

Extra practice: Syntax trees

- These examples give you a chance to practice some of the recent topics in syntax
 - An answer key is provided separately so that you can check your own work
 - If you find that you have questions, you can:
 - Post in the W Sept 30 Forum on Sakai
 - Bring them to your recitation on Friday
 - Bring them to office hours
 - Email an instructor
 - Request them for review discussion in class on M Oct 5 (there's a Sakai Forum specifically for review requests!)
- (1) Draw a tree for the following sentence:
- Louis wonders if Marcia knows the answer to his question.**
- (2) This sentence has two different meanings, which can successfully be represented as two different tree structures in our current X' model.
- Charlotte met a friend of the drummer from Ohio.**
- (a) Describe what the two meanings are.
- (b) Draw the two trees.
- (c) State which tree matches which meaning, and explain how you know.
- (3) This is the surface structure of a sentence:
- Which cousin did George get a letter from?**
- (a) What is the deep structure of this sentence?
- (b) Which syntactic rules have applied?
- (c) Draw trees for...
- the deep structure
 - the outcome after *each* of the applicable rules has applied (in other words, show what happens step-by-step as the sentence is transformed)