

## Island sensitivity of (non-)standard *wh*-in-situ in Korean

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# The puzzle

- *Wh*-in-situ languages like Chinese exhibit an argument/adjunct asymmetry regarding island sensitivity (Huang 1982a,b):

- (1) a. ni zui xihuan [NP [CP mai **shenme**] de ren]?  
 you most like buy what DE person  
 ‘What do you like [the person who bought t]?’ (Huang et al. 2009: (120))
- b. \*ni zui xinshang [NP [CP **weishenme** gongzuo] de ren]?  
 you most appreciate why work DE people  
 ‘What is the reason  $x$  such that you appreciate most people who work for  $x$ ?’  
 (Stepanov & Tsai 2008: (9b))

- It becomes more complicated when we consider *weishenme/wei-le shenme* ‘why/for what’ asymmetry in island sensitivity (Tsai 1994a,b; Stepanov & Tsai 2008):

- (2) ni zui xinshang [NP [CP **wei(-le)shenme** gongzuo] de ren]?  
 you most appreciate for(-LE)what work DE beef  
 ‘What is the purpose  $x$  such that you appreciate most people who work for  $x$ ?’  
 (Stepanov & Tsai 2008: (9a))

▷ the reason adjunct *weishenme* is island-sensitive, whereas the purpose adjunct *wei(-le) shenme* is island-insensitive.

## Noun versus Adverb Generalization

- Many researchers (Tsai 1994a,b; 1999; Stepanov & Tsai 2008; Fujii et al. 2014; a.o.) have argued that the island behaviors of *wh*-in-situ fall under the morphological generalization in (3), which, following Fujii et al. (2014), will be referred to as the Noun versus Adverb Generalization:<sup>1</sup>

(3) *Noun versus Adverb Generalization (NAG):*

An in-situ *wh*-phrase is island-insensitive iff it is (or contains) a *wh*-nominal.

(Fujii et al. 2014: (3))

- In (1), the island-insensitive *shenme* is a *wh*-nominal, whereas the island-sensitive *weishenme* is a pure adverb.
- In (2), the island-insensitive, purpose *weishenme* has a nominal element *shenme* ‘what’ in it.

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<sup>1</sup> A *wh*-nominal can be licensed in situ by a Q-operator via unselective binding, since it introduces a choice function variable, but a *wh*-adverb cannot, since it does not introduce such a variable. The *wh*-adverb undergoes LF movement to take sentential scope, in which case it induces island effects when it occurs inside an island.

# Goals of this talk

In this talk, we aim

- to show that the NAG is not sufficient to explain the island behaviors of (non-)standard *wh*-in-situ in Korean.
- to suggest that the island behaviors of in-situ *wh*-phrases closely correlate with base positions, not categorial status: specifically, **an in-situ *wh*-phrase is island-sensitive iff it is base-generated in the CP domain (Spec-CP).**

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## Standard *wh*-questions

- Standard *wh*-questions using *mwe-l* ‘what-ACC’, *mwes-ulo* ‘what-with’, and *ettehkey* ‘how’:<sup>2</sup>
  - (4) Mimi-nun **mwe-l** ilk-ess-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP what-ACC read-PST-QUE  
 ‘What did Mimi read?’
  - (5) ne-nun **mwes-ulo** kkochpyeng-ul kkay-ss-ni?  
 you-TOP what-with vase-ACC break-PST-QUE  
 ‘With what did you break the vase?’
  - (6) Mimi-nun **ettehkey** cha-lul kochi-ess-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP how car-ACC fix-PST-QUE  
 ‘How did Mimi fix the car?’

<sup>2</sup>The *wh*-phrases *mwe-l* and *mwes-ulo* are contracted forms of *mwues-ul* and *mwues-ulo*, respectively.

