

24.900 Introduction to Linguistics

**Syntax Quiz
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If you use another sheet(s) for your answers, please be sure to number and letter them clearly.

- a. In a short answer, explain how subcategorization accounts for the ungrammaticality of the following:
 - a. *The instructor suggested the students to study.
 - b. *The customer requested for a fork.
 - c. *After getting home, they devoured.

2. Determine which of the following bracketed sequences in the sentences form constituents.
 - a. If a bracketed sequence is not a constituent, support your answer by demonstrating this with **two** constituency tests that indicate the non-constituency of the sequence.
 - b. If a bracketed sequence is a constituent, support your answer with **one** constituency test that demonstrates this.
 1. [The tragedy] upset the entire family.

2. The environmental [movement is gaining momentum.]

3. The goslings [swam across] the lake.

3. Determine the possible complements for each of the following words:

Nouns

a. debate

b. hammer

Verbs

c. expire

d. destroy

Adjectives

e. strong

f. bored

4. The following data is from Malagasy, spoken on the island of Madagascar.

4. Entin' kafe izy

brings coffee he

'He brings coffee.'

5. Mankany amin' ny restauranta izy.

