

# Ling 106: Section Handout

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Let's play compositional semantics mad libs. Before looking at the sentences on the next pages, ask your partner to give you a word that matches each category in the following list. Then use these words to fill in the blanks in the sentences on the following pages. Then for each sentence, give (i) a syntactic tree (including surface structure and LF, where necessary), (ii) the semantic type of every node, and (iii) the meaning of every terminal and branching node.

1. Animate common noun:
2. Common noun:
3. Transitive verb:
4. Adjective:
5. Proper noun (person):
6. Course at Harvard:
7. Adjective:
8. Animate common noun:
9. Harvard house:
10. Proper noun (person):
11. Common noun:
12. Ivy league school:
13. Common noun:
14. Adjective:
15. Harvard course:

1. The (1)\_\_\_\_\_ attacked a (2)\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The cat which (3)\_\_\_\_\_ Zuzanna is (4)\_\_\_\_\_.

3. (5)\_\_\_\_\_ hates every student who failed (6)\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The (7)----- lazy (8)----- lives in (9)-----.

5. (10)----- is the mother of some (11)-----.

6. Every student at (12)\_\_\_\_\_ likes some (13)\_\_\_\_\_.

7. The (14)\_\_\_\_\_ TF who teaches (15)\_\_\_\_\_ threw the chalk.