

1 Syntax: constituents

Use the four constituency tests from the slides to answer the following questions about each sentence.

(1) The happy student lives in New Brunswick

- a. is "in New Brunswick" a constituent?
- b. is "the happy" a constituent?
- c. is "student lives" a constituent?

(2) The tragedy upset the entire family.

- a. is "the tragedy" a constituent?

(3) They hid in the cave.

- a. is "in the cave" a constituent?

(4) The computer was very expensive.

- a. is "computer was very" a constituent?

- (5) The geese swam across the lake.
 - a. is "swam across" a constituent?

- (6) Mary gave a book to her sister.
 - a. is "a book to her sister" a constituent?

- (7) Linda read a book about geology.
 - a. is "a book about geology" a constituent?