

Extra Syntax Practice

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Try drawing tree structures for the following sentences using the phrase structure rules below:

CP \rightarrow C S
NP \rightarrow (D) N'
N' \rightarrow N
N' \rightarrow A N'
N' \rightarrow N' PP
N' \rightarrow N' CP

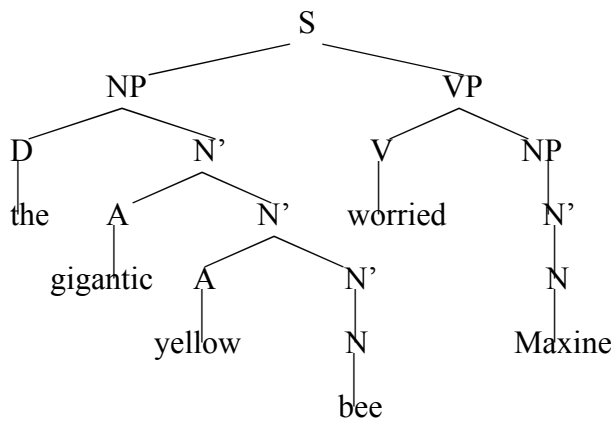
S \rightarrow NP VP
S \rightarrow CP VP
PP \rightarrow P NP
PP \rightarrow P S
 α \rightarrow α and α

VP \rightarrow VP PP
VP \rightarrow VP CP
VP \rightarrow V (NP)
VP \rightarrow Aux VP

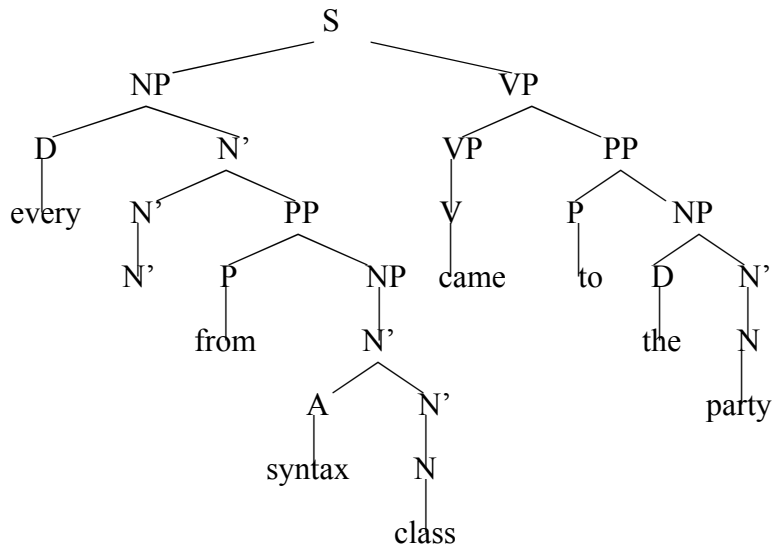
Key to More Practice:

(1) The gigantic yellow bee worried Maxine.

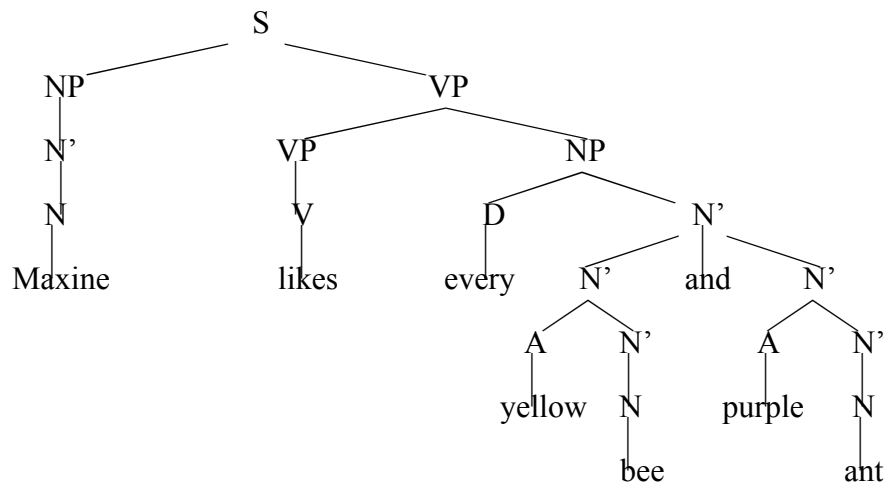
The first noun phrase in this sentence (*the gigantic yellow bee*) contains a noun phrase with a determiner (*the*) and two adjectives (*gigantic*, *yellow*). The two adjectives each modify a N' level in the noun phrase.



