

# Configurationality in Hungarian

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In analyzing Hungarian sentence structure in the Government and Binding version of generative theory, the author claims that the Hungarian sentence contains a flat, non-configurational propositional component, preceded by configurationally determined left peripheral operator positions. It is demonstrated that in the Hungarian sentence each operator precedes and c-commands its scope at S-structure – that is, while in the Indo-European languages phrase structure configurations express grammatical relations such as subject, object, in Hungarian phrase structure configurations encode the logical structure of the sentence. In arguing for this claim, various descriptive issues of Hungarian syntax are analyzed, among them the word order of the Hungarian sentence, long *wh*-movement or the traditional problem of ‘sentence-intertwining’, questions of anaphoric and pronominal coreference, and the major infinitival constructions of the language.

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