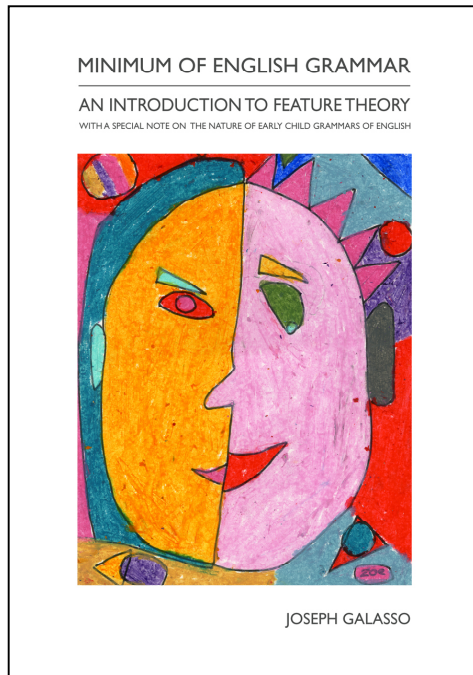


Minimum of English Grammar

An Introduction to Feature Theory

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This handbook essentially delivers two books in one. On one hand, linguistic informed phenomena are presented to the reader in general terms—topics related to Child Language Acquisition, Language Impairment, as well as the Brain-Language Corollary. On the other hand, the handbook presents as its fundamental core the kind of theoretical syntax that has come to be regarded amongst Chomskyan linguists.

What “Feature Theory” Grammar allows us to do is essentially break down the components of traditional “parts-of-speech” words to a finer-grained analysis. This lets us tinker with certain sub-particles of the word in order to see how one isolated feature might project and contribute to a phrase over another. It is not too far of the mark then to suggest that “Feature Theory” is in fact a linguistics response to a “Periodic Table” of language.

“I like the approach of this text. It is cutting edge, practical, and integrated. There is also implied interdisciplinarity here with psychology and biology, which students will find exciting. ... I think students, especially those preparing to teach, would find this approach interesting and helpful. ... My main impression when I first glimpsed the text was that it looks highly technical. When you start reading, however, it’s engaging.”

—Gwen Ladd Hackler, Southern Nazarene University

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