

# Final

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# Directions

Your final consists of three parts, a writing assignment, a phonology problem, and a pair of text analysis questions, based on examples from the BNC.

- 1 Subject topic writing assignment
- 2 Turkish phonology problem
- 3 Some questions about some BNC texts (this file)

# Weight

Discuss how the concept of weight enters in determining constituent order, using the following BNC example sentences. Focus on spotting cases in which syntactic weight motivates a departure from canonical order.

- 1 Document CDC, sentence 47
- 2 Document CDC, sentence 153
- 3 Document CDC sentence 29 (which is actually 3 sentences connected by semicons; you only need consider the second of these sentences)

# Preposing I

Discuss any preposings in Document CDC, sentences 27-31. Answer the following questions, which are inspired by Prince's 1981b (Birner & Ward pp. 42-43) early and somewhat simpler account of preposing (simpler than Birner and Ward, at least). Don't assume that what is preposed is an NP, even though Prince's analysis is restricted to NPs.

- 1 Find the open proposition in any preposing you posit.

## Preposing II

- 2 Determine whether the referent of the preposed constituent has “been mentioned in discourse or exists in a salient set relation with another discourse entity, the latter being itself evoked or inferable from the discourse.” If it is not an NP, you can work as follows: If it is a PP, use the referent of the NP inside the PP as the referent. If it is anything else, don’t answer this question. What is the referent? What is the discourse entity it is related to? If the discourse entity is inferred from the discourse, explain what part of the discourse licenses the inference and explain what the inference is.