## Non-standard *wh*-questions

- The three *wh*-phrases can be used “non-standardly” in that they receive ‘why’-like interpretations in certain contexts:

- (7) Mimi-nun **mwe-l<sup>w</sup>** \*(kulehkey) manhun nonmwun-ul ilk-ess-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP what-ACC so many paper-ACC read-PST-QUE  
 ‘Why (the hell) did Mimi read so many papers?’
- (8) PRO<sub>i</sub> cha-ka iss-umyense, ne<sub>i</sub>-nun **mwes-ulo<sup>w</sup>** tto cha-lul sa-ss-ni?<sup>34</sup>  
 car-NOM exist-though you-TOP what-with again car-ACC buy-PST-QUE  
 ‘Although PRO<sub>i</sub> having the car, why did you<sub>i</sub> buy a car again?’
- (9) Mimi-nun **ettehkey<sup>w</sup>** mikwuk-ey ka-key toy-ess-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP how America-LOC go-CONN become-PST-QUE  
 ‘Why did Mimi go to America?’

- We use the <sup>w</sup> superscript to indicate the non-standard *wh*-items.

<sup>3</sup>[암행]어사는 소라껍질을 보고 물었다. “저건 뭘<sup>w</sup>로 저렇게 달아매었느냐?” “거 풍경으로 그저 바람 불면 싱강싱강 소리 나라고 달았습니다.” (<https://www.jeju.go.kr>)

<sup>4</sup>Japanese *nande* ‘what-with’ can be also interpreted as a reason or an instrumental adverbial (Fujii et al. 2014).



## Non-standard *wh*-questions (Cont'd)

- The non-standard *wh*-items can be replaced by the regular *wh*-adjunct *way* ‘why’:

- (10) Mimi-nun **way** kulehkey manhun nonmwun-ul ilk-ess-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP why so many paper-ACC read-PST-QUE  
 ‘Why (the hell) did Mimi read so many papers?’
- (11) PRO<sub>i</sub> cha-ka iss-umyense, ne<sub>i</sub>-nun **way** tto cha-lul sa-ss-ni?  
 car-NOM exist-though you-TOP why again car-ACC buy-PST-QUE  
 ‘Although PRO<sub>i</sub> having the car, why did you<sub>i</sub> buy a car again?’
- (12) Mimi-nun **way** mikwuk-ey ka-key toy-ess-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP why America-LOC go-CONN become-PST-QUE  
 ‘Why did Mimi go to America?’

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Island-sensitive *mwe-l<sup>w</sup>*

- If the NAG is correct, it is expected that *mwe-l<sup>w</sup>* is island-insensitive, since it is a *wh*-nominal; however, this is not the case, as shown below:

- (13) a. \*Mimi-nun [[**mwe-l<sup>w</sup>** kulehkey manhun nonmwun-ul ilk-un] salam]-ul  
 Mimi-TOP what-ACC so many paper-ACC read-MOD people-ACC  
 pinanhayss-ni?  
 criticized-QUE  
 ‘Mimi criticized the people who read so many papers why?’
- b. \*Mimi-nun [Kim-i **mwe-l<sup>w</sup>** kulehkey ilccik ttena-se] hwakanass-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP Kim-NOM what-ACC so early leave-because got.angry-QUE  
 ‘Mimi got angry because Kim left so early why?’

- (14) Mimi-nun [[Kim-i **ettehkey** yoliha-n] umsik]-ul mekess-ni?  
Mimi-TOP Kim-NOM how cook-MOD food-ACC ate-QUE  
'Mimi ate the food that Kim cooked how?'

- (15) \*Mimi-nun [[Kim-i **ettehkey**<sup>w</sup> yoliha-key toy-n] umsik]-ul mekess-ni?  
Mimi-TOP Kim-NOM how cook-CONN become-MOD food-ACC ate-QUE  
‘Mimi ate the food that Kim cooked why?’

