

## Syntax quiz study guide

**This will be quite straightforward and shorter than the phonetics quiz, probably just 20-30 minutes.**

1. You will be asked to draw 3 or 4 trees:
  - All or most *will* be English. Depending on what I get to on Wednesday of this week, one or more may involve an instance of movement (such as *wh*-movement).
  - One *may* be Japanese, straight from the class lecture notes. You might want to practice doing this. It might even be a big tree, with an embedded CP.
2. You *may* be asked to explain Chomsky's sisterhood condition on subcategorization -- what he got right and what he got wrong — and its significance.
3. You *may* be asked to indicate the heads of various phrases and give a reason or two why you might think they are the heads. (Basically, you will want to say something about subcategorization and something about head-initial vs. head-final languages.)
4. You *may* be asked a question about FOFC.
5. You *may* be asked a question about Principle C and c-command.

**Practice sentences?** Next Saturday, I will post a few sentences for you to practice tree-drawing on, with answers. I will post it earlier if I can, but no guarantees for earlier than Saturday.

**Reason for the quiz:** This is *not* a quiz about independent thinking or problem solving. Like the phonetics quiz, it is mainly a device to make sure you acquire the basic tools for syntactic analysis, so you can use them for more complex stuff to follow.

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