Shape Coding

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SHAPE CODING™ colours

Noun / Pronouns (boy, table, I)
Det / Possessive pronouns (the, a, my)
Verb (push, melt)
Adjective (hard, sad)
Preposition (in, through)
Adverb (quickly, carefully)
Coordinating conjunction (and, but, or)
Subordinating conjunction (because, if)
SHAPE CODING™ shapes

• Phrases grouped with shapes and linked with colour and a question

• ‘Subjects’ and ‘objects’ have different shapes

  - Who?
  - What?

  - Who?
  - What?

  _NP: Subject_

  _NP: Object_

• Extra shapes

  - How?
  - When?
  - Why?
  - What doing?
  - What like?
  - How feel?
  - Where?
  - Prepositional Phrase
  - Verb Phrase
  - Adjective Phrase

  _Aux or Modal_
SHAPE CODING™ sentences

Ben was putting an apple in a bowl

The apple is tasty

The sad boy is putting his tasty apple in her bowl
Subject verb agreement

• Double red line used for plural nouns and pronouns
• Double blue lines used for plural verb

The man and the lady are happy
The man is happy
The men are happy
He is happy
They are happy
Verb tenses

• Vertical arrow = finite verb (in the middle=present, left=past tense)

  he < eats   he < ate

• zig-zag at right end = progressive participle

  he < is < eating   he < was < eating

• horizontal arrow pointing left = past participle

  he < has < eaten   he < had < eaten
Main morphological patterns

be

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More information

Website
• CD of resources
• Information re courses
• References
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Discussion group
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