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LING 200 Handout—Syntactic Categories
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I. Provide an example of each lexical or phrasal category below:

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| 1) Noun (N): _____ | 7) Noun Phrase (NP): _____ |
| 2) Verb (V): _____ | 8) Verb Phrase (VP): _____ |
| 3) Adjective (A): _____ | 9) Adjective Phrase (AP): _____ |
| 4) Preposition (P): _____ | 10) Prepositional Phrase (PP): _____ |
| 5) Determiner (Det): _____ | 11) Sentence (S): _____ |
| 6) Adverb (Adv): _____ | 12) Auxiliary (Aux): _____ |

II. Identify the syntactic category (lexical or phrasal) of the following words (there may be more than one word—and hence category—per orthographic representation):

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| 12) that: _____ | 20) has: _____ | 28) chair: _____ |
| 13) house: _____ | 21) printing: _____ | 29) well: _____ |
| 14) computer: _____ | 22) found: _____ | 30) can: _____ |
| 15) compute: _____ | 23) often: _____ | 31) like: _____ |
| 16) haltingly: _____ | 24) his: _____ | 32) will: _____ |
| 17) slide: _____ | 25) plant: _____ | 33) boat: _____ |
| 18) sled: _____ | 26) swift: _____ | 34) back: _____ |
| 19) only: _____ | 27) scan: _____ | 35) light: _____ |

III. Identify the syntactic category of each word in the following sentences:

- 33) The drive back home from grandmother's house is quite long.
- 34) Linguists study many interesting things.
- 35) Syntax is a particularly amusing branch of linguistics.
- 36) I forgot his name for many years.
- 37) He used to write to his professor with my pencil every day.
- 38) Few problems in linguistics are uncontroversially solved.
- 39) Few problems in linguistics are solved uncontroversially.
- 40) You found out the answer to which problem how?
- 41) I'm going to grade your midterms on Independence Day.
- 42) Galen'll guest-lecture on Monday.

IV. Group the words in the sentences above into phrases.