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LING 200 Handout—Syntactic Categories and Phrase Structure  
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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): _____     |                                      |

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: _____      | 19) printing: _____ | 26) chair: _____ |
| 13) house: _____     | 20) found: _____    | 27) well: _____  |
| 14) computer: _____  | 21) often: _____    | 28) can: _____   |
| 15) compute: _____   | 22) his: _____      | 29) like: _____  |
| 16) haltingly: _____ | 23) plant: _____    | 30) boat: _____  |
| 17) slide: _____     | 24) swift: _____    | 31) back: _____  |
| 18) sled: _____      | 25) scan: _____     | 32) 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 writes 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?

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