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The English Pseudo-cleft
Cleft and Pseudo-Cleft Constructions in English

Eurogrammar

This book examines the structure and...
function of the English it-cleft configuration from within the framework of construction grammar. It defends a straightforward extraposition-from-NP analysis (on which the cleft clause is a restrictive relative, modifying the initial it) and claims that all types of it-cleft involve nominal predication. Support for this analysis comes from three main areas: (a) the central role of definiteness in the creation of specificational meaning, (b) the existence and makeup of predicational (and proverbial) it-clefts, and (c) the early, historical it-cleft data. In addition, the book contains a sizeable diachronic component, drawing data from the Penn Parsed Corpora of Historical English and from the International Corpus of English - Great Britain. This investigation informs and advances what is an otherwise simple account of the English it-cleft, explaining how and why the configuration has developed an assortment of peculiar, construction-specific properties over time.

The Syntax of the Sentence in Old Irish This collection of papers celebrates the work of Jeanette K. Gundel, who has contributed to the field of grammar-pragmatics interface through her publications on the syntactic realization of topic and comment and the cognitive status of referring expressions, as well as by inspiring colleagues to make contributions to the overall field of pragmatics. This volume collects together papers from colleagues and former students on pragmatics and syntax, pragmatics and reference, and pragmatics and social variables. The volume includes papers devoted to explicating the grammar-pragmatics interface, with the focus of the papers ranging from Gricean and post-Gricean pragmatics, construction grammar, and genre theory to formal semantics, as well as papers devoted to expanding on Gundel's own original approach to factors such as the cognitive status decisions underlying speakers' choice of referring expression and the topic and focus decisions underlying speakers' choice of referring expression.
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Clefts and Their Relatives

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Global Cleft Care in Low-Resource Settings

The phenomenon of clefts is beyond doubt a golden oldie. It has captivated linguists of different disciplines for decades. The fascination arises from the unique syntax of clefts in interaction with their pragmatic and semantic interpretation. Clefts structure sentences according to the information state of the constituents contained in them. They are special as they exhibit a rather uncommon syntactic form to achieve the separation of the prominent part, either focal or topical, from the background of the clause. Despite the long-lasting interest in clefts, linguists have not yet come to an agreement on many basic questions. The articles contained in this volume address these issues from new theoretical and empirical perspectives. Based on data from about 50 languages from all over the world, this volume presents new arguments for the proper derivation of clefts, and contributes to the ongoing debate on the information-structural impact of cleft structures. Theoretically, it combines modern syntactic theorizing with investigations at the interface between grammar and information-structure.

Studies for Einar Haugen

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Your Cleft-Affected Child From Doris Lessing, "one of the most important writers of the past hundred years" (Times of London), comes a brilliant, darkly provocative alternative history of humankind’s beginnings. In the last years of his life, a Roman senator embarks on one final epic endeavor, a retelling of the history of human creation. The story he relates is the little-known saga of the Clefts, an ancient community of women with no knowledge of nor need for men. Childbirth was controlled through the cycles of the moon, and only female offspring were born—until the unanticipated event that jeopardized the harmony of their close-knit society: the strange, unheralded birth of a boy.

Cleft Sentences in Chinese and Their English Equivalents Over the past few decades, the book series Linguistische Arbeiten [Linguistic Studies], comprising over 500 volumes, has made a significant contribution to the development of linguistic theory both in Germany and internationally. The series will continue to deliver new impulses for research and maintain the central insight of linguistics that progress can only be made in acquiring new knowledge about human languages both synchronically and diachronically by closely combining empirical and theoretical analyses. To this end, we invite submission of high-quality linguistic studies from all
the central areas of general linguistics and the linguistics of individual languages which address topical questions, discuss new data and advance the development of linguistic theory.

The Pseudo-Cleft Construction in English Cleft lip and palate represents the most common congenital facial anomaly. Congenital anomalies are one of the top 10 causes of disability and suffering in many low and middle income countries (LMICs.) Further, an estimated 30% of the global burden of disease is treated primarily through surgery, and among surgical conditions, treating clefts conveys disproportionately large benefit relative to cost because suffering can be halted at a young age and deliver a lifetime of health. Over the last 50 years, cleft care has advanced in low-resource settings through international surgical missions and the efforts of sparse local providers. While exciting anecdotes of impact abound from these efforts, recent studies have identified a complication rate that often exceeds 50% and there is concern about the sustainability of foreign volunteer missions. This book serves as a thorough resource for providing medical and surgical care of cleft lip and palate deformities in low-resource settings, geared to the context of those settings. The content is consensus-based and evidence-based, with emphasis on treatment that is appropriate to a low-resource context and how this differs from that in higher-resource environments. It is authored by recognized cleft experts in close partnership with providers who practice in low-resource settings. It is heavily pictorially based through illustrative figures, photos and diagrams, to be facile for those who speak English as a second language. Following the introduction, Complete Cleft Care in Low-Resource Settings has six main sections: patient workup, surgical treatment, comprehensive care, educational innovation, care delivery models, and finally a series of illustrative case studies. Uniquely, the book's
breadth encompasses cleft care comprehensively, but does so through a practical "how to" format with many "from the field" examples of what has worked.

