

LINGUIST 601
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Due on November 17, 2005

Assignment 7

1. The questions that follow are based on Chapter 2 of Levin and Rappaport Hovav (1995).
 - a. What is the Direct Object Restriction (DOR)? Why are unaccusatives a potential counterexample to this restriction? How does the Unaccusative Hypothesis help?
 - b. Present a structure for resultative constructions. You can present an updated version of the structure(s) explored in the reading or something different. Whichever structure you present, make sure that your structure is able to address the concerns discussed in §2.2.1.
 - c. How do Levin and Rappaport-Hovav handle the DOR?
 - d. Levin and Rappaport-Hovav give arguments that their proposal is superior to Hoekstra's syntactic account, and in particular to the semantic accounts proposed by Jackendoff and by Van Valin and that therefore unaccusativity needs to be syntactically represented. Adopt one of these accounts and present a critical comparison of your account with Levin and Rappaport-Hovav's account.