

Determiners 2

Gramatika 1 – 06

QUANTIFIERS

- Indicate how much/many (un/countable nouns – expressions of quantity) there are:

a few, a little, many, much, a lot of, some, any, enough, ...

all examples

both parents

many people

each person

every night

several computers

few excuses

enough water

no escape

DISTRIBUTIVES

- Show different ways of looking at individuals within a group (how something is distributed / shared / divided)
- refer to a group or every individual in the group:

each, every ... to talk about the individual members of a group

all ... collectively talks about the whole group

half ... talks about the divided group

either, neither ... talk about a group of two

*He got **each** man out safely.*

***All** milk was spoiled.*

NUMERALS (as determiners)

- Numerals are determiners when they appear before a noun
- cardinal numbers (cardinals): refer to an exact number
two, three, twenty, forty books
- ordinal numbers (ordinals): refer to an order in a sequence
first, second, 1st 2nd, 3rd, ...
first impressions
second chance
third prize
- subclass of ordinals - words not directly related to numbers >> general ordinals:
last, latter, next, previous, subsequent, ...
next week
last orders
previous engagement
subsequent developments

WH-/DIFFERENCE/DEFINING DETERMINERS

Wh-: primarily to make **questions** (WH question words)

*What **size** are you?*

Difference: **other** (sg. or pl.), **another** (sg.) ... refer to **something different**, or remaining:

*What **other** colours can I get this in?*

*Is there **another** colour that this is available in?*

Defining: **which**, **whose** ... indicate which thing or person is being referred to:

*This is the house **which** I used to live in as a child.*

*This is the man **whose** window you broke.*

ORDERING OF DETERMINERS

- **functional elements** of structure rather than a formal word class
- normally **precede adjectives** in NPs

when you use **multiple determiners** in a row:

- **all** and **both** in front of other determiners:
 - *We ate [**all** the food]. [**Both** my sons] are at college.*
- **what** and **such** in front of a and **an** in exclamations:
 - *[**What** an awful day]! I've never seen [**such** a crowd]!*
- **quantifiers** after other determiners.
 - *[His **many** successes] made him famous. They have [no **more** food].*
 - *[**What** little money] I have is yours.*

CLASSES OF DETERMINERS

Predeterminer	Central Determiner	Postdeterminer	Noun
<i>all</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>many</i>	friends

- Depending on their relative position before a noun, we distinguish three classes of determiners.

Predeterminers: specify quantity in the noun which follows them

- Multiplying expressions, including expressions ending in times:

twice my salary

- Fractions: *half my salary, one-third my salary*

- All / both: *all my salary, both my parents*

Central Determiners: articles, possessives, demonstratives:

all the book, half a tank, all my life, twice that size

Postdeterminers: cardinals, (general) ordinals, quantifiers:

*the two children, my next project, our several friends,
my next two projects, several other people*

First, identify NPs and then find all determiners:

1. [I]'ll just have [half a cup]
2. [She] calls [her two children] [twice a week]
3. [Your photograph] is in [all the papers]
4. [Both these books] were published [last year]
5. [Other people] get [double the amount] we get
6. [I] really need [a new computer]