

3.3 Homework Tip

When you are providing a formal analysis of something, i.e. when your answer to a question involves new rules and/or lexical entries, you can check your work: use your grammar to build trees without having the trees you want in mind. Often, in applying the grammar mechanistically, you may find that it doesn't quite do what you intended.

Also, be sure to draw neat trees and feature structures. A neat tree is much easier to check — both for you and for your TAs.