Syntax, FRH Ch. 3

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Logistics

- ► Website!
 - jacksonpetty.org → "Teaching" → "LING-UA 1"
 - Recitation slides, 1:1 meetings, feedback form!
- Previous HW:
 - Make sure I added EC pts to overall grade
 - ► Note: you should do EC! Very impactful!
- HW3: tonight @ 10РМ, unless extension
 - feedback may be delayed?

Weird Sentences

(1) a. 'More people have been to Russia than I have.'

Ambiguous Sentences

(2) Anaphora

a. 'John asked Bill to give him the document.'

(3) Structural Ambiguity

- a. 'The chickens are ready to eat.'
- 'He knows that she is safe and is happy'
- c. ? 'I know that she is safe and am happy'

(4) Crash Blossoms

- a. 'Violinist Linked to JAL Crash Blossoms'
- b. 'MacArthur Flies Back to Front.'
- c. 'McDonald's Fries the Holy Grail for Potato Farmers'

Garden Path Sentences

(5) Garden Paths

- a. 'The horse raced past the barn fell.'
- b. 'Fan of garden path sentences herself to exile.'

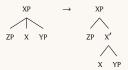


Constituency Tests

- Fragment answers
- (6) a. I gave him a book \rightarrow What did you give him? A book
 - b. * I gave him a book \rightarrow What did you give? Him a book
 - Coordination
- (7) a. I like him and all his friends
 - b. * Is it closer to Chicago or by bus?
 - Pro-form substitution
- (8) a. I like his friends \rightarrow I like them
 - b. * I saw a big man \rightarrow I saw a big **him**

Rules for Trees

► Binary branching (mostly)!



- All parts of speech present
- ► Internal nodes (correctly) labeled?

Trees?

- (9) a. 'A student from France arrived late.'
 - b. 'I know that he is home.'
 - c. 'She believes he is smart.'