Who Moved My Argument? Identifying Verbal Alternations

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A single verb may appear in various syntactic constructions; some of the variations result from syntactic movement while others are argued to be lexically determined, being the outcome of verbal alternations. In this course, by investigating closely several available constructions for specific group of verbs (e.g., causative/ stative/ locative verbs), we will identify the syntactic, semantic and morphological properties of verbal alternations, discuss the idea of argument projection and explore the difference between arguments and adjuncts.

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בפיים של הפועל שיניים תכני ראש הוא מחבר של התוכן שלו.ב揭露 הז, פעול ידיביה מודבקת
של מבנים שונים האפשריים פעלים נוספים: פעולות של התוכן של התוכן. למדו לعلوم את התוכן התוכני, התוכני
המורפולוגיות והמורפולוגיות של התוכן מודבקתי.-double (argument projection) (וגם אנדרס או הבדלים בינ')
(Arguments vs. adjuncts).

Pre-requisite
Introduction to Linguistics
Introduction to the Lexicon
Introduction to Syntax

Requirements and Grade
- Preparation for class, reading all required readings
- Perusall Reading Assignments and Quizzes: 20%
- Midterm assignment: 30%
- Final assignment: 50%

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Program

1. Introduction – The VP, argument-structure and the Linking Problem (UTAH)

2. Transitive/Intransitive Alternations
   - Causative/Inchoative
   - Causative/ Unergative and Internal Causation
   - Experiencer Verbs
   - Contact Verbs and the Conative Alternations
   - Approaches to Passives and Reflexives.

3. Intransitive Alternations – The role of the PP
   - Activity to Result
   - PP arguments vs. PP adjuncts
   - Sound/Light Emitting Verbs

4. Transitive Alternations
   - **Arity Unaffected:**
     - Three-Place Verbs – The Locative Alternation (Placing and Removal), Change of Possession Verbs (COP), Double Object Constructions (DOC) and PP movement.
     - State/Cause Alternation – Experiencer Verbs
   - **Arity Affected?** Instrument Subject Alternation
     - PP arguments vs. PP adjuncts in three-place constructions.
   - **Arity Affected:** State/Cause Alternation with Locative Verbs
   - Hebrew verbal morphology.

5. Conclusion and Summary
References


