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WORKSHEET 4

COMPLEX NOUN PHRASES: POSTMODIFICATION (II)

Study the part Overview (pp. 574–587) of complex noun phrases. Afterwards, continue from subchapter Postmodification by non-finite clause (p. 630).

- 1) Describe the major structural types of postmodifying non-finite clauses and also explain their function in relation to the so-called “gap”. Provide examples from both LGSWE and LEFNAC.
- 2) Discuss the rates of occurrence for each type of postmodifying non-finite clause in LGSWE and in LEFNAC. Try to find examples of *to*-clauses with overt subject marked with *for* in LEFNAC.
- 3) Get familiar with the subchapter dealing with postmodifying prepositional phrases. Present the most common prepositions used in postmodifying prepositional phrases according to LGSWE. Take the prepositions *of*, *in*, and *for* and characterize their occurrence as heads of postmodifying prepositional phrases in LEFNAC. Compare your results with those in LGSWE.
- 4) Explain the substance of appositive noun phrases (p. 638) and present their occurrence rates in news and academic prose according to LGSWE. Provide some examples of appositive noun phrases. Can some examples be found also in LEFNAC?
- 5) Appositive noun phrases are said to have specific uses in academic prose (p. 639–640). Using a LEFNAC academic text try to identify at least one such use of appositive noun phrases in it. Provide some examples of this use.

Texts: F4, N4x, N4y, A4

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

comparative clause

complement

complex sentence

compound sentence

concord

constituent