



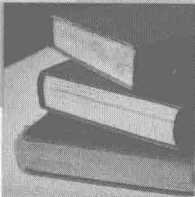
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To my family and friends

Preface to the First Edition

This book grew out of a need for an introductory text that teaches students not only English syntax but also the basics of argumentation. It is inspired by current Chomskyan theory, but it is not an introduction to it. However, having worked their way through this book, students should be able to progress to a more advanced study of syntax, descriptive or theoretical.

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Preface to the Second Edition

This new edition is a completely revised and corrected version of the first edition. The most obvious change is that Chapter 7 of the first edition (on X-bar syntax) has been split into two, giving more prominence to clauses in a new Chapter 8 (entitled 'More on Clauses'). In addition, the book contains many new exercises, which are now graded in terms of level of difficulty. I am grateful to colleagues and students who used the first edition of this book, and gave me very valuable feedback preparing the present edition. In particular, I would like to thank Kersti Börjars, Ilse Depraetere, Nik Gisborne, Sebastian Hoffman, Hans-Martin Lehmann, Magnus Ljung, Gergana Popova, Mariangela Spinillo and Gunnel Tottie, as well as students at UCL, the Universidad de La Laguna, the University of Sofia, and the University of Zürich.

Preface to the Third Edition

This new edition incorporates a number of corrections and changes in terminology. For example, I now use *determinative* as a form label, rather than *determiner*. I have added a new chapter on grammatical indeterminacy which has been informed by my research on syntactic gradience (Aarts 2007a). Furthermore, I have reorganised Chapter 15 (formerly Chapter 14) by moving one of the case studies to the new Chapter 14, and by adding a new case study. I have also written a number of new exercises, while removing others that didn't 'work'.

I am again extremely grateful to a number of colleagues for sending me corrections and suggestions for changes. Among them are Dong-hwan An (who translated the second and third editions into Korean), Gunnar Bergh, Myong-Hi Chai and three anonymous readers. For advice, comments, suggestions and corrections I'm very grateful to Maggie Tallerman, the new editor for the Modern Linguistics series, to Sonya Barker at Palgrave Macmillan, as well as to my copy editor Penny Simmons. Finally, I would like to thank my students at UCL, past and present, who have always been a tremendous pleasure to teach, and students from elsewhere who have written to me with corrections and comments.

Preface to the Fourth Edition

I'm delighted that this book now appears in a fourth edition and continues to appeal to teachers and students of English syntax.

In this edition I have added a chapter on tense, aspect and mood, since these topics were not covered in detail in the earlier editions of the book. Other parts of the book have been updated, reorganised, and partially rewritten in places. I have also added new exercises.

I'm grateful to colleagues and students who have sent me corrections, to my editors Kitty van Boxel, Anna Reeve and Aléa Bezuidenhout at Palgrave Macmillan for their help and advice, and to Maggie Tallerman for her expert input. I'm also grateful to the *Camden New Journal* and the LINGIST List for permission to use extracts from their publication.

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Part I

Function and Form