

Assignment 7

1) Provide tree diagrams for the following English interrogative sentences. Don't forget that interrogative sentences involve **movement**.

a) Will the man in the mask rob the bank?

b) Who can John see with the binoculars?

2) The following sentence is ambiguous. Give me **two** trees for the sentence, and give me a **paraphrase** telling me the meaning that goes with each tree. (Don't forget to put a CP at the top of both trees.)

The thief hit the man with a stick.

3) Please create **two** passive versions of the sentence from the last question. You should have one passive version of the sentence for each of the structures you provided in the last question. Don't forget that passive sentences involve **movement**. I also want you to include a **prepositional phrase** in which the agent of the sentence (the thief) is expressed.

4) *Challenging Question*: This question combines all of our movement operations in one sentence. If you can get this one right, consider yourself well-prepared for the final exam.

(Hints: Try to make a declarative version of the sentence, by replacing the wh-word with a normal NP, and seeing where it goes. Try to "undo" each of the movements that this sentence contains, until you get back to a non-passive, non-interrogative version of the sentence. You can use this to build your basic tree, and then start applying movements to get everything into the right place.)

What was the man hit with?