

Tagalog Syntax

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Introduction

- Austronesian Family
- Malayo-Polynesian Branch
- Tagalog is spoken by a 1/3 of the Philippines and is spoken as a second language by the rest of the Philippines.
- Tagalog has become more known as Filipino which is one of two national languages in the Philippines.

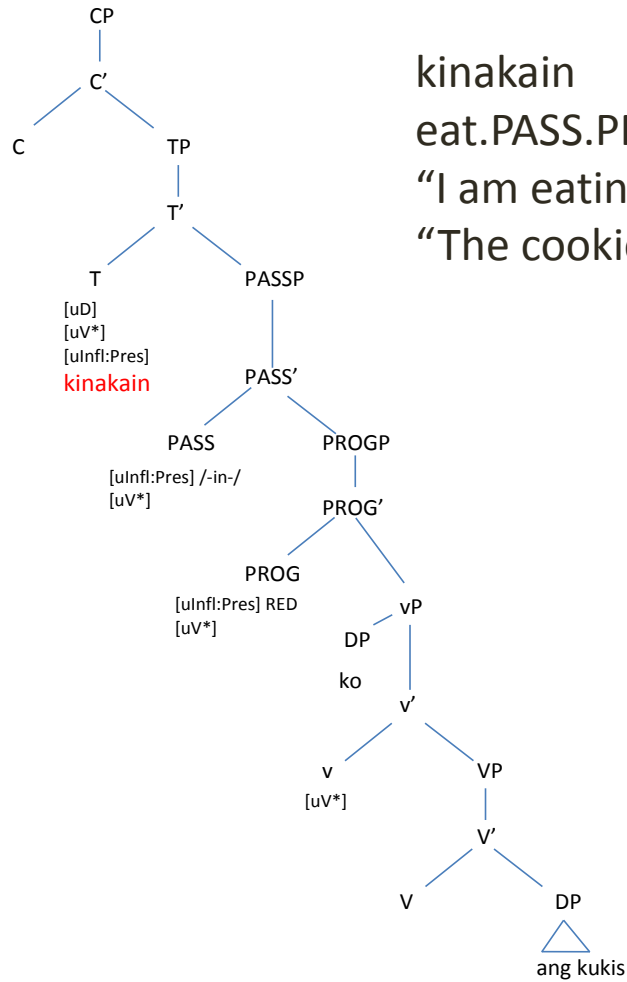
General

- Parts of speech
- Basic Word Order
- Case marked on determiner
- No person, number, or gender agreement on verbs
- No grammatical gender (even in pronouns)

Verbal Hierarchy of Projections

- C>T>PASS>(PROG)>*v*>V
- No Perf node
- Different order than English

Example



kinakain ko ang kukis
 eat.PASS.PRES I DET cookie
 “I am eating the cookie”
 “The cookie is being eaten by me”

The Verb

kinakain

Verb Stem

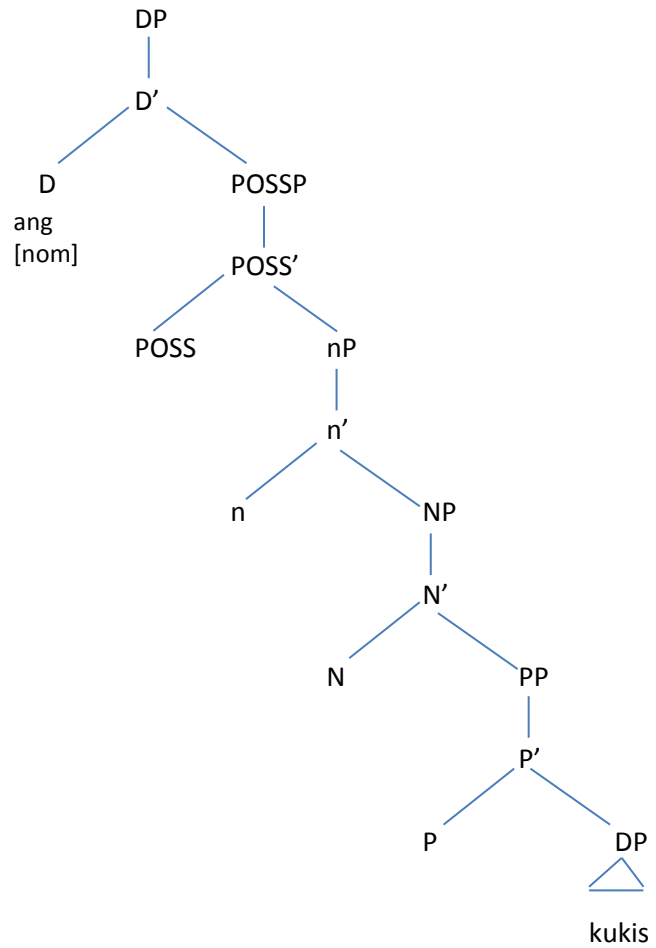
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PASS

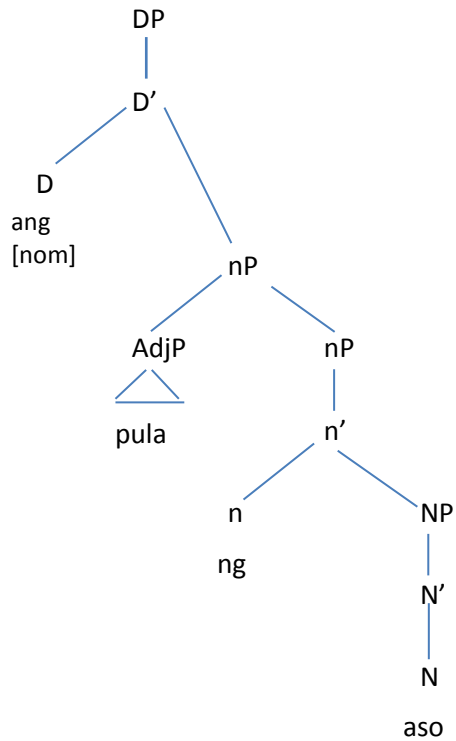
Nominal Hierarchy of Projections

- $D > (\text{POSS}) > n > N$
- Like English
- POSS node only shows up in pronoun possession

Example



DP (cont.)



ang pulang aso
DET red.LINK dog
“The red dog”

Topicalization

- Nagbasketbol si Juan.
 - Si Juan ay nagbasketbol.
- Hinahanap niya ang bola.
 - Ang bola ay hinahanap niya.
- Kumain ako ng pagkain.
 - Ako ay kumain ng pagkain.