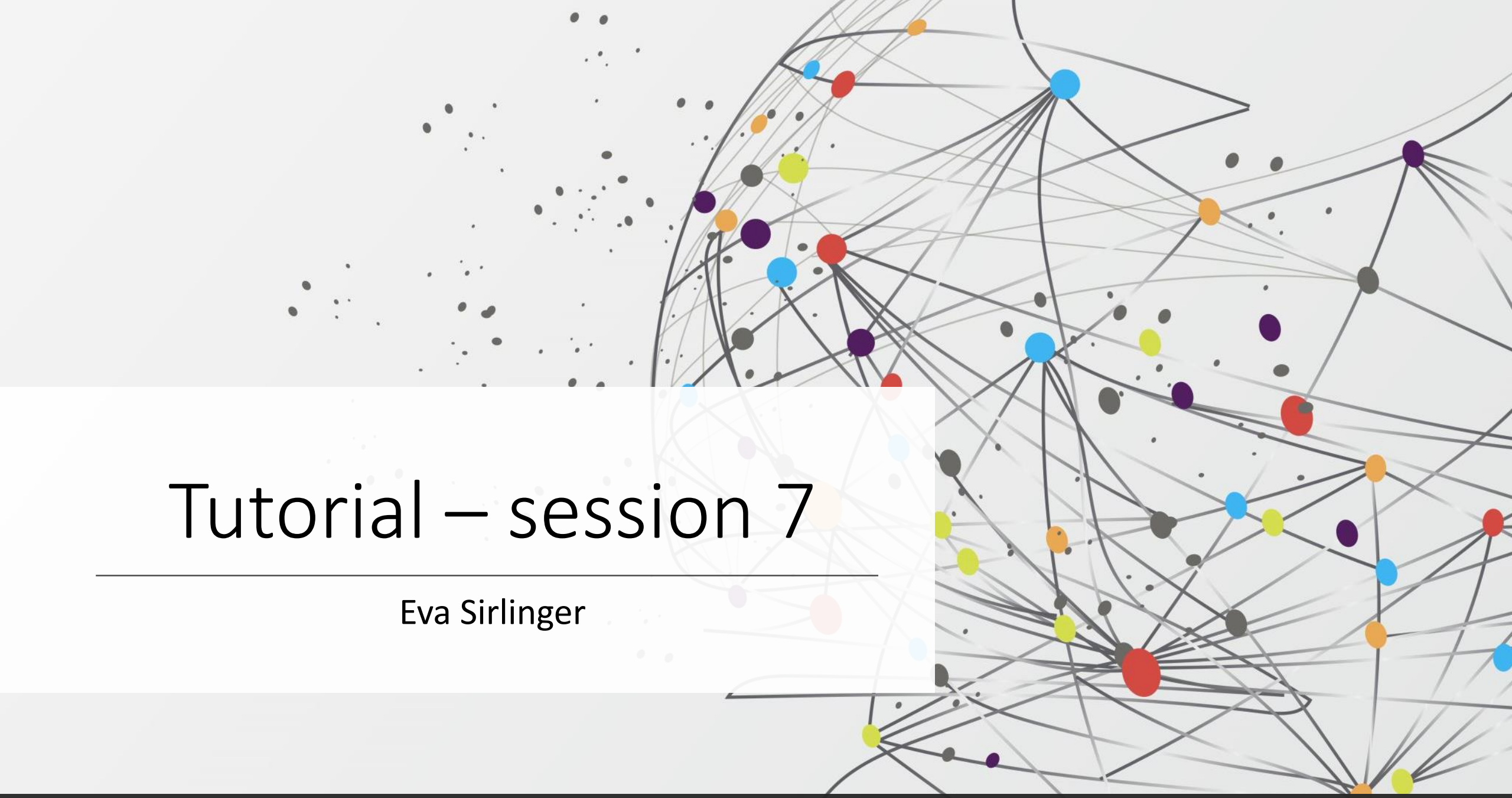

Tutorial – session 7

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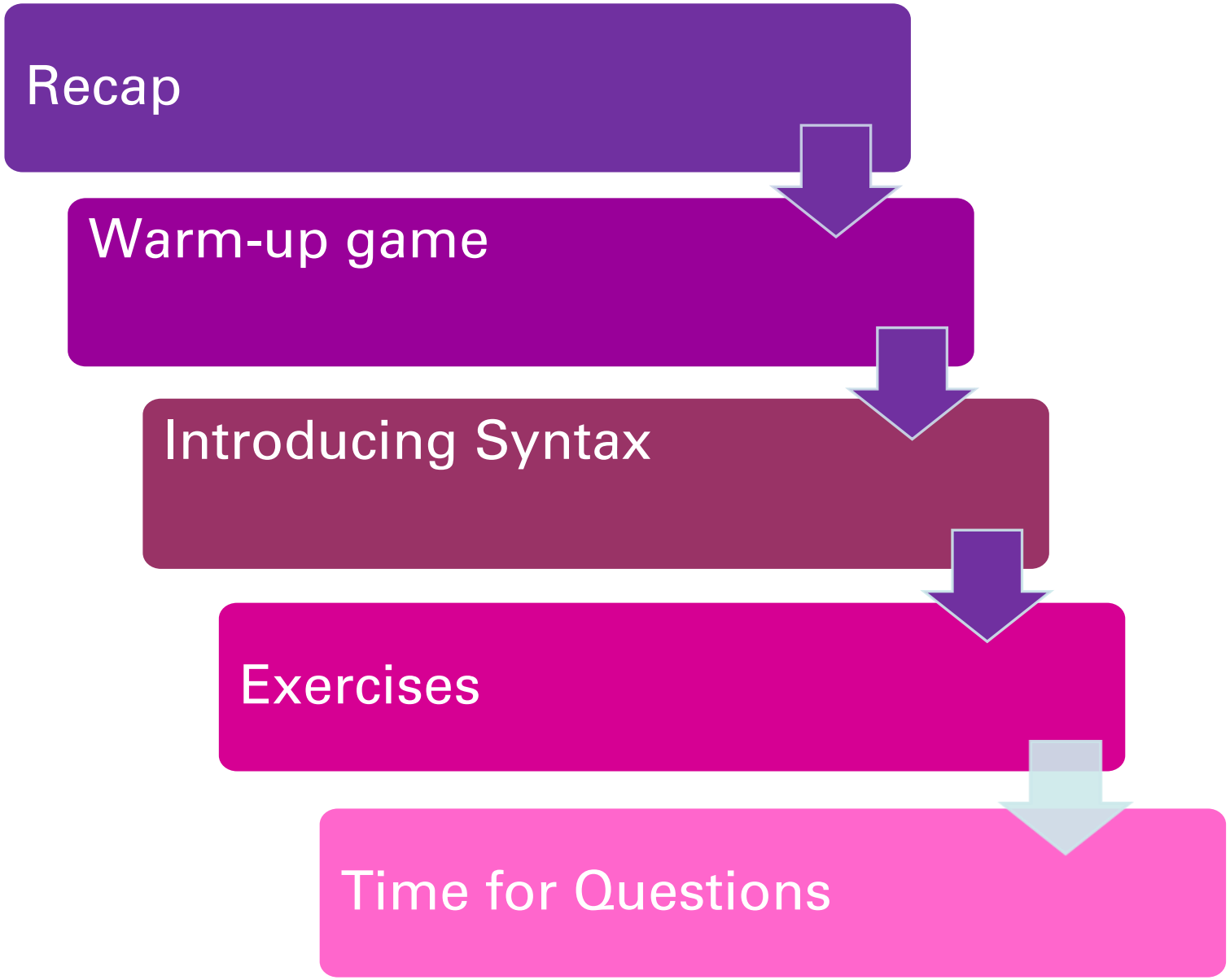
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Recap

- Which word formation processes are productive in English? What does the term productivity signify ?
- Which other word formation processes do you know?
- What type of affixes exist in English?
- What is a paradigm?

Warm-up game: Christmas wish list

- One person starts with one thing that is on their christmas wish list.
- The next person guesses why that might be on the wish list and then continues with a wish of their own.

Syntax: the study of phrases, clauses and sentences

- A sentence is the biggest possible syntactic unit in language.
- A clause is a syntactic unit that contains a minimum of a NP and a VP.
- A phrase is a constituent of a sentence. It is made up of a word or words that form a group within a sentence. We distinguish Noun Phrases (NPs), Verb Phrases (VPs), Prepositional Phrases (PPs), Adjective Phrases (AdjPs) and Adverb Phrases (AdvPs)
- We use the following constituency tests to find out which words belong together: substitution test, coordination test, deletion test, movement test, question test
- We can show syntactic structures by using brackets or a syntax tree.
- How can we define what a noun is? Semantically, morphologically, syntactically

Exercises

- Divide the following sentences into phrases:

1. Her sister ate an apple in the garden.
2. The mouse watched her eat the apple.
3. The mouse was very happy.
4. It ate the apple core with pleasure.

