

Today

- HW3 back
- HW4 due Friday
 - Please sign up for times to meet with Kensy or me
- Reading presentations
- Discussion questions

Reading presentations

1. A general overview of what the reading is about - the important main ideas. You should include in here a short discussion of how this reading relates to other stuff we've talked or read about in class.
2. Describe the content of the reading. Here, you want to cover all of the major issues the reading discussed
 - a. the language comprehension phenomena addressed
 - b. the theory or theories discussed
 - c. the methods by which the theory or theories are empirically evaluate and compared
 - d. the results of applying those methods
 - e. the strengths and weaknesses of the methods
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3. Critical analysis. What parts of the reading are important for other, related issues and questions? Which parts are stronger and which weaker? Are there improvements that could be made? Is the reasoning sound? Do you buy it (and why or why not)? Etc.

Comments

1. Content: Did the presentation hit all the critical points? What did it leave out?
2. Accuracy: did the presenter accurately convey the main points of the reading? If you think there are spots where they got things wrong, what were they?
3. Clarity and organization: Was the presentation clear and easy to follow? What would make it clearer and easier to follow?
4. Level of detail. Did the presentation provide the right amount of detail to cover the important parts of the material as thoroughly as possible in 5 minutes? What parts were too detailed? What parts needed more detail?

Discussion questions

1. The paper argues that syntax isn't autonomous (that it isn't an informationally encapsulated module). Why does it matter?

Come up with at least three reasons (scientific or applied, theoretical or methodological).

2. How does the question of the autonomy of syntax relate to the idea of grammatical constructions?