

LINGUIST 601
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Assignment 2

1: Assuming the judgements given, give an account of the following pattern of grammaticality.

- a. i. *The discussion of the match was more animated than the one of the riots.
ii. The discussion at the match was more animated than the one in the bar.
- b. i. The discussion of the riots and their implications was full and frank.
ii. The discussion at the match and in the bar was full and frank.
iii. *The discussion of the riots and in the bar was full and frank.
- c. i. The discussion of the riots in the bar was full and frank.
ii. *The discussion in the bar of the riots was full an frank.

2. The following NPs raise questions about the argument/adjunct distinction and where modifiers attach respectively. Examine the data and draw conclusions about the structures of these NPs, providing the arguments behind your conclusions.

- a. [The journey from Dusseldorf to Paris on All Saints Day] was tiring.
- b. [The DJ at the club last week] rang Olafur up yesterday.

3. For this question, assume the grammaticality judgements given. You have to provide an explanation for the pattern of grammaticality seen in the following examples.

- a. i. [No king of any country] abdicated.
ii. [No king of any importance] abdicated.
iii. [No king of any country of any importance] abdicated.
- b. i. [The lack of any discipline in some schools] worried them.
ii. *[The lack of discipline in any schools] worried them.
iii. [The lack of teachers with any qualifications] worried them.