

Ling 498y: Practice for Exam 2.

1. Identifying Predicates

For each of the following sentences:

(i) State whether the matrix predicate is a Raising, Control, ECM, or Object Control predicate, and provide one example sentence involving an expletive DP to justify your claim;

(ii) Provide the theta grid for the matrix predicate; and

(iii) Provide the Surface Structure representation of the sentence (assume they are all grammatical, even if you do not find them grammatical in your own dialect).

- (1) Nikki urged Kumiko to stay.
- (2) Kumiko is hoping to stay.
- (3) Kumiko is certain to stay.
- (4) I want you to be honest.

2. Derivations

Provide derivations for the following sentences:

- (5) I want there to seem to be a problem.
- (6) She is certain to be arrested.
- (7) She hoped to be released.

3. Modern Greek

Posit derivations for the following Raising and ECM constructions:

- (8) I kopeles fenonde na fevgun.
the girls.NOM seem.3PL SUBJ leave
'The girls seem to be leaving.'
- (9) Afisa ton yani na kerdisi to pegnidi.
I-let the John.ACC SUBJ win the game
'I let John win the game.'