

Lecture 3: Government and Concord

1 Definitions

- In some languages marked by word order
- Other methods: government and concord.
- Even in English
 - it tastes nice
- Concord or agreement: relation between words that share a morphosyntactic feature
 - la ragazza, le ragazze
 - Typically between head and modifier
- Government: specific lexical class governs morphosyntactic feature
 - verb governs case of object
 - habet muros ‘holds the walls’
 - Typically between heads and complements

2 Practice sentences

1. ὁ οὖν κυβερνήτης πρὸς τὴν Σαλαμῖνα ταχέως βλέπει

2. φόβος δὲ μέγας λαμβάνει τὸν ῥαψωδόν

- But not that simple
 - la ragazza e sua madre sono partite
 - Bill and Mary were there
- Direction of concord does not always match dependency
 - le ragazze sono partite

3 Problem: prepositions

- veni ad urbem - I came to the city
 - proficisci ab urbe - to set out from the city
 - Roma proficisci – to set out from Rome
 - domum veni – I came home
 - in urbem veni - I came into the city
 - in urbem remansi - I remained in the city
 - sub terram ire - to go beneath the earth
 - sub terra habitare - to live beneath the earth
- Caused by history