

Week 4 Recitation

1 Morphological ambiguity

Are the following words ambiguous? (This is the practice we didn't get to in recitation last week.)

- If yes, provide labeled bracketings and trees for both readings and explain what each reading means.
- If no, explain why not.

- (1) immeasurable
- (2) unwrappable
- (3) unbearable

2 Syntax: constituents

Please first review the slides I have posted in place of the recitation meeting! Then use the four constituency tests from the slides to answer the following questions about each sentence.

- (4) 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?

- (5) The tragedy upset the entire family.
 - a. is "the tragedy" a constituent?

- (6) They hid in the cave.
a. is "in the cave" a constituent?
- (7) The computer was very expensive.
a. is "computer was very" a constituent?
- (8) The geese swam across the lake.
a. is "swam across" a constituent?
- (9) Mary gave a book to her sister.
a. is "a book to her sister" a constituent?
- (10) Linda read a book about geology.
a. is "a book about geology" a constituent?