

Instructions for Making a Gold Standard Tree File

Once you make your own dependency syntax trees, you can compare them to trees I have made and find out where we differ. Remember that, just because something is marked wrong does not necessarily mean that it is wrong. The key could contain mistakes and, more importantly, there are often multiple correct answers, since language is a complex function that is often ambiguous, especially when it occurs out of context. Think about the “mistakes” and decide whether they are truly wrong or whether they are reasonable renderings based on your knowledge of grammar and syntax. For example, whether a given word is labelled AuxY or AuxZ may make very little difference, or, likewise, where you hang the “not” in a given clause.

- Download the GS (Gold Standard) file from the link onto your hard drive.
 - “Feedback” is self-graded practice. The files are in the chapter module, along with translations and embedded commentary.
 - Anything labelled “graded” or “test” is an assignment. The file is linked under the assignment instructions for that week
- Upload the GS file into Perseids, using NEW TREEBANK ANNOTATION > “Choose file” [at the bottom of the page]
- Make your trees. SAVE often!
- Go to the Sentence List page for that file. Use CHANGE TITLE to rename it to something that make sense, so you can find it again
- The key is linked in for you. After you have made your trees, go to the Sentence List page for that file. OVERVIEW > COMPARE [very bottom of page]. Once in your individual sentences, click on the REVIEW tab [far right] > COMPARE. Mistakes will appear in red.