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## Intervention Effect

- Unlike other *wh*-items, *way* does not exhibit the Intervention Effect (IE), given that it can be preceded by Scope Bearing Elements (SBEs, a.k.a. interveners) like *man* ‘only’ and *amwuto* ‘anyone’ (Beck & Kim 1997; Ko 2005; Beck 2006; a.o.):

- (16) a. \***Mimi-man mwe-l** ilk-ess-ni?  
Mimi-only what-ACC read-PST-QUE  
‘What did only Mimi read?’
- b. **mwe-l Mimi-man** ilk-ess-ni?  
what-ACC Mimi-only read-PST-QUE  
‘What did only Mimi read?’
- (17) a. **Mimi-man way** manhun chayk-ul ilk-ess-ni?  
Mimi-only why many book-ACC read-PST-QUE  
‘Why did only Mimi read many books?’
- b. **way Mimi-man** manhun chayk-ul ilk-ess-ni?  
why Mimi-only many book-ACC read-PST-QUE  
‘Why did only Mimi read many books?’

Ko (2005): external merge of *way* in Spec-CP

To account for the peculiar behaviors of *way*, Ko assumes that

- in an interrogative clause, *way* ‘why’ is externally merged in its checking position, Spec-CP, whereas other *wh*-phrases undergo LF movement to Spec-CP for feature checking.
- IE is taken as a constraint on *wh*-movement at LF:

(18) *Intervention Effect*: \* $[ \dots C_{[+Q]} \text{ **SBE** } wh \dots ]_{LF}$

At LF, a *wh*-phrase cannot be attracted to its checking (scope) position across an SBE. (Ko 2005: 871)

- (19) a. LF for (16a):  $[_{CP} C_{[+Q]} \dots \text{ **SBE** } \dots wh ]$
- b. LF for (16b):  $[_{CP} C_{[+Q]} \dots wh_i \text{ **SBE** } \dots t_i ]$
- (20) a. LF for (17a):  $[_{CP} \text{ **SBE}_i \text{ } way C_{[+Q]} \dots [_{IP} t_i ]]**$
- b. LF for (17b):  $[_{CP} way C_{[+Q]} \dots [_{IP} \text{ **SBE** } ]]$

## Supporting data for the external merge of *way* in Spec-CP

The external merge of *way* in Spec-CP is supported by the fact that

- way* always scopes over negation:

(21) John-un **way** Mary-lul cohaha-ci-anh-ni?

John-TOP why Mary-ACC like-CI-not-QUE

‘What is the reason  $x$  such that John does not like Mary?

(Reason  $\gg$  Not)’

‘\*What is not the reason  $x$  such that John likes Mary for  $x$ ?

(Reason  $\ll$  Not)’ (Ko 2005: (55))

- way* cannot be preceded by epistemic adverbs like *amato* ‘probably’ and *pwunmyenghi* ‘evidently’, which cannot undergo A'-scrambling or A'-topicalization to the CP domain:

(22) a. {\*?amato/\*?pwunmyenghi} **way** John-i ttena-lkeskath-ni?

probably/evidently why John-NOM leave-is.likely-QUE

‘For what reason  $x$  is it {probable/evident} that John will leave for  $x$ ?’

b. **way** {amato/pwunmyenghi} John-i ttena-lkeskath-ni?

why probably/evidently John-NOM leave-is.likely-QUE

‘What is the reason  $x$  s.t. for  $x$ , it is {probable/evident} that John will leave?’

(Ko 2005: (57))



## Three diagnostic tests for identifying *wh*-items base-generated in Spec-CP

- Adopting Ko's ideas, we employ (i) **Intervention Effect**, (ii) **scopal interactions with negation**, and (iii) **ability to follow epistemic adverbs** as diagnostic tests to detect whether a given *wh*-item is base-generated in Spec-CP or not.

## External merge of *mwe-l<sup>w</sup>* in Spec-CP


- We assume that *mwe-l<sup>w</sup>* is externally merged in Spec-CP as its licensing position, given that it behaves exactly like *way* in regard to the three diagnostics:

(23) a. **Mimi-man mwe-l<sup>w</sup>** kulehkey manhun chayk-ul ilk-ess-ni?  
 Mimi-only what-ACC so many book-ACC read-PST-QUE  
 ‘Why did only Mimi read so many books?’

b. **mwe-l<sup>w</sup>** kulehkey manhun chayk-ul **Mimi-man** ilk-ess-ni?  
 what-ACC so many book-ACC Mimi-only read-PST-QUE  
 ‘Why did only Mimi read so many books?’

