

Case

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(3) She is loved.

(4) I caused him to quit his job.

Case is a property of syntactic environment.

Case assignment: Accusative

- ▶ Verbs and Prepositions assign accusative case.

- (5) a. The book about her.
b. The anger in him.

- (6) Julia's love of him.

Accusative and adjacency

- (7) a. John very often believes him.
b. *John believes very often him.
c. John believes him very often.
- (8) a. John very often believes in him.
b. John believes very often in him.
c. John believes in him very often.
d. *John believes in very often him.

