

Group work on ellipsis

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Instructions As a group, select one of the forms of ellipsis exemplified in section 4 of the handout ‘Introduction to VP ellipsis’ and try to answer the following questions about it (with supporting data). Make sure the data and some of the explanation make it onto this sheet. Turn in one copy of this sheet at the end of class, with all your names at the top. (This not for grading; I just want to process the data and discuss it next time.)

Name of the ellipsis construction you picked

Questions

- i. Does this form of ellipsis permit free intersentential anaphora?
- ii. Is this form of ellipsis surface anaphoric, or can its antecedent be nonlinguistic?