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CLASS 22: RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT

“LONG” MOVEMENT

How far can an element move?

- (1) a. [_{CP