

Ling 20 Homework 4
Syntax

1. Apply at least 3 constituency tests discussed in class to the underlined expressions in the following sentences and determine whether they are constituents. (Remember that a constituent does not necessarily have to pass *all* the constituency tests.)

Example: *The bride and groom ran out of the church.*

Answer: substitution: The bride and groom ran out of it.
question-response: What did the bride and groom run out of?
The church.
movement: *The church, the bride and groom ran out of.
Conclusion: [the church] is a constituent, even though it did not pass the movement test, because it passed both the substitution and question-response tests.

- a. The clouds rolled across the sky.
 - b. My aunt crashed our new car.
 - c. Matt hit the ball over the fence.
 - d. Some students hate computers.
 - e. The ancient ruins of the temple were covered by the earth.
 - f. The women wept.
 - g. Too many noisy birds are nesting on campus.
 - h. Joggers like to run along the river.
 - i. Some elephant prefers the chunky peanut butter.
 - j. My best friends in Los Angeles visited me in Phoenix.
2. Draw tree diagrams for the following sentences. Be sure to label all nodes and words, and make sure you have carefully considered constituency.
 - a. My father is an artist.
 - b. The relatives of my husband live in Chicago.
 - c. A woman drove her car into a tree.
 - d. The chefs from many countries competed in a difficult contest.
 - e. That teacher threw a book out the window.
 - f. His dentist pulled his tooth.
 - g. The walk through the park took a long time.
 - h. The birds sang.
 - i. The robber quickly fled the scene of the crime.
 - j. I often go to the movies.