- Now draw a syntax tree for each sentence. Draw them either by hand or with the help of a tree generator. For example:

http://mshang.ca/syntree, RSyntaxTree (yohasebe.com)

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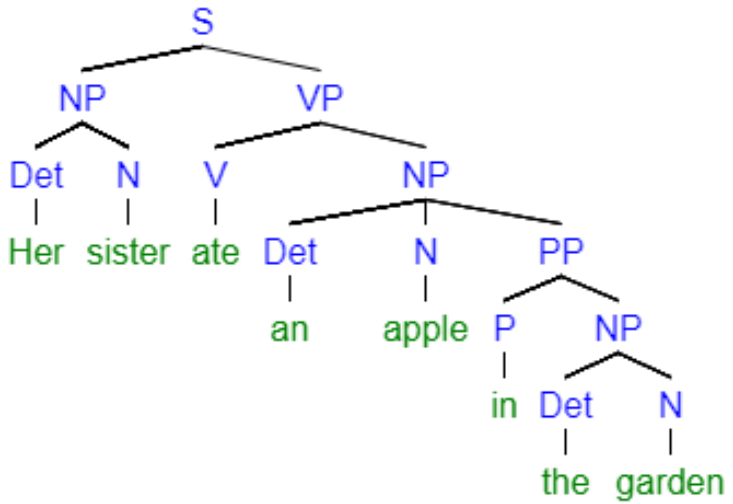
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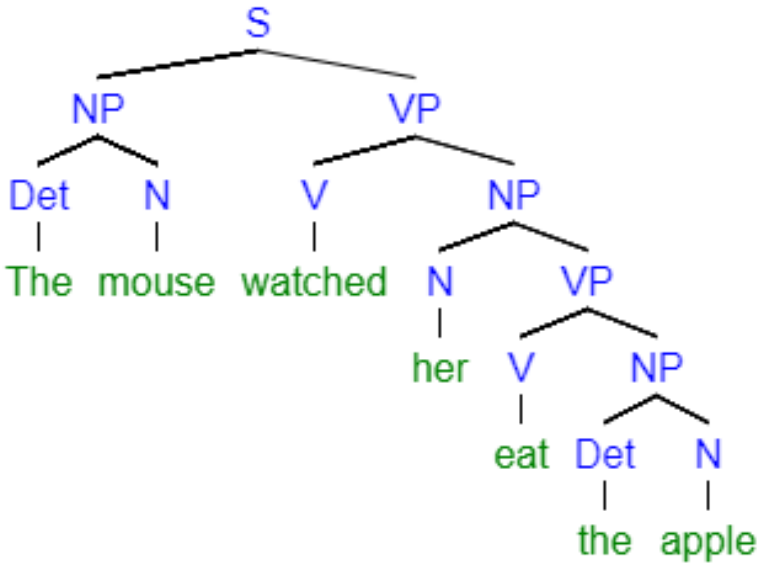
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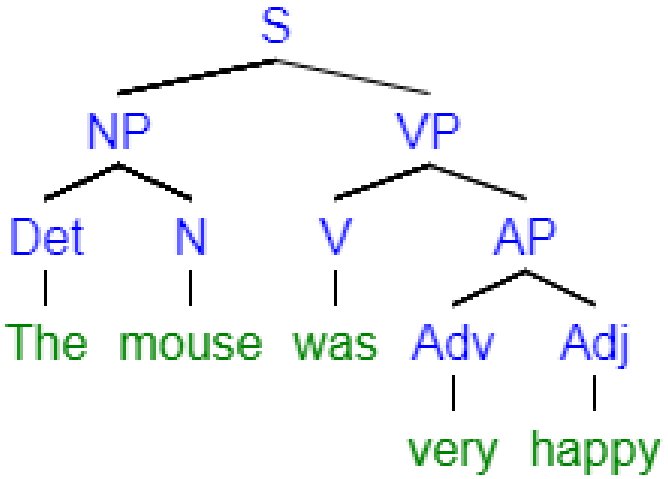
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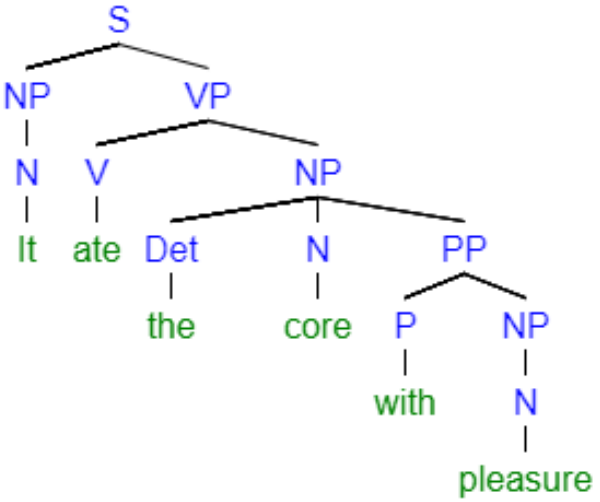
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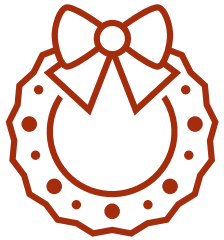

Last Questions before Christmas!