

## General comments – First Draft

### Overall comments

- This paper is a linguistics research paper, which means it needs to follow certain conventions of style.
  - The paper is not fundamentally about your experience doing the work; it is about the content.
  - I love interesting prose as much as anyone in a fiction context, but this is non-fiction scientific writing, so keep your language straightforward and accurate; don't use distracting vocabulary
- Examples should be numbered
  - Most of the time, data should be given as a numbered example rather than embedded in a paragraph.
  - It's helpful to use tabs to align data and glosses.
  - As this is a morphology paper, data should almost always show morpheme boundaries and morpheme-by-morpheme glosses (if the m-b-m gloss is not easy to interpret, a naturalistic translation is helpful too).
- No need to have a separate title page – save a tree?
- Is 'verb root' the same thing as 'infinitive'? Why or why not?

### Type A papers

- Not everyone was reminding themselves of the general requirements for a data presentation, most of which are in force here for a Type A paper. Where do you find this information?
- "Basic categories" – what does this mean? Hint: It's not about lexical categories!
- Citations from the grammar about anything specific need page numbers.