

1.3 Homework Tip

The data presented to you will almost always show regularities that are accidental, i.e. that don't hold of the language in question, but do of the data that happen to be in the data set. Therefore, when you know the language in question, it is always a good idea to test out any hypotheses against other sentences that you think up — and you can use the hypotheses to guide you in making up those sentences.

1.4 Further reading

Keenan, Edward, and Bernard Comrie. 1977. NP Accessibility and Universal Grammar. *Linguistic Inquiry* 8.1: 63–98.