

LING 183 Mastery Assignment 8 The Morphosyntax of Your Language

This is where you'll be showcasing how your language puts phrases into sentences.

Sample Sentences

To give us some bearings on what your language looks like, I want you to come up with some sample sentences. You have verbs; you have nouns; you have morphology for each of them: Let's see them in action! Below, give us the following: {6pts}

1. **Three intransitive sentences** that meet the following criteria:
 - a. Three different verbs.
 - b. Two different nouns as core arguments (one default number, one non-default number).
 - c. One non-third person pronoun as a core argument.
 - d. One noun modified by an adjective.
 - e. One sentence with a temporal, locative, or manner adverb.
 - f. One sentence featuring a non-core (e.g. locative) nominal argument.
2. **Three transitive sentences** that meet the following criteria:
 - a. Three different verbs (you can use the same nouns you used already).
 - b. Two nouns modified by an adjective (one object/patient, one subject/agent).
 - c. Two non-third person pronouns (one object/patient, one subject/agent).
 - d. One sentence with a temporal, locative, or manner adverb.
 - e. One sentence featuring a non-core (e.g. locative) nominal argument.
 - f. Two different tenses or aspects (e.g. present vs. future, complete vs. incomplete, etc.).

Relative Clauses

7. Give **two** examples of relative clauses: One where a subject/agent is the target of relativization, and another where the object/patient (or a non-core argument) is the target of relativization. {4pts}

Negation

8. Give an example of a positive sentence and its negation. {2pts}

Bonus

9. For your final, you will have to list an example for *each* of your WH-words, and an example for *each* target of relativization, where the strategies or marking differ (i.e. if you have one example that involves a preposition followed by a relative pronoun, you don't need to show all the other preposition plus relative pronoun examples, if they're the same). I'll give you four bonus points to list the rest of your WH-word examples, and another four to list the rest of your relative clause examples (and yes, you can do one or the other). {8pts}