

Anatomy of f-structure, p. 1

The dinosaur doesn't think that the hamster will give a book to the mouse.

The f-structure

This f-structure differs slightly from what is in the textbook.

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Simplified

	SUBJ	["the dinosaur"]
	TENSE	PRES
	POL	NEG
	PRED	'think <SUBJ, COMP>'
	COMP	["the hamster ..."]

Attribute-value matrix. Each line specifies an attribute (feature or grammatical function) and a value.

attribute: SUBJ (subject)

value: an f-structure corresponding to $[_{DP} \textit{the dinosaur}]$

attribute: TENSE

value: PRES

attribute: POL (polarity)

value: NEG

attribute: PRED (predicate)

value: 'think <SUBJ, COMP>'

attribute: COMP (complement)

value: an f-structure corresponding to $[_{CP} \textit{that the hamster will give a book to the mouse}]$

There is no such thing as an attribute with no value or a value with no attribute.

Anatomy of f-structure, p. 2

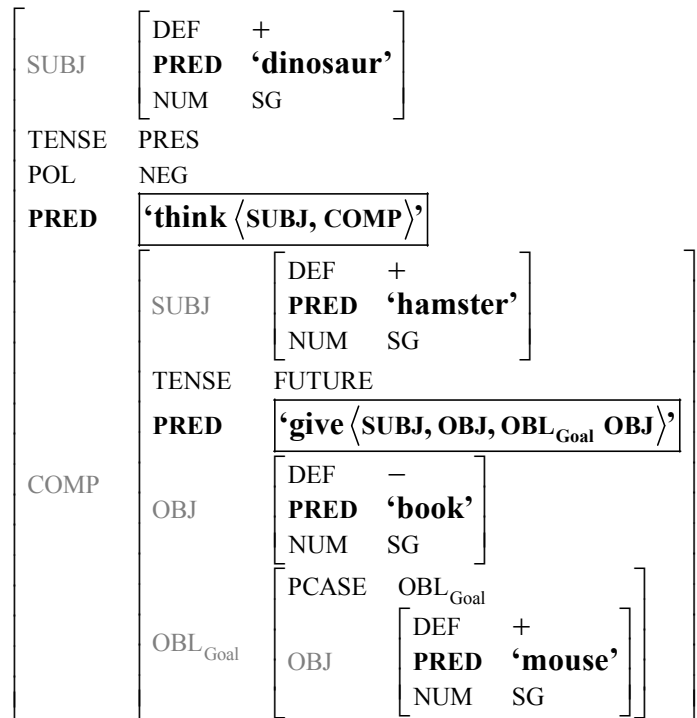
More detailed look

grammatical functions

features

PRED feature

PRED feature with arguments (lexical form)



Grammatical functions

SUBJ	subject
OBJ	object
OBJ2	secondary object (in ditransitives; rare in Hebrew)
OBL _{Goal}	oblique-goal
OBL _{Source}	oblique-source
+other OBL functions	
COMP	(clausal) complement
ADJ	adjunct
FOCUS	focus
TOPIC	topic

The PCASE feature with the value OBL_{Goal} is a Case-like lexical property of the preposition *to*: the preposition heads PPs that bear the “oblique goal” function. The argument of the verb is not the PP, but rather the OBJ of the preposition (OBL_{Goal} OBJ).