

Syntax 1 homework (due Tuesday, 11/15)

Identifying language types

For each set of language data, identify the type of the language, and briefly justify your decision in prose.

Language A (In the glosses, PRT stands for 'particle': it's your job to determine what these particles mark. The bracketing is for your aid: the particles go with the following NP. Ignore the morphophonological variation exhibited in the 'article' *e~he*.)

- (1) a. na'e lea [a Tolu]. 'Tolu spoke'
PAST speak PRT Tolu
b. na'e lea [a e talavou]. 'The youth spoke.'
PAST speak PRT the youth
c. na'e tãmate'i [a e talavou] [e Tolu]. 'Tolu killed the youth.'
PAST kill PRT the youth PRT Tolu
d. na'e tãmate'i [a Tolu] [e he talavou]. 'The youth killed Tolu.'
PAST kill PRT Tolu PRT the youth

Language B

- (2) a. Ngathu thaji-ya inhaka kathi-nha. 'I am eating this meat.'
1sg eat-PRES this meat
b. Nga-nja thaji-li-ya (kathi-ku). 'I would eat meat.'
1sg eat-ANTIPASS-PRES meat-DAT

Language C

- (3) a. So wodu. 'I go.'
1s
b. As begabo palas. 'I shake the carpet.'
1s
c. So wozhe. 'I fell.' (unmarked for intention.)
d. As wozhe. 'I fell.' (on purpose)

Language D

- (4) a. d-θád he/she's gone
b. h-θád we've gone
c. h-l-bád she saw us
d. h-y-bád he saw us
e. d-h-bád we saw him/her

Language E

- (5) a. zə nənawəz-əm. 'I(m/f) enter/I shall enter'
1sg enter-1s
b. zə Xója win-əm 'I(m/f) see the woman.'
1sg woman see-1s
c. zə tã win-əm 'I(m/f) see you(sg., m/f).'
1s 2s see-1s
(6) a. mā kāNay achawólay day 'I(m/f) have thrown a stone.'
1s stone(m) thrown(m) be.3s(m)
b. tã zə achawólay yem 'You(m/f) have thrown me(m).'
2s 1s thrown(m) be.1s

Language F

- (7) a. Vajza vjen. 'The girl comes.'
the.girl(f) come.3s
b. Shoku vjen. 'The friend(m) comes.'
the.friend(m) come.3s
c. Vajza çon shokun. 'The girl takes the friend(m)'
the.girl(f) take.3s the.friend(m)
d. Shoku çon vajzën. 'The friend(m) takes the girl.'
the.friend(m) take.3s the.girl(f)