(24) John-un **mwe-l<sup>w</sup>** kulehkey swipkey cichi-cito anh-ni?  
 John-TOP what-ACC so easily get.tired-CONN not-QUE  
 ‘What is the reason *x* such that John does not get tired so easily? (Reason  $\gg$  Not)’  
 ‘\*What is not the reason *x* such that John gets tired so easily for *x*? (Reason  $\ll$  Not)’

(25) {\*amato/\*pwunmyenghi} **mwe-l<sup>w</sup>** kulehkey John-i ilccik ttena-lkeskath-ni?  
 probably/evidently what-ACC so John-NOM early leave-is.likely-QUE  
 ‘For what reason *x* is it {probable/evident} that John will leave for *x*?’<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup>Epistemic adverbs can follow *mwe-l<sup>w</sup>*, as in *mwe-l<sup>w</sup> kulehkey {amato/pwunmyenghi} John-i ilccik ttena-lkeskath-ni?* 

## Island-sensitive *mwe-l<sup>w</sup>* is base-generated in Spec-CP

- As we have already seen in (13), repeated here as (26), *mwe-l<sup>w</sup>* is island-sensitive:

- (26) a. \*Mimi-nun [[**mwe-l<sup>w</sup>** kulehkey manhun nonmwun-ul ilk-un] salam]-ul  
 Mimi-TOP what-ACC so many paper-ACC read-MOD people-ACC  
 pinanhayss-ni?  
 criticized-QUE  
 ‘Mimi criticized the people who read so many papers why?’
- b. \*Mimi-nun [Kim-i **mwe-l<sup>w</sup>** kulehkey ilccik ttena-se] hwakanass-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP Kim-NOM what-ACC so early leave-because got.angry-QUE  
 ‘Mimi got angry because Kim left so early why?’

- However, its standard counterpart (i.e. *wh*-argument) is island-free:

- (27) a. Mimi-nun [[**mwe-l** ha-n] salam]-ul pinanhayss-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP what-ACC do-MOD people-ACC criticized-QUE  
 ‘Mimi criticized the people who did what?’
- b. Mimi-nun [Kim-i **mwe-l** hay-se] hwakanass-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP Kim-NOM what-ACC do-because got.angry-QUE  
 ‘Mimi got angry because Kim did what?’

- Whereas standard *mwe-l*, base-generated below CP (specifically, in *vP*), is island-insensitive, non-standard *mwe-l<sup>w</sup>*, base-generated in Spec-CP, is island-sensitive.

## External merge of *ettehkey*<sup>w</sup> in Spec-CP

- We assume that *ettehkey*<sup>w</sup> is externally merged in Spec-CP, given that it patterns like *way* and *mwe-l*<sup>w</sup> with respect to the three diagnostics:

- (28) a. **Mimi-man ettehkey**<sup>w</sup> mikwuk-ey ka-key toyess-ni?  
 Mimi-only how America-LOC go-CONN became-QUE  
 ‘Why did only Mimi go to America?’
- b. **ettehkey**<sup>w</sup> **Mimi-man** mikwuk-ey ka-key toyess-ni?  
 how Mimi-only America-LOC go-CONN became-QUE  
 ‘Why did only Mimi go to America?’
- (29) John-un **ettehkey**<sup>w</sup> mikwuk-ey ka-ci anh-key toyess-ni?  
 John-TOP how America-LOC go-CONN not-CONN became-QUE  
 ‘What is the reason *x* such that John didn’t go to America? (Reason ≫ Not)’  
 ‘\*What is not the reason *x* such that John went to America for *x*? (Reason ≪ Not)’
- (30) {<sup>\*</sup>?amato/<sup>\*</sup>?pwunmyenghi} **ettehkey**<sup>w</sup> John-i ttena-key toy-lkeskath-ni?  
 probably/evidently how John-NOM leave-CONN become-is.likely-QUE  
 ‘For what reason *x* is it {probable/evident} that John will leave for *x*?’<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup>Epistemic adverbs can follow *etteheky*<sup>w</sup>, as in *ettehkey*<sup>w</sup> {*amato/pwunmyenghi*} John-i ttena-key toy-lkeskath-ni? ↻ 🔍 🔄

