# Review and discussion for final exam

#### Background preparation:

Final exam information and review guide

#### 0. Course evaluations

- Course evaluations are open! Please consider completing yours if you haven't already — we will see them and we take student feedback seriously in planning future courses
  - Please note that you have separate evaluations for M/W lecture (Jennifer Smith) and for your F recitation (for your recitation TA)
  - Please put your comments about lecture and recitation in the corresponding evaluations

### 0. Spring 2021 course information

- Here are some ways to find out about LING courses offered in Spring 2021 — we'd love to have you take more courses with us
  - A list of all LING courses for Spring 2021 is available on the department website, <u>here</u>
  - A web page with links to posters advertising some of the more unusual or rarely offered courses is available <u>here</u>
  - I'm teaching "Phonology" (LING 200) and "Structure of Japanese" (LING 563) in Spring 2021 — happy to answer questions by email or on Zoom!

#### 0. Basic information about the final exam

- Exam will be given on Sakai, in "Tests & Quizzes"
- Open Th Nov 19, 3pm Sa Nov 21, 3pm (EST)
  - Once you start, you have **3 hours** to finish
  - Clock keeps running even if you save and exit
  - The exam is designed to take about 1.5 hours
- Instructors will be available to answer email
  questions according to the posted schedule
  (available soon from the Daily syllabus page, linked through Sakai)
- Questions about exam format or using Sakai?
  Ask on Padlet here

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- The exam is open-book, open-notes, open-Sakai
  - You may use your textbook and past assignments and exams (including feedback)
  - You **may** access all course content and web links that are included on course pages
  - You may not access other web sites
  - You may not get or share information from/with anyone (except for asking questions of course instructors)
- Questions about what information or resources you are permitted to access during the exam?
   Ask on Padlet here

### 1. Tips for preparing to take the exam

- Know where to find information quickly
  - Use the <u>Schedule of topics</u> web site to locate lecture outlines and self-paced learning slides
- Know how to solve the various kinds of linguistics problems that we have worked with
  - Look for examples and guidelines on slides
  - Look for examples in the assigned readings
  - Look for examples in the assigned (and optional!)
    videos

### 1. Tips for preparing to take the exam

- Know what topics are especially important for you yourself to review
  - Look over the scores and feedback on past Learning Assignments and Homework Assignments
  - Look over the <u>exam review guide</u> and make sure you remember, or know where to find, **key** information about all the topics listed there
- Questions about making the best use of course material to prepare for the exam?
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#### 2. Review topics requested on Sakai Forum

- Syntax
- Semantics and pragmatics
- L1 acquisition and L2 acquisition
- Historical linguistics

- Modifiers; complements vs. modifiers
- Trees with embedded CPs
- How to construct larger trees
- WH Movement and Do Insertion

Modifiers; complements vs. modifiers

- How are complements vs. modifiers different in the tree structure?
- How do we know when to attach a phrase as a complement vs. as a modifier?

Modifiers; complements vs. modifiers — slides 0928

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Sister of

- Specifier: Daughter of \_\_\_\_

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Modifiers; complements vs. modifiers — slides 0928

 How are complements vs. modifiers different in the tree structure?

- Complement: Daughter of lowest X'

Sister of X (head)

- Specifier: Daughter of XP (phrase node)

Sister of highest X'

Modifier: Daughter of X'

Sister of X'

Modifiers; complements vs. modifiers

- How do we know when to attach a phrase as a complement vs. as a modifier?
  - See slides 0928, slide 33 for a useful summary

#### Trees with embedded CPs

- What is a CP?
- Where does the CP go in the structure?

