## **Syntax**

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## Overview

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  - -Function
  - -Category
  - -Role

- Syntactic Units
  - -Word
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# A study of grammatical structure or relation between words



## Function

Category

Role

#### Example



#### Dua membeli genggam ayah telepon

## Combination of meaningful words Meaningless combination Not syntactically structured

#### What about these...?

- She kissed me last night.
- Breakfast no she morning had this.
- I cried.
- Kami mempertemukan.
- Kami mempertemukan mereka.

# Clause Sentence Discourse

Words

Phrase

### Syntactic Units/Categories

#### Word: Smallest syntactical unit

- Full words
  - Lexically meaningful
  - Can have morphological process
- Function words
  - Lexically meaningless
  - No morphological process

### **Full Words**

- Noun (N)
- Verb (V)
- Adjective (A)
- Adverb (Adv)
- Numeric (Num)

#### Examples

- moisture, policy
- melt, remain
- good, intelligent
- slowly, now
- two, three





## Indicate the category of each word in the following sentences.

- a. The glass suddenly broke. Det | N | Adv | V
- b. A jogger ran towards the end of the lane. Det | N | V | P | Det | N | P | Det | N
- c. The peaches never appear quite ripe. Det | N Adv | V | Deg | Adj
- d.Gillian will play the trumpet and the drums in the orchestra.N|Aux | V | Det | N|Conj | Det | N|P | Det | N

#### Phrase

Non-predicative combination of wordsCan fill in syntactic function

#### **Exocentric**

- Not all components have the same function
  - Si kecil menangis.
    - \*Si menangis.
    - \**Kecil* menangis
- Endocentric
  - One of the components can fit the function
    - Dia sedang menangis.
    - Dia menangis.

#### Types of Phrases

- NP : Noun Phrase The car, a clever student
- VP : Verb Phrase study hard, play the guitar
- PP : Prepositional Phrase in the class, above the earth
- AP : Adjective Phrase very tall, quite certain

#### Clause

- Predicative combination of words
- Consists of Subject & Predicate

Gadis yang duduk di sampingku cantik sekali.

- Gadis cantik sekali.
- \*Yang duduk di sampingku.

#### Sentence

- Consists of Basic Constituents: clause, phrase, word
- Has final intonation.
- Agus is going to Semarang next week.
- Agus.
- Semarang.
- Next week.

## Discourse

- Unity of meaning
- Consists of sentence(s)
- Bound to context
- Cohesive: all components are interrelated
- Coherent: closely related to the external factors
- Complete idea or concept

#### **Immediate Constituent Analysis**

- Constituent: one of two or more grammatical units that enter syntactically or morphologically into a construction at any level.
- Immediate constituent: any one of the largest grammatical units that constitute a construction. **Still reducible**.

## **Binary System**

#### The table on the corner

- -The table | on the corner
- The | table || on | the cornerthe | corner
- She needs a book.
  - -She | needs a book
  - | needs | a book
    - | a | book



Identify the syntactic categories.
 Make a tree diagram to detect the ambiguity.

- Nalika lara, Susi mangan roti mari.
- When he approaches the girls don't pay attention to him.
- They fed her baby corns.
- He forgot how good beer tastes.
- The clown hit the man with the bananan on his head.