## Base-generation of manner/instrumental *ettehkey* below NegP

- Example (31) illustrates the so-called *how-why* asymmetry with regard to the Negative Island Effect, a phenomenon in which negation blocks extraction of certain *wh*-phrases (Rizzi 1990; Shlonsky & Soare 2011; a.o.):

- (31) a. Why didn't Geraldine fix her bike?  
 b. \*How didn't Geraldine fix her bike? (Shlonsky & Soare 2011: (14))

- The asymmetry can receive a natural account if we assume that while *how* is base-generated below NegP, *why* is directly merged in the CP region (Rizzi 2001; Tsai 2008):

- (32) a. [<sub>CP</sub> *why* [<sub>TP</sub> ... NegP ... ]]  
           ↓  
 b. [<sub>CP</sub> *how* [<sub>TP</sub> ... NegP *t<sub>how</sub>* ... ]]

## Base-generation of manner/instrumental *ettehkey* below NegP (Cont'd)

- In Korean, unlike *way*, manner/instrumental *ettehkey* exhibits the Negative Island Effect, indicating that **the latter originates below NegP (or in vP)**:

- (33) a. Mimi-nun **way** cha-lul kochi-ci **anh**-ass-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP why car-ACC fix-CONN not-PST-QUE  
 ‘Why didn’t Mimi fix the car?’
- b. \*Mimi-nun **ettehkey** cha-lul kochi-ci **anh**-ass-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP how car-ACC fix-CONN not-PST-QUE  
 ‘How didn’t Mimi fix the car?’

- Meantime, *ettehkey*<sup>w</sup> does not exhibit the Negative Island Effect, since it is externally merged in Spec-CP:

- (34) Mimi-nun **ettehkey**<sup>w</sup> cha-lul kochi-ci **anh**-key toyess-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP how car-ACC fix-CONN not-CONN became-QUE  
 ‘Why didn’t Mimi fix the car?’

## Island-sensitive *ettehkey*<sup>w</sup> is base-generated in Spec-CP

- As we have already seen, *ettehkey*<sup>w</sup> is island-sensitive, whereas manner/instrumental *ettehkey* is island-insensitive. The relevant examples are repeated below:

- (35) a. Mimi-nun [[Kim-i **ettehkey** yoliha-n] umsik]-ul mekess-ni?  
 Mimi-TOP Kim-NOM how cook-MOD food-ACC ate-QUE  
 ‘Mimi ate the food that Kim cooked how?’
- b. \*Mimi-nun [[Kim-i **ettehkey**<sup>w</sup> yoliha-key toy-n] umsik]-ul  
 Mimi-TOP Kim-NOM how cook-CONN become-MOD food-ACC  
 mekess-ni?  
 ate-QUE  
 ‘Mimi ate the food that Kim cooked why?’

- Whereas standard *ettehkey*, base-generated below NegP, is island-insensitive, non-standard *ettehkey*<sup>w</sup>, base-generated in Spec-CP, is island-sensitive.