Non-prototypical Clefts in French This text provides a unique and comprehensive approach to cleft assessment, treatment, and management, with new and revised content that will keep you at the cutting edge of cleft lip and palate treatment and therapies. Comprehensive coverage of every aspect of cleft palate and related disorders. Thorough coverage of the available literature on cleft lip and cleft palate includes both contemporary and historically significant studies, as well as low-incidence types of phenomena. The Birth of a Child with a Cleft introduction provides a detailed preview to the treatment of children with clefts, and offers useful suggestions for interacting with their parents. New artwork clearly demonstrates and enhances understanding of important clinical conditions and procedures.

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Frequency, Forms and Functions of Cleft Constructions in Romance and Germanic

Linguistics in the Netherlands 1977–1979 A major grammar reference book of modern English, specially written for intermediate learners of English. English Grammar Today is an indispensable reference guide to contemporary English grammar and usage. With extensive corpus research at its core, it provides over 500 entries organised into an easy-to-use A-Z structure. Authentic examples of written and spoken English place the grammar in context and the clear explanations make it ideal for intermediate learners of English at CEF levels B1-B2, including those preparing for IELTS or Cambridge English exams such as Preliminary and First. The book comes with a free CD-ROM that provides the
book content and nearly 200 additional entries, plus audio recordings of all the examples and dialogues.

Introduction to the Grammar of English Cleft lip and cleft palate are facial and oral malformations that occur very early in pregnancy, while the baby is developing inside the mother. Clefting results when there is not enough tissue in the mouth or lip area, and the tissue that is available does not join together properly (WebMD). This book is a concise guide to the management of cleft lip and cleft palate. Beginning with an introduction to embryology and anatomy related to the conditions, the following sections explain different surgical techniques for their repair. Classification systems are discussed in depth, enhanced by clinical photographs and 3D sonography images. Each topic includes the very latest information in the specialty, and high quality illustrations demonstrate operative steps in each procedure.

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Cleft Palate Speech

Topics in the Syntax and Semantics of English Cleft Sentences Written for students without knowledge of linguistics and unfamiliar with “traditional” grammar, this text concentrates on providing a much needed foundation in Standard English in preparation for more advanced work in theoretical linguistics.

Cleft Structures Clefting is one of the most common birth defects and one of the most reparable. Yet parents of clefted newborns often initially respond with fear, shock, and despair. This first guide written specifically for parents explains what a cleft is, why it occurs, and what can be done about it. Topics include surgical procedures, financial assistance, emotional impact, and forming support groups.

Information Structure in a Cross-Linguistic Perspective Old Irish is the language of Ireland in the period from the 8th to the 10th century AD, and is the oldest Celtic language well enough attested for adequate grammatical study. The book provides the only available detailed linguistic analysis of the syntactic structure of the Old Irish sentence. The basic form of the simple sentence, with the usual order of elements, verb-subject-object, is unproblematic from a synchronic viewpoint, but certain sentence types show more complex patterns of syntax, which have important implications for the typological, diachronic and comparative-historical analysis of Old
Irish in particular, and Celtic and Indo-European languages in general. Sentence types which contain obligatory cataphoric pronouns referring to elements later in the same sentence are examined in detail, as well as constructions with marked initial topics, and the focussing construction of the cleft sentence. The approach is functional and typological, on the basis of a text corpus from the glosses on the Pauline epistles at Würzburg, with further material from Old Irish legal texts. The emphasis is on the communicative content and intent of the sentences of the corpus. The book is a newly edited version of MacCoisdealbha's Bochum dissertation of 1974, previously unpublished due to the author's death in 1976, and includes textual notes by the editor indicating progress, and indeed lack of progress, in the meantime, in areas covered by the book.

