

Sentences for syntactic analysis

Δαρείου δὲ οὐκ ἀποδεικνυμένου κω γνώμην, ἐτύγχανε κατὰ τώυτὸ τούτοισι καὶ Δημάρετος ὁ Ἀρίστωνος ἀναβεβηκῶς ἐς Σοῦσα, ἐστερημένος τε τῆς ἐν Σπάρτῃ βασιληΐας καὶ φυγὴν ἐπιβαλῶν ἐωυτῶ ἐκ Λακεδαίμονος.

While Darius delayed making his decision, it chanced that at this time Demaratus son of Ariston had come up to Susa, in voluntary exile from Lacedaemonia after he had lost the kingship of Sparta.

οὗτος ὠνήρ πυθόμενος τῶν Δαρείου παίδων τὴν διαφορὴν, ἐλθὼν, ὡς ἡ φάτις μιν ἔχει, Ξέρξῃ συνεβούλευε λέγειν πρὸς τοῖσι ἔλεγε ἔπεσι, ὡς αὐτὸς μὲν γένοιτο Δαρείῳ ἤδη βασιλεύοντι καὶ ἔχοντι τὸ Περσέων κράτος, Ἀρτοβαζάνης δὲ ἔτι ἰδιώτῃ ἐόντι Δαρείῳ·

Learning of the contention between the sons of Darius, this man, as the story goes, came and advised Xerxes to add this to what he said: that he had been born when Darius was already king and ruler of Persia, but Artobazanes when Darius was yet a subject.

[Herodotus 7.3.1-3]

NB don't expect to give a full tree for either one of these sentences. Instead, start by describing smaller units within them. You may need to simplify them in order that you can describe them in the same terms Matthews uses. There are some things not covered by Matthews, eg participles and particles. So leave them out to start off with and then think about how best you could describe them using Matthews as a guide.

English sentences can be complicated too. Take a look at this, the first sentence from David Lodge's *Deaf Sentence*:

The tall, bespectacled, grey-haired man standing at the edge of the throng in the main room of the gallery, stooping very close to the young woman in the red silk blouse, his head lowered and angled away from her face, nodding sagely and emitting a phatic murmur from time to time, is not as you might think an off-duty priest whom she has persuaded to hear her confession in the midst of the party, or a psychiatrist conned into giving her a free consultation; nor has he adopted this posture the better to look down the front of her blouse, though this is an accidental bonus of his situation, the only one in fact.