

On Eliminating the A - over - A Constraint: Evidence and Problems

1. "If a transformation applies to a structure of the form $[\alpha \dots [A \dots] \dots]$ where α is a cyclic node, then it must be interpreted so as to apply to the maximal node of the type A." Chomsky(1973, p.235)
2. *John was seen a picture of t
3. *John's mother washed himself
4. *Whose did you read t book
5. This book, you will like (it)
6. I am sure that that this book, you will like (?* it)
7. ?That this book, you will like (* it) is obvious
8. He's a man to whom liberty, we could never grant (*it) M. Baltin
9. Who thinks that John, I like
10. *Who thinks that who, I like John thinks that many people, I like
11. Who thinks that I like who
12. Who thinks that to John, I should speak
13. *Who thinks that to whom, I should speak
14. Who thinks that I should speak to who(m)
15. To whom should I speak I wonder to whom I should speak
16. Who thinks that books about linguists, we should read
17. ?Who thinks that books about what, we should read
18. *I wonder books about what we should read
19. Who should I speak [_{+WH} to t]
20. Who wonders[which pictures of which athletes[Mary bought t]]
I wonder which pictures of Gary Carter Mary bought, Bill wonders which pictures of Bobby Orr Mary bought, etc.
21. ?Which athletes₁ [do you wonder [[which pictures of t₁]₂ [Mary bought t₂]]
22. ?Chomsky₁, I think [that [books about t₁]₂ you should read t₂
23. *Who₁ do you think [that [to t₁]₂ [John spoke t₂] P. Postal
24. *Harry₁, I think [that [to t₁]₂ [John spoke t₂]
25. Himself, John likes *Him₁ John₁ likes *John₁ he₁ likes