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Homework 3, due 17 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 4 and 5.

Chapter 4

1. Please draw a tree, with a TP and the VPISH, for:

The elephants are painting flowers today.

(If you want an extra challenge, draw one for: Will the elephants all paint pictures)

2. Explain the difference, in your own words, between unergative and unaccusative intransitive verbs.

Chapter 5

3. Explain what the difference between tense and aspect is.

4. Draw a tree, similar to (17) on p. 106, for:

Those students may have been debating the weather.

5. Now add adverbs, similar to (26) on p. 110, in a tree for:

They probably always have been wonderful.

One can also say the following. What would be different in this tree?

They have probably always been wonderful.

Good luck and ask if anything is unclear!