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01:615:305 SYNTAX  
Assignment 1  
Due 02/05 in class

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Instructions:

- No email submission.
- Read the questions carefully. Make sure to make your answers legible. They can be handwritten or typed. The more you motivate your answer, the more likely you are to receive credit. Make sure any corrections are clear and easy to read.
- You may discuss the assignment and collaborate with fellow students in study groups, **but your work has to be written up individually.**
- If applicable, you need to provide the list of collaborators in your study group:

Submission of this homework constitutes signing the following Pledge:

On my honor, I have neither received nor given any unauthorized assistance on this assignment.

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Question 1. Graph the following expressions:

1. Her very fluffy dog
2. travels frequently alone  
Graph two meanings:
  - A. travels alone, and travels frequently
  - B. when travelling, which might be occasional, it is frequently alone.

Question 2. Indicate the category of each word below.

Her student has been reading often the most interesting books about syntax. She wanted to congratulate her that she was so very diligent.

Question 3 (This is an analysis question – you may not arrive at a definite conclusion, but you need to raise the right questions)

Consider the expression

1. My desktop calendar

Identify the word categories. Examine the category of *desktop* as far as syntactic, morphological and semantic distribution (warning there is no clear answer!).

Hint: In English often you cannot align three nouns:

\*My desk chair