

Assignment #2

1. In Sag, Wasow and Bender: p. 331, problem 3
2. In Sag, Wasow and Bender: p. 450, problem 4
3. Assume, contrary to HPSG wisdom, that simple English sentences like "Mary walks to school" involve a main verb in VP and a phonologically null INFL or T node which agrees in AGR-features with the verb, hosts adverbs, takes the subject as its specifier, etc. The usual GB/Minimalist proposal, in other words.

What types and lexical entries might you need to add, eliminate or rethink? Make sure you give a lexical entry for your INFL. Make sure the names you give to any types are vowelless or otherwise hard to decipher (but please decipher them for me)!

[You may choose to read the Sag, Wasow and Bender chapter on the English auxiliary system, but we won't be covering it and it isn't required reading.]

Due: By e-mail on Thursday of next week (3/9/06).