## External merge of *mwes-ulo*<sup>w</sup> in Spec-CP

- Like other non-standard *wh*-phrases, *mwes-ulo*<sup>w</sup> is assumed to originate in Spec-CP as its licensing position:

- (36) a. **Mimi-man** **mwes-ulo**<sup>w</sup> tto ilpon-ey ka-ss-ni?  
 Mimi-only what-with again Japan-LOC go-PST-QUE  
 ‘Why did only Mimi go to Japan again?’
- b. **mwes-ulo**<sup>w</sup> tto **Mimi-man** ilpon-ey ka-ss-ni?  
 what-with again Mimi-only Japan-LOC go-PST-QUE  
 ‘Why did only Mimi go to Japan again?’
- (37) John-un **mwes-ulo**<sup>w</sup> tto ilpon-ey ka-ci **anh**-ass-ni?  
 John-TOP what-with again Japan-ACC go-CONN not-PST-QUE  
 ‘What is the reason *x* such that John didn’t go to Japan? (Reason  $\gg$  Not)’  
 ‘\*What is not the reason *x* such that John went to Japan for *x*? (Reason  $\ll$  Not)’
- (38) { \*amato/\*pwunmyenghi } **mwes-ulo**<sup>w</sup> tto John-i ttena-lkeskath-ni?  
 probably/evidently what-with again John-NOM leave-is.likely-QUE  
 ‘For what reason *x* is it {probable/evident} that John will leave for *x*?’



## Base-generation of instrumental *mwes-ulo* below NegP

- Unlike reason *mwes-ulo*<sup>w</sup>, instrumental *mwes-ulo* is sensitive to the Negative Island, suggesting that it originates below NegP:
  - (39) a. \*ne-nun **mwes-ulo** hakkyo-ey ka-ci **anh**-ass-ni?  
           you-TOP what-with school-LOC go-CONN not-PST-QUE  
           ‘How didn’t you go to school?’
  - b. ne-nun **mwes-ulo**<sup>w</sup> tto hakkyo-ey ka-ci **anh**-ass-ni?  
           you-TOP what-with again school-LOC go-CONN not-PST-QUE  
           ‘Why didn’t you go to school again?’
- Since reason *mwes-ulo*<sup>w</sup> is base-generated in Spec-CP, it is not subject to the Negative Island Effect, just like *way* ‘why’, *mwe-l*<sup>w</sup>, and *ettehkey*<sup>w</sup>.

## Island-sensitive *mwes-ulo*<sup>w</sup> is base-generated in Spec-CP

- Unlike instrumental *mwes-ulo*, reason *mwes-ulo*<sup>w</sup> is sensitive to strong islands such as a complex NP island:

- (40) a. \*ne-nun [NP [CP John-i **mwes-ulo**<sup>w</sup> tto kkwumi-n] pang-ul]  
 you-TOP John-NOM what-with again decorate-REL room-ACC  
 cohaha-ni?  
 like-QUE  
 ‘You like the room that John decorated why again?’
- b. ne-nun [NP [CP John-i **mwes-ulo** kkwumi-n] pang-ul] cohaha-ni?  
 you-TOP John-NOM what-with decorate-REL room-ACC like-QUE  
 ‘You like the room that John decorated with what?’

- Whereas standard *mwes-ulo*, base-generated below NegP, is island-insensitive, non-standard *mwes-ulo*<sup>w</sup>, base-generated in Spec-CP, is island-sensitive.

## Merge sites and island (in)sensitivity of other *wh*-phrases

- The other *wh*-phrases that we have not discussed so far, such as *nwukwu* ‘who’ and ‘low’ *wh*-adjuncts like *encey* ‘when’ and *eti* ‘where’, are all island-insensitive:

- (41)
- John-un [NP [CP **nwu-ka** yoriha-n] umsik-ul] mek-ess-ni?  
 John-TOP who-NOM cook-REL food-ACC eat-PST-QUE  
 ‘John ate the food that who cooked?’
  - John-un [NP [CP Mimi-ka **encey** yoriha-n] umsik-ul] mek-ess-ni?  
 John-TOP Mimi-NOM when cook-REL food-ACC eat-PST-QUE  
 ‘John ate the food that Mimi cooked when?’
  - John-un [NP [CP Mimi-ka **eti-se** yoriha-n] umsik-ul] mek-ess-ni?  
 John-TOP Mimi-NOM where-LOC cook-REL food-ACC eat-PST-QUE  
 ‘John ate the food that Mimi cooked where?’

