

Realizations of Syntactic Agreement in American Sign Language: Similarities between the Clause and the Noun Phrase

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(1) JOHN $\overline{[NOT]_{Neg}}$ BUY HOUSE ^{neg}  
'John is not buying a house.'

(2) JOHN $\overline{[NOT]_{Neg}}$ BUY HOUSE ^{neg} 
'John is *not* buying a house.'

(5) JOHN $\overline{[+neg]_{Neg}}$ BUY HOUSE ^{neg} 
'John is not buying a house.'

(6)  $[[t_i \text{ LOVE MARY}]_{IP} \overline{[+wh]_C} \text{ WHO}_i]_{CP}$ ^{wh}  
'Who loves Mary?'

(7) $[[t_i \text{ LOVE MARY}]_{IP} \overline{[+wh]_C} \text{ WHO}_i]_{CP}$ ^{wh}  
'Who loves Mary?'

(8) $[\text{ WHO LOVE MARY}]_{IP} \overline{[+wh]_C}$ ^{wh} 
'Who loves Mary?'



(11) [[JOHN FIND t_i YESTERDAY]_{IP} $\overline{\text{wh}}$ [+wh]_C "WHAT"_i]_{CP}
 'What did John find yesterday?'



(12) [[JOHN FIND t_i YESTERDAY]_{IP} [+wh]_C "WHAT"_i]_{CP}
 'What did John find yesterday?'



(13) [JOHN FIND "WHAT" YESTERDAY]_{IP} $\overline{\text{wh}}$ [+wh]_C
 'What did John find yesterday?'



(16) MARY NOT [FIND t_i YESTERDAY]_{VP} $\overline{\text{neg}}$ $\overline{\text{wh}}$ "WHAT"_i
 'What didn't Mary find yesterday?'



(18) JOHN_i _iSHOOT_j FRANK_j
 'John shoots Frank.'



(19) JOHN LOVE MARY
 'John loves Mary.'



(20) JOHN_{neutral} SHOOT_j FRANK_j

'John shoots Frank.'



tm1

(21) BOOK JOHN_{neutral} GIVE_{indef.} SOMEONE

'The book, John gave to someone.'



_____ head tilt_i

(22) JOHN_i []_{AGR-S_i} []_{AGR-O_j} SHOOT_j FRANK_j

'John shoots Frank.'

_____ gaze_j



_____ head tilt_i

(23) JOHN_i []_{AGR-S_i} []_{AGR-O_j} LOVE MARY_j

'John loves Mary.'

_____ gaze_j



neg

_____ head tilt_i

(24) JOHN_i WILL NOT []_{AGR-S_i} []_{AGR-O_j} VISIT_j MOTHER_j


'John will not visit mother.'

_____ gaze_j



_____ head tilt_{neutral}



_____ gaze_j

(25) JOHN_i []_{AGR-S_{neutral}} []_{AGR-O_j neutral} SHOOT_j FRANK_j 

‘John shoots Frank.’

_____ head tilt_{neutral}


_____ gaze_j


(26) JOHN_i []_{AGR-S_{neutral}} []_{AGR-O_j} LOVE MARY_j  

‘John loves Mary.’

(27) (=23)


_____ tm1 _____ gaze_{indef}

(28) BOOK JOHN []_{AGR-S_{neu}} []_{AGR-O_{indef} neu} GIVE_{indef} SOMEONE 

 ‘The book, John gave to someone.’

_____ **head tilt_i**


_____ **gaze_j**

(29) pro_i [λ_{AGR-S_i} [λ_{AGR-O_j} LOVE MARY_j]] 

‘(He/she) loves Mary’

_____ **head tilt_{neutral}**

_____ **gaze_j**

(30) pro [$\lambda_{AGR-S_{neutral}}$ [λ_{AGR-O_j} LOVE MARY_j]] 

‘(He/she) loves Mary.’


(32) (=19)

(33) pro_i i SHOOT_j FRANK_j 

‘(He/she) shoots Frank.’


(34) $pro_{neutral}$ SHOOT_j FRANK_j 

‘(He/she) shoots Frank.’

(35) JOHN_i i SHOOT_j pro_j 

‘John shoots (him/her).’


$\overline{\text{head tilt}_i}$
 $\overline{\text{gaze}_j}$

(37) JOHN_i []_{AGR-S_i} []_{AGR-O_j} LOVE pro_j 




‘John loves (him/her).’

$\overline{\text{head tilt}_{\text{neutral}}}$
 $\overline{\text{gaze}_j}$

(38) JOHN []_{AGR-S_{neutral}} []_{AGR-O_j} LOVE pro_j 


‘John loves (him/her).’

$\overline{\text{head tilt}_i}$

(39) JOHN_i []_{AGR_i} BATHE 


‘John is bathing.’

$\overline{\text{gaze}_i}$

(40) JOHN_i []_{AGR_i} BATHE 

‘John is bathing.’

$\overline{\text{head tilt}_i}$
 $\overline{\text{gaze}_i}$

(41) JOHN_i []_{AGR_i} BATHE 

‘John is bathing.’

(42) [IX_{det_i} BOY] HAVE CANDY



'The boy has candy.'

(43) [JOHN_i POSS_i FRIEND] HAVE CANDY



'John's friend has candy.'

_____ head tilt_i

(44) [JOHN_i [POSS_i]_{D/AGR_i} []_{AGR_j} FRIEND_j] HAVE CANDY



'John's friend has candy.'



_____ ht_i

(45) [JOHN_i POSS_i FRIEND_j] HAVE CANDY



'John's friend has candy.'



_____ eg_j

(46) a. IX_{pro1p} KNOW [IX_{det_i} OLD MAN]_{DP}



b. IX_{pro1p} KNOW [IX_{det_i} OLD MAN]_{DP}



c. IX_{pro1p} KNOW [IX_{det_i} OLD MAN]_{DP}



d. IX_{pro1p} KNOW [IX_{det_i} OLD MAN]_{DP}



e. IX_{pro1p} KNOW [IX_{det_i} OLD MAN]_{DP}



f. IX_{pro1p} KNOW [IX_{det_i} OLD MAN]_{DP}



‘I know the/that old man.’

(47) b. IX_{pro1p} KNOW [OLD MAN]_{DP_i}



‘I know the/that old man.’

Note 34:

(i) $\frac{\text{tm}_2}{\text{JOHN}} \text{IX}_{j=\text{addressee}} \text{SAY pro}_i \left[\text{]}_{\text{AGR-S}_i} \frac{\text{tilt}_i}{\text{LOVE MARY}}$
'As for John, you say he loves Mary.'



(iii) $\frac{\text{tm}_1}{\text{JOHN}_i} t_i \text{LOVE MARY}_j$
'John loves Mary.'

