

## Questionnaire on the Progressive Aspect

### Tentative definition

- S01- /Somebody on the phone wants to know about Ann; the answer is: - Ann is near me... / ... She WORK [right now]
- S02- A: What does Ann do every Saturday morning?  
B: She CLEAN THE HOUSE / READ
- S03- [Last night at 8 o' clock,] when John came, Ann still WORK
- S04- Last year we [usually] CLEAN THE HOUSE on Saturdays [now we do it on Thursdays]
- S05- Last summer, John VISIT us three times

### Transitive verbs and valency

- === /Somebody on the phone wants to know about John; the answer is: - John is near me... /
- S06- ... He CLEAN a gun
- S07- ... He READ a newspaper
- S08- ... He BUILD a shelter [for the sheep]
- S09- ... He SING a song
- S10- ... He GIVE a present to his sister
- S11- ... He TELL a story to his sister

### Object incorporation

- === /Somebody on the phone wants to know about Ann; the answer is: - Ann is near me... /
- S12- ... She PEEL potatoes
- S13- ... She PEEL the potatoes
- S13- ... She PEEL 3 kilos of potatoes
- S14- ... She PEEL all the potatoes
- S16- ... She CHASE chickens [out of the house]
- S17- ... She CHASE two chickens [out of the house]
- S18- ... She WRITE her thesis [I think she will never finish]

### Causative verbs

=== /Somebody on the phone wants to know about Ted; the answer is:/

S19- She HAVE his hair CUT [right now]

S20- He MAKE the child EAT the porridge [right now]

### Motion verbs

=== /Somebody on the phone wants to know about Julie; the answer is/

S21- She GO OUT [right now; do you want me to hold her back?]

S22- Well, [right now] she FLY to New York / Moscow [you can call her tomorrow at her hotel]

### Phasal verbs

=== /Somebody on the phone wants to know about Fred; the answer is: -Fred is near me, ... /

S23- ... he BEGIN to peel the potatoes [right now]

S24- ... he FINISH repairing the lamp [right now]

S25- ... he BEGIN a language drill [right now]

S26- ... he FINISH a language drill [right now]

S27- ... he CONTINUE his story-telling [right now]

### Postural verbs

S28- /Somebody on the phone wants to know about Mary; the answer is/  
[Right now] She SIT in the kitchen/yard

S29 A: I need my blue shirt right now; where is it?

B: It HANG on the nail

### Non-durative verbs

S30- I took the photo exactly while John THROW the stone against the window

S31- [Right now] The climber REACH the top of the mountain

S32- The pardon arrived just while the captain GIVE the sign to the firing squad

### Non-intentional verbs

- S33- [Look, there he goes again!] George inadvertently **INSULT** his neighbour with his silly questions. [He really cannot understand the situation].
- S34- [Incredible! Listen to him now! With his words] Philip unconsciously **ADMITS** the guilt

#### Non-agentive, intransitive processes

- S35- [Look at John, on the sofa!] He **DREAM** of his girlfriend
- S36- [Look out of the window now!] The sun **SHINE**
- S37- The water **BOIL** [shall I make tea?]
- S38- [Look, what a shame!] The apples **ROT** on the tree

#### Stative verbs

- S39- [Now, unexpectedly,] Peter **KNOW** the answer
- S40- [Now, unexpectedly,] Tess **LIKE** the music
- S41- The mountain **SURROUND** the plain

#### Copular verbs

- S42- [What a wonderful present!] You **BE** very **KIND**, now!
- S43- /John has made a negative comment on Ann's hair-style; Ann says with a tone of surprise/ You **BE RUDE** this evening

#### Remoteness / invisibility

- === /on the phone/ A: Is Ann with you right now?
- S44- B: No, she **DANCE** [in the next room]
- S45- B: No, she **PLAY CARDS** [in the next room]
- === /on the phone/ A: Is Ann at home right now? -B: No, ...
- S46- ... she **SHOP**. She left one hour ago
- S47- ... she **PLAY CARDS** in the club [as usual]

#### Durative adverbials

- S48- [Yesterday, during my sleep] Ann **PLAY** for 2 hours all by herself
- S49- [During the whole time of the class/prayer] Ann **TALK** to her neighbour [in fact, she carried on even afterwards]

- S50- [During the whole time of the class/prayer] Ann TALK to her neighbour [but as soon as that was over, she suddenly became very silent]
- S51- [Moment by moment] The policeman TAKE NOTES of what the speaker said
- S52- He continually FORGET people's names

#### Graduality adverbs

- S53- The level of the water INCREASE slightly since yesterday
- S54- [When I arrived] the situation already IMPROVE little by little
- S55- [When I arrived] the snow COVER gradually the land

#### Imminential meaning

- S56- [Hurry up!] The train LEAVE
- S57- The old man DIE [but finally they found the right medicine]

#### Temporariness

- S58- Ann STAND in the doorway, [right now]
- S59- The statue STAND in the garden [for the summer]
- S60- [Think! While we are here talking about our matters] the earth TURN around the sun
- S61- The boss TYPE his own letters, while the secretary is ill

#### Backgrounding

- S62- It was a bright summer day. The bees HUM, the birds SING, the cows GRAZE in the greenfield. Suddenly, the earth opened and the devil came out

#### Habitual (and quasi-habitual)

- S63- At that time, he GO to dance every Saturday.
- S64- If you insist on calling me Fred, you INTRUDE in my private life.
- S65- As soon as you start asking what is the use of education, you ABANDON the basic assumptions of any true culture

#### Futurate meaning

- S66- Ann LEAVE tomorrow

S67- Ann LEAVE in a minute

S68- John GET MARRIED tomorrow. Who BE his witness at the wedding?

S69- Who BE captain of the team tomorrow?

#### Sequence and coordination of events

S70- Yesterday, while Ann READ in her room, Martin PLAY in the courtyard

==== /What did Martin do yesterday evening?/

S71- He STUDY, he READ the paper, he EAT, and then he GO to bed

S72- He STUDY from 2 to 6, he READ the paper from 6 to 7, he EAT from 7 to 8,  
and then he GO to bed

#### Imperative

S73- [For goodness sake,] WORK when the boss comes back!

S74- /Mother to daughter, whom she wants to punish/ You NOT GO to that party!

#### Passive

S75- [Come in, please!] The meal BE SERVED [right now]

#### Negation

S76- The boss was angry, because John not WORK when he came in

S77- [Let's go out,] it not RAIN now

S78- [This is disgusting,] it is 8.30 and the train not yet LEAVE

#### Modal verbs

S79- Tom must FEED the animals [I guess]

S80- Ann should TEACH now [I guess]

#### Temporal location of the event

S81- [I am so tired:] I BAKE all day since I got up this morning

S82- When John came home yesterday, he was very tired because he WORK hard all  
week

S83- If you come at 8 o' clock, I still COOK [Come a little later, please]