- All the island-insensitive *wh*-phrases presented above are known as being base-generated below CP.

## Summary

**Table 1:** Correlation between the island (in)sensitivity and base positions of (non-)standard *wh*-items

	<b>wh-items</b>	<b>categories</b>	<b>island (in)sensitivity</b>	<b>base positions</b>
<b>standard</b>	<i>mwe/mwues</i> ‘what’	NP	insensitive	below CP
	<i>nwukwu</i> ‘who’	NP	insensitive	below CP
	<i>ettehkey</i> ‘how’	AdvP	insensitive	below CP
	<i>encey</i> ‘when’	NP/PP	insensitive	below CP
	<i>eti</i> ‘where’	NP/PP	insensitive	below CP
	<i>mwes-ulo</i> ‘what-with’	NP/PP	insensitive	below CP
	<i>way</i> ‘why’	AdvP	sensitive	in the CP domain
<b>non-standard</b>	<i>mwe-l<sup>w</sup></i> ‘what’	NP	sensitive	in the CP domain
	<i>ettehkey<sup>w</sup></i> ‘how’	AdvP	sensitive	in the CP domain
	<i>mwes-ulo<sup>w</sup></i> ‘what-with’	AdvP	sensitive	in the CP domain

- A *wh*-phrase, base-generated below CP, is island-insensitive, whereas a *wh*-phrase, base-generated in Spec-CP, is island-sensitive, regardless of whether the given *wh*-phrase is a *wh*-nominal (e.g. *mwe-l<sup>w</sup>*) or a *wh*-adverb (e.g. *ettehkey*), a standard or a non-standard *wh*-phrase.

## In other *wh*-in-situ languages

- Our preliminary literature review reveals that the proposed correlation between island (in)sensitivity and base positions may also hold for Chinese and Japanese.

**Table 2:** Correlation between island (in)sensitivity and base positions of *wh*-in-situ in other languages

lg.	<i>wh</i> -items	island (in)sensitivity	base positions	references
Chinese	reason <i>weishenme</i> ‘why’	sensitive	in the CP domain	Lin 1992, Ko 2005, Tsai 2008, Stepanov & Tsai 2008
	purpose <i>wei(-le) shenme</i> ‘for what’	insensitive	below CP	Stepanov & Tsai 2008
	causal <i>zenme</i> ‘how’	sensitive	in the CP domain	Tsai 2008
	manner <i>zenme</i> ‘how’	insensitive	below CP	Jin 2016, Murphy 2017
	<i>zenmeyang</i> ‘how’	insensitive	below CP	Lin 1992, Murphy 2017
	other <i>whs</i> (e.g. ‘who’, ‘what’, ‘when’, ‘where’)	insensitive	below CP	
Japanese	<i>naze</i> ‘why’	sensitive	in the CP domain	Ko 2005, Ochi 2015
	<i>donna riyuu-des</i> ‘for what reason’	insensitive	below CP	Ko 2005
	<i>doo (yatte)</i> ‘how’	insensitive	below CP	Nishigauchi 1990
	other <i>whs</i> (e.g. ‘who’, ‘what’, ‘when’, ‘where’)	insensitive	below CP	

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## Concluding remarks

- The NAG is not sufficient to explain the island behaviors of (non-)standard in-situ *wh*-phrases in Korean.
- The island (in)sensitivity of (non-)standard in-situ *wh*-phrases closely correlates with base positions: specifically, an in-situ *wh*-phrase is island-sensitive iff it originates in the CP domain (Spec-CP) (possibly, IntP in a split-CP system).
- **Further work** 😊: we don't yet have an account of why and how the island (in)sensitivity of (non-)standard in-situ *wh*-phrases correlates with their base positions (i.e. Spec-CP vs. below CP).

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