

Grammar – course requirements

- Regular active attendance
- Credit test on 16.12.2011, passmark 70% (one re-sit in January)

Grammar – course outline

7. 10. Word classes, sentence elements, phrases, clauses, sentence patterns.

21.10. Nouns, determiners, adjectives

4. 11. Verbs, phrasal verbs, irregular verbs, modality.

2.12. Mock test, questions.

16. 12. Credit test.

Grammar – materials and sources

Leech: *An A-Z of English Grammar and Usage*

Chalker: *A Student's English Grammar Workbook*

Murphy: *English Grammar in Use*

Swan: *Practical English Usage*

L. G. Alexander

Any other 'use' and 'usage' book of your choice.

(Choose among renown authors and grammars, please.)

Grammar

- Grammar
 - Syntax
 - Morphology
- Other linguistic disciplines and subdisciplines
 - lexicology, stylistics, semantics, pragmatics,...

Word classes and sentence elements

Word classes

(parts of speech)

- *Nouns (o) *Adjectives (o)
- *Pronouns (c) *Numerals (c)
- *Verbs (o) *Adverbs (o)
- *Prepositions (c) *Conjunctions (c)
- *Particles (c) *Interjections (o)

- O – open class
- C – closed class

Clause/sentence elements

- Verb
- Subject
- Object (direct, indirect)
- Complement (subject, object)
- Adverbial

Forms and functions

(see Chalker – exercises 3,4 on pages 7-9)

FORMS = phrases

- Verb phrase (VP)
- Noun phrase (NP)
- Adjective phrase (AdjP)
- Adverb phrase (AdvP)
- Prepositional phrase (PP)

FUNCTIONS =

sentence/clause elements

- Subject (S)
- Verb (V)
- Object (O)
- Complement (C)
- Adverbial (A)

Syntax

I. PHRASE (VP, NP, PP, AdvP, AdjP)

II. CLAUSE (7 clause types)

III. SENTENCE

1. SIMPLE

2. COMPOUND

3. COMPLEX

Syntax – clause types

- Clause types = sentence patterns
- 7 clause types: SV, SVO, SVC, SVA, SVOO, SVOC, SVOA
- Differ according to whether one or more clause elements are obligatory present in addition to the S and V
- S and V always have to be present in any sentence, the V element in a simple sentence is always a finite verb phrase

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- 2) That lecture bored me.
- 3) Your dinner seems ready.
- 4) Daniel stayed in bed.
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- 6) Most students find him interesting.
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- 1) She killed him.
- 2) He gave her the money.
- 3) I will lay your coats on the bed upstairs.
- 4) The water is boiling.
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Verb classes

- 3 verb classes according to which clause elements they require (and which clause types they enter)
- INTRANSITIVE verbs – no obligatory element: **SV**
- TRANSITIVE verbs or 'object verbs'
 - MONOTRANSITIVE: **SVO**
 - DITRANSITIVE: **SVOO**
 - COMPLEX-TRANSITIVE: **SVOC** and **SVOA**
- COPULAR verbs or 'copulas' or 'linking verbs': **SVA** and **SVC**

Verb classes

- !!! multiple class membership of verbs!!!
 - I am teaching. (SV)
 - I am teaching English (SVO)
 - I am teaching you English. (SVOO)

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A compound sentence contains at least two main clauses.

Sentence types and discourse functions

Sentence types

- 1) Declaratives
- 2) Interrogatives
- 3) Imperatives
- 4) Exclamatives

Discourse functions

- A) Statements
- B) Questions
- C) Directives
- D) Exclamations

- Direct associations between syntactic types and discourse functions are the rule, but the two do not always match. We distinguish **direct and indirect speech acts**.

- *Could you mend my watch?*

DSA question about ability

ISA request