

Grammar of extraction and ellipsis: An empirical view

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Syntactic phenomena such as extraction and ellipsis have driven many theoretical studies (Ross 1967, Merchant 2001...) but much fewer corpus based ones, despite for example Bos and Spenader 2011, Miller 2015. Few corpora are annotated with such phenomena and manual searches are often needed.

We report two series of empirical studies on extraction islands and peripheral ellipsis :

- an account of *dont* relative clauses in French, which exhibit more subject extraction than object in a recent corpus study (Abeillé et al 2016)
- a study of peripheral ellipsis (RNR) which shows a lack of syntactic and phonological identity between missing and shared material (Abeillé et al 2015, Shiraishi & Abeillé 2016)

Since these data are sometimes difficult to judge, we complemented these corpus studies with experiments which showed no degradation in acceptability judgments or reading times compared with examples without island violation or mismatches.

We discuss how such data can be integrated in current grammars and syntactic theories.

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