

Ling 498y: Lecture notes. 24 Sept 2008.

1. From last time

-Derivations, Start symbol is CP, V2 in Germanic

2. V2 Recap

- TP and VP are head-final (as shown in embedded in clauses with overt C);
- When T is empty, V-to-T Movement is obligatory.
- When C is empty, T-to-C Movement is obligatory.
- Some XP must move into Spec of CP (Question: Is this true of interrogatives?)

- (1) Er weiss, dass ich oft eine Katze gesehen habe.
he knows that I often a cat seen have
"He knows that I have often seen a cat."
- (2) *Er weiß, dass ich habe eine Katze gesehen.
He knows that I have a cat seen
- (3) Er weiss, oft habe ich eine Katze gesehen
he knows often have I a cat seen
"He knows that I have often seen a cat."
- (4) Ich sehe oft eine Katze
I see often a cat
"Do you see a cat?"
- (5) Siehst du eine katze?
see you a cat
"Do you see a cat?"
- (6) Eine Katze sehe Ich oft
- (7) Eine Katze sehe oft Ich.

3. VP Ellipsis and V-to-T Movement

Hebrew problem from the assignment.

4. VSO word order in Irish

- (8) Phóg Máire an lucharachán.
kissed Mary the leprechaun
"Mary kissed the leprechaun."
- (9) Tá Máire ag-pógail an lucharachán.
Is Mary ing-kiss the leprechaun
"Mary is kissing the leprechaun."
- (10) Dúirt mé gur phóg Máire an lucharachán.
Said I that kissed Mary the leprechaun.
"I said that Mary kissed the leprechaun."
- (11) An bhfaca tú an madra?
Q see you the dog
"Did you see the dog?"
- (12) Ar chuir tú isteach air? Chuir.
Q put.PAST you in on-it put
"Did you apply for it?" "I did."
- (13) Sciob an cat an t-erieaball de-n luch. Ar sciob
snatched the cat the tail from-the mouse Q snatched
"The cat cut the tail off the mouse." "Did it?"
- (14) Tá Máire [ag-pógail an lucharachán] agus [ag-goidú a ór].
Is Mary ing-kiss the leprechaun and ing-steal his gold
"Mary is kissing the leprechaun and stealing his gold."
- (15) Is [ag-pógáil an lucharachán] atá Máire.
It-is ing-kissing the leprechaun] that.be Mary.
"It's kissing the leprechaun that Mary is."
- (16) Chonaic Síle_i i-fein_i. *Chonaic í-fein_i Síle_i.
Saw Sheila her-self. Saw her-self Sheila.
"Sheila saw herself."