Trees with embedded CPs — slides 0923.2

CP

- What is a CP?
  - A CP is a "shell" around a TP

- C TP
- We need to draw a CP when we have an embedded sentence
- We need to draw a CP when the main clause TP is a **question**, because there is +Q in the C head
- Technically, there is a CP around every mainclause TP, but sometimes the CP is omitted for simplicity when the C is not +Q

Trees with embedded CPs — slides 0923.2

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  - The CP is a complement of \_\_\_\_
    (in the sentences we are considering)

Trees with embedded CPs — slides 0923.2

- Where does the CP go in the structure?
  - The complement of C is TP
  - The CP is a complement of V

     (in the sentences we are considering)
    - This means that we may need to use the double-complement structure if we have V NP CP or V PP CP

How to construct larger trees

- Some useful tips:
  - Establishing a general plan for the sentence
  - Are there any **embedded sentences**?
  - For any sentence (main-clause or embedded):
    What is the **subject**? What is the **predicate**?
    (What do we do with this information?)
  - What is in **T**? If no modal auxiliary is present, what then?

How to construct larger trees

- Some useful tips:
  - Taking care of some straightforward details
  - Label all words with their categories
  - Are there any Det, Deg, Adv. or possessive pronouns (NP) that will be **specifiers**?
  - Find common **head+complement structures** such as direct objects (V+NP) or objects of prepositions (P+NP)
  - Remember which heads project **phrases**

How to construct larger trees

- Some useful tips:
  - Figuring out some of the trickier details
  - Check the verb(s): Do we need a doublecomplement structure?
  - For phrases that could go in more than one position (especially PPs): look for **constituents**
  - Are there any phrases that seem to be 'left over'? Can they be **modifiers**?

#### WH Movement and *Do* Insertion

- Definitions and examples from W Sept 30
  - WH Movement: see slides 0930.2
  - Do Insertion: see slides 0930.3
  - There are also practice examples with solutions, and a video drawing trees step by step, in the Learning Activities from W Sept 30
- Specific questions?

#### **Semantics**

- Extension and intension
- How to make a case for entailment, presupposition

#### **Pragmatics**

- Conversational maxims
- What is implied vs. what is entailed

#### Extension and intension

- Definitions and examples: slides 1012, slide 14
  - Specific questions?

How to make a case for entailment, presupposition

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- *For*:

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  - Against: Simply describe a situation where A is true but B is not
  - *For*: Explain why B must be true every time A is true

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#### Conversational maxims

• Definitions: see slides 1014.3, slide 7

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- B (3): "No." | Untrue
- B (4): "Yes." | Insufficient information

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- B (2): "I love that hat you're wearing." | Relevance
- B (3): "No." | Quality
- B (4): "Yes." | Quantity

What is implied vs. what is entailed

- Example: see slides 1014.3, slide 14
  - What is implied?
  - On the basis of which conversational maxim(s)?
  - Is this actually entailed? How can we check this?

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- L2 acquisition: Transfer and interlanguage

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- Student question: "Is there any situation in which the caregiver can positively/negatively influence the child's L1 acquisition?"
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  - Hint: What area of acquisition involves learning and storing individual pieces of information?

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  - → Information memorized and stored in the lexicon (words, irregular morphology,...)
- But: There are cultures where caregivers don't focus on talking to kids, and kids still get language

- L2 acquisition: Transfer and interlanguage (and are they the same?)
  - A **stage** of an L2-learner's grammar "of L2" that is **not like** native speakers' grammar of that language is known as \_\_\_\_
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  - When aspects of a speaker's L1 are **carried over** to their L2 grammar, this is known as transfer

- Comparative reconstruction
- Analogy and reanalysis
- Grimm's Law

Comparative reconstruction—see slides 1104.1,19-23

- Student question: "Specifically, will we need to be able to reconstruct the proto-form if given an example like the example with the Middle Chinese forms Mandarin and Hakka that we saw in the asynchronous lecture slides?"
  - Answer: Prepare to be able to do this, but only for a simple example like those on the slides
  - Consider what the sound change rules would have to be, as a way of deciding what to reconstruct
  - Specific questions?

#### Analogy and reanalysis

- Definitions and examples see slides 1109
  - Specific questions?

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    - Voiceless oral stops > fricatives
    - Voiced unaspirated oral stops > voiceless
    - Voiced aspirated oral stops > unaspirated
  - Other questions?