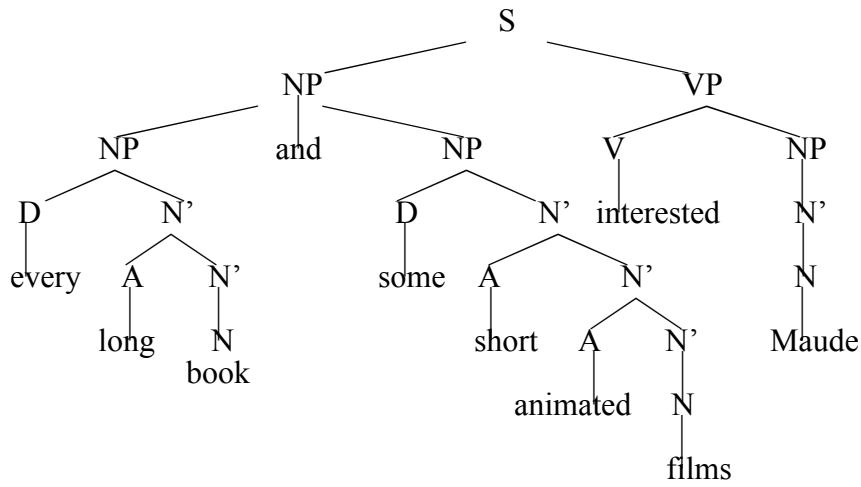
(2) Every kid from syntax class came to the party.



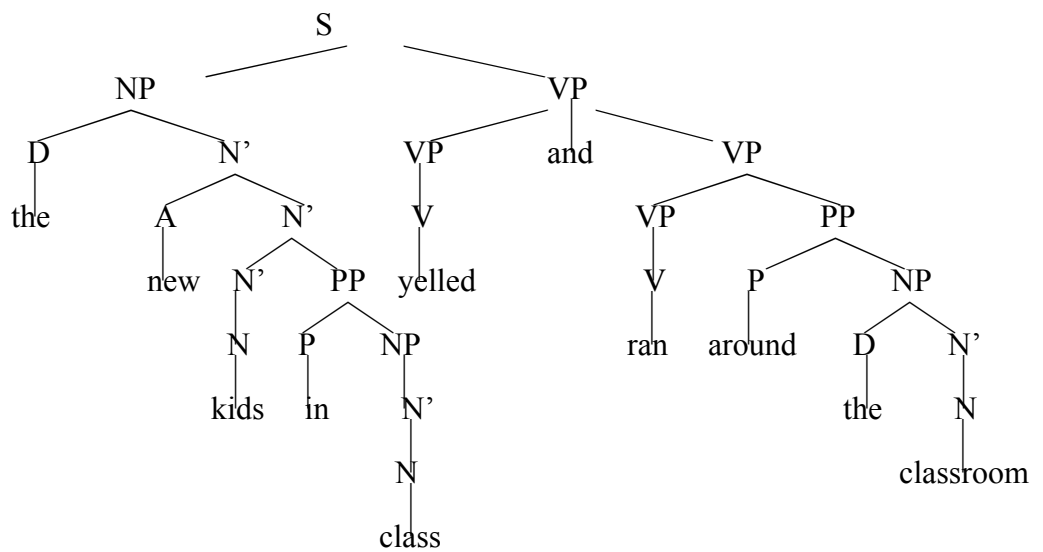
(3) Maxine likes every yellow bee and purple ant.



(4) Every long book and some short animated films interested Maude.



(5) The new kids in class yelled and ran around the classroom.



(6) The man in a lab coat talked about the fact that whales are mammals.

