**Examples of Noun Phrase Elements**

We need to preface this handout with the caution that ***there are some generally accepted noun phrases that do not fit this model***. In addition, children often don’t adhere to the same language model of language as adults anyway. Those with a language impairment may stray even further. They’ll be creative!

The SUGAR subanalysis is not a normative test, but rather a descriptive framework for documenting the frequency of language structures. One more or less in the overall picture will not change much. So relax and be forgiving towards yourself if you make a mistake.

Initiator: Almost, just, at least, just, less than, merely, nearly, only, partially, part of

Determiner

Quantifier A bit of, a couple, a couple of, a number of, all, all of, any, both, each, each of, either, enough, every, few, a few, a few of, fewer, half, half of, kind of, little, a little, less, lots of, a lot of, many, more of, most of, no, one of, one-tenth of, plenty of, several, some, the rest of, triple, twice, two of

Real example: She’s one of this girl’s friends.

Article the, a, an

Possessive Pronoun: My, your, his, her, its, our, your, their

Demonstrative: *This, that, these, those*

*Real example …one of those trapeze people…*

Numerical term: One, two, thirty, one thousand

Adjective

Possessive Noun: Mommy’s, children’s

Ordinal: First, next, next to last, last, final, second

Adverb: Actually, mostly, really, very, basically, pretty (good)

Real example: It’s a really busy day.

Adjective: Another, blue, big, circular, challenging, more, most, fast, little, old, other

Descriptor: Shopping (center), baseball (game), hot dog (stand)

Real example: …one of these little baking kits.

*A traffic cone that I held on to.*

Noun or Pronoun

Modifier

Prepositional Phrase: On my bike, in box, in the plane, like his mom’s

Real example: Well, she’s this really awesome girl on youtube.

Its’ the same exact thing as his real computer.

Adjectival: Next door, named Robbie, eaten by Martians, loved by her dog, called Harry

Real example: Most of the assassins fighting against Desthstoke’s assassins…

…four years long.

…people coming to me.

Adverb: Here, outside, there, ago, now

Embedded clause: (The boy) Who went with you, (I saw the one) that you saw

Real Example: *A pen pal is someone that’s at another school*.

*He’s just a random kid who knows karate*.

*This big golf ball we can go in*.

Real children’s noun phrases with multiple elements

*…the foot of every girl in the kingdom* 3 noun phrases

Noun element: *foot, girl, kingdom*

Quantifier: *every*

Article: *the, the*

Prepositional phrase: *of every girl, in the kingdom*

*…the person who put the spell on her* 4 noun phrases

*in the first place* Noun/pronoun elements: *person, spell, her, place*

Article: *the, the, the*

Ordinal: *first*

Prepositional phrase: *on her, in the first place*

Embedded clause: *who put the spell on her*

*…a bunch of family members in Ireland* 2 noun phrases

*right now* Noun element: *members, Ireland*

Quantifier: *a bunch of*

Descriptor: *family*

Prepositional phrase: *in Ireland*

Adverbial: *right now*

*This guy called XXX that does updates…* 3 noun phrases

Noun element: *guy, XXX, updates*

Demonstrative: *this*

Adjectival: *named XXX*

Embedded clause: *that does updates*

*Two dressers filled with them* 2 noun phrases

Noun element: *dressers, them*

Numerical term: *two*

Adverbial: *filled with them*

*…all the way to the end* 2 noun phrases

Noun element: *way, end*

Quantifier: *all*

Article: *the, the*

Prepositional phrase: *to the end*

*The first thing we did…* 2 noun phrases

Noun element: *thing, we*

Article: *the*

Ordinal: *first*

Embedded clause: *we did*