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PSet #1

Part A.

It would really be useful to know how good all of you are at drawing syntactic trees. Please draw trees for the sentences below. If you have difficulties with them, do not worry, but please do your best because I will have a more accurate picture of what is needed for the class. This part of the homework is exploratory (for me) and you will not be graded on it.

1. I saw him at the hotel where Susan announced that the president will be staying
2. We left because John said that Mary was sick
3. The fact that he is tall bothers him

Part B. Pick an opinionated family member or friend and explain to them what generative linguistics is about, with focus on the innateness hypothesis. Write up a report of the conversation. It does not have to be longer than 2 pages.

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