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Homework 2, due 12 September 2019 (at the beginning of class)
Add you name in English transcription/pinyin

Please ask if anything is unclear and do as well as you can but don't stress over it! This homework covers chapters 3 and 4.

Chapter 3

1. Please draw a tree, with a TP, for:

They are eating berries in the garden.

2. Draw a tree, with a CP, for:

When did he see her?

Chapter 4

3. An unergative verb is intransitive with an Agent theta-role. Unergatives can be in the imperative mood and have *-er*. For instance, *Swim!* And *swimmer*.

Take three unergatives from Table 4.3 and see if they can have imperatives and agentive *-er*. You can make up examples or find them on the internet or using a corpus, e.g.

<https://www.english-corpora.org/coca/>

(For this question, it is important to experiment a little. Just try to find examples).

4. Explain in your own words what the difference between durative verbs and telic verbs is. Give examples of both.