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WORKSHEET 1

PHRASES, NOUN PHRASES: A REVIEW

Study the parts Phrases and their characteristics (pp. 94–96), Types of phrase (pp. 96–113), Embedding of phrases (p. 113) and complete the following tasks:

- 1) Using examples from LGSWE and LEFNAC, explain what is meant by

constituency, and
syntactic form vs syntactic role
of phrases.

- 2) What types of phrase can we distinguish in English?

Give their structural representation and provide examples from both LGSWE and LEFNAC. In what syntactic roles can a noun phrase function (pp. 98–99)? Use examples from LEFNAC.

- 3) Explain what is meant by *embedding*.

Use tree representation of a noun phrase from LEFNAC to present a more complex NP structure similar to those shown on page 114 in LGSWE.

- 4) Browse to page 578 in LGSWE. Present register distribution of noun phrases with pre- and post modifiers as shown in the grammar.

Choose at least two texts from LEFNAC and provide comparable data.

- 5) It is suggested in LGSWE on p. 586 that in academic texts there is a general tendency for the following structural progression:

N + postmodifier > premodifier + N > simple noun > pronoun

Find out whether this tendency can be documented by the academic text from LEFNAC.

Texts: F1, N1x, N1y, A1

Find definitions of the following terms, use example sentences whenever possible:

adjective phrase

adverb phrase

adverbial

agent

agreement

alternative question