

**Ling 315, Assignment 6 (Corrected Version).** Due Wed 7 Mar 2007.

**Part A.** V2 in German.

Provide derivations for the following sentences:

- (1) Diesen Film haben die Kinder gestern gesehen.  
this film have the children yesterday seen  
“The children saw this film yesterday.”
- (2) Er sagt, dass die Kinder gestern diesen Film gesehen haben.  
he said that the children yesterday this film seen have  
“He said that the children saw this film yesterday.”
- (3) Er sagt, diesen Film haben die Kinder gestern gesehen.  
he said this film have the children yesterday seen  
“He said that the children saw this film yesterday.”

In writing out your derivations:

- (a) Assume the following rule for adverbs like *gestern*:  
VP → Adv VP
- (b) Assume the following ordering for transformations:
  - i. V-to-T Movement
  - ii. T-to-C Movement
  - iii. A-bar Movement (= Topicalization)
- (c) Apply transformations first to the embedded clause, and then to the matrix clause.

**Part B.** *Wh*-Movement in English.

Provide derivations for the following sentences:

- (4) What would you like?
- (5) Who did they hold onto?

**Part C.** VP Ellipsis in Hebrew. (Data from Goldberg 2005).

In English, it is common to apply VP Ellipsis in answers to *yes-no* questions. For example, the VP *buy coffee* is elided in (b), and *do* is inserted via *Do-Support*:

- (6) a. Question: Did Tamara buy coffee?  
b. Answer: Yes, she did.

In analogous examples in Hebrew, the main verb is repeated in answers to *yes-no* questions:

- (7) Question: (Ha'im) Tamar kanta kafe?  
*Q* Tamar bought coffee  
“(Did) Tamar buy coffee?”  
Answer: Ken, hi kanta.  
Yes she bought  
“Yes, she did.”
- (8) Question: (Ha'im) Miryam hisi'a et Dvora la-makolet?  
*Q* Miryam drove ACC Dvora to.the-grocery.store  
“(Did) Miryam drive Dvora to the grocery store?”  
Answer: Ken, hi hisi'a.  
Yes, she drove  
“Yes, she did.”

What might you conclude from these examples about the position of the main verb at surface structure in Hebrew, assuming that VP Ellipsis deletes the whole VP in Hebrew, just as in English? A short, one- or two-sentence answer is sufficient.