The Cleft

Some Semantic Rules in the Formal Description of English Pseudo-cleft Sentences This book (second edition) attempts to cover all the scientific and clinical disciplines related to cleft care, which is indeed a wide remit. It ably achieves its aims. It is an enjoyable and very comprehensive read, being well written, presented, illustrated and organized. -- PM FA News Comprehensive Cleft Care is a complete clinical reference that addresses every aspect of the life-long care required by patients with orofacial clefting. Supported by a handsome full-color presentation, Comprehensive Cleft Care features heavily-illustrated chapters that provide unmatched coverage of everything from prenatal diagnosis to final orthognathic surgery. The inclusion of topics such as basic science research, mission work, and outcome measures make this an all-in-one clinical companion with coverage that cannot be found anywhere else. With its distinct holistic approach and perspectives from skilled specialists in a variety of disciplines, Comprehensive
Cleft Care presents an unmatched overview of cleft repair and management. Volume One of the book covers non-surgical issues including: Embryology, Anatomy, Classification, Epidemiology, and Genetics; Nursing topics, Neuropsychosocial and Educational Aspects, Otologic, Audologic, and Airway Assessment and Management, Outcomes and Research.

Comprehensive Cleft Care, Second Edition: Volume One First published in 1991, this book examines the communicative properties of ‘cleft’ and ‘pseudo-cleft’ constructions in contemporary English. The book argues that these properties cannot be ignored in any attempt to provide an adequate grammatical description of the constructions. Furthermore, they provide a source of explanations for the patterns of stylistic variation displayed by clefts and pseudo-clefts. The book reports findings from a corpus-based study of clefts and pseudo-clefts in modern British English.

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Art and Science of Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Repair Cleft lips and palates are common congenital anomalies occurring approximately once out of every five hundred to seven hundred and fifty births. Stop Singing People Might Hear You, My Cleft Book is an inspiring account of one woman’s perseverance while living with a congenital anomaly. It illustrates how one can look challenges in the eye and conquer adversity with bravado.

Cleft Constructions in Japanese Syntax

Non-prototypical Clefts in French This collection of articles by an international group of specialists presents original research, new lines of inquiry, and novel insights on subjects related to ancient Hebrew
linguistics, Bible translation, and biblical interpretation.

Cleft Sentences The present volume draws together contributions from a number of scholars with an interest in empirical, cross-linguistic description. Most of the papers were first presented at the symposium Information Structure in a Cross-linguistic Perspective held in Oslo in November/December 2000. The descriptions are functionally oriented, and their common focus is how information structure - in a broad sense - can be compared across languages. 'Information structure' has been approached in a variety of ways by the authors, so as to give a broad picture of this fundamental principle of text production, involving the way in which a speaker/writer chooses to present a message in terms of given/new information, focus, cohesion, and point of view. Central to much of the research is the problem of establishing criteria for isolating linguistic constraints on language use from cultural-linguistic conventions in text production. The linguistic comparison includes English, German and/or one of the Scandinavian languages, with sidelights to other languages. Most of the papers are text- or corpus-based, and the ongoing work on parallel corpora in Scandinavia is reflected in several contributions.

Designing Strategies for Cleft Lip and Palate Care This work, first published in 1979, was a doctoral dissertation submitted to the Department of Foreign Literatures and Linguistics of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on June 22nd 1973. The ostensible central topic of this essay is a construction which is generally known as the "pseudo-cleft" construction. This essay aims to provide an overall picture of the construction, and show why another treatment of it is necessary. This book will be of interest to those pursuing the topic of copular sentences.
Studies on Copular Sentences, Clefts and Pseudo-Clefts

Cleft constructions occur across languages and are much analyzed in relation to syntax, semantics and pragmatics. Mika Kizu, working in a Principles and Parameters framework, with some consideration of the Minimalist Program, provides the first coherent account of cleft constructions in Japanese. She claims that the construction is analyzed on a par with topic constructions and some types of relative clause. One of the most interesting properties, the syntactic phenomenon of 'connectivity' is closely examined.

Ancient Texts and Modern Readers The volume Questions in Discourse - Semantics contains an overview of the semantic analysis and discourse-structuring role of questions, together with in-depth contributions on individual aspects of question meanings and the function of implicit questions in discourse.

The English existential The volume describes the frequency, the forms and the functions of different cleft construction types across two language families: the Romance languages (with discussion of Italian, French and Spanish data) and the Germanic languages (with focus on English, German, Swiss German and Danish).

Stop Singing, People Might Hear You

The English It-cleft Construction

Questions in Discourse

The English it-Cleft

Discourse Pragmatics and Cleft Sentences in English

The Pseudo-cleft Construction in English In Designing Strategies for Cleft Lip and Palate Care it was aimed to link the epidemiology from different areas in the
world with the interspecialty surgical care and the future genetic research projects. The objective is to concisely discuss the methodology of interspecialty care and stimulate future ideas for prophylactically managing or preventing such deformities. I am confident that one day the surgical interventions that bombard the patients from the day of newborn delivery and throughout the years of youth should be significantly decreased based on the genetic prophylactic intervention, probably.