

LINGUIST 601  
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## Assignment 2

1: Give an account of the 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.<sup>1</sup>  
ii. \*The discussion in the bar of the riots was full an frank.

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

I said in class that CPs could function both as complements and adjuncts. It is generally assumed that the CP in (1a) is a complement of the noun and that the CP in (1b) is an adjunct on the NP.

- (1) a. The rumor [<sub>CP</sub> that Markus is a werewolf]
- b. The rumor [<sub>CP</sub> that Markus spread]

Can you find any empirical evidence to support this claim?

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.

Think of c-command.

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<sup>1</sup>This sentence is ambiguous. Consider both structures.