

Linguistics 322

Exercises S2003

Exercise 10:

1. Draw by hand using a straight edge (ruler) for the tree diagrams, the phrase structure for the following phrases including spell-out, starting with Neg:

(1) Hasn't this song been being played by the pianist (too long)?

Do not attempt to account for the adverbial enclosed in parentheses. You may use an abbreviated NP for the external argument, but Case must be shown; the subject NP must be fully specified.

2. What is wrong with:

(2) *Didn't this song have been being played by the pianist (?)

3. How is the principle last resort used in (1)?

4. Name two phrases that are headed by [+Neg] and [+Neg] is spelled out as *not* at the beginning of the clause?

5. Find and identify all the theta roles in the following sentence:

(3) John chopped the wood into kindling with an ax.

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