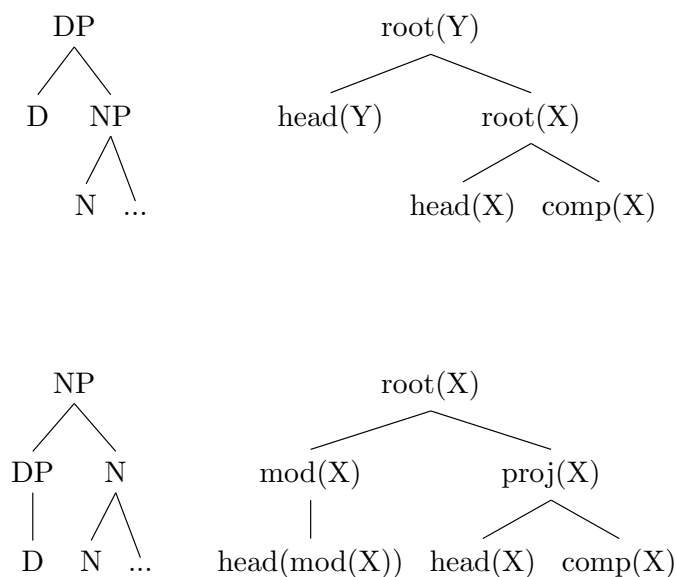


Figure 1: DP and NP phrases

## 2 The development of corpus

## 3 Case Study: The usage of DET

### 3.1 Test

Provide 10 noun phrases with different referential structure in terms of animateness with a neutralized article. The students are invited to write full sentences for each one.

Goals:

- Test the syntactic distribution of phrases (SUBJ vs OBJ)
- Test the distribution of DETs ([+def], [-def],  $\emptyset$ )

## **4 Conclusion**

## **5 Financial coverage**

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