

Homework 7

Recap: *Word classes and syntactic constituents*

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1. Word classes

Identify the word classes and, where applicable, the grammatical categories marked on the words:

- (1) They are absolutely great.
- (2) She flew to New York last year.
- (3) My Grandmother has been cooking our Christmas meals for decades.

2. Inflections

Name the English word classes (lexical categories) that exhibit inflectional morphology. Argue whether pronouns should be considered to show inflectional morphology.

3. Constituents

Identify all clause constituents (phrases, Satzglieder) in the following simple sentences, try to draw trees, and give their phrase type, e.g. NP noun phrase, AdjP adjective phrase, etc.

- (a) They ate dinner
- (b) They ate some bread
- (c) They ate some really old bread for dinner
- (d) The next day she ate nothing at all.
- (e) The next day he went to London