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**Grammar & Syntax**

1. What is the difference between grammatical gender and natural gender?

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2. Classify each word in the following sentences according to the word class (Art, N, Pronoun, V, Adj, Adv, Prep, Conj):

- a. Some people like cats                    .....    .....    .....    .....
- b. Europeans peopled America            .....    .....    .....
- c. Careful owners wash their cars        .....    .....    .....    ..... . .....
- d. When you go to the university, give me a ring  
.....    .....    .....    .....    .....    .....    .....    .....    .....
- e. No-one saw her yesterday            .....    .....    .....    .....

3. How many noun phrases are there in the following sentence? (Underline them)

*George saw a small dog in the park near the fountain and it followed him when he left the park.*

4. Draw a tree for the following sentences.

- a. *Maria bought an interesting book.*
- b. *I asked you yesterday.*
- c. *A handsome guy ate the cookies with frosting.*

5. Explain how the following expressions are structurally ambiguous.

Example: These are designed for small boys and girls.

*This sentence can mean “for small boys and (all) girls” OR “for small boys and small girls.”*

- a. We met an English history teacher.
- b. The parents of the bride and groom were waiting outside.

6. Give the two readings (or interpretations) of the following ambiguous sentence, and draw a tree for each interpretation.

*Hannah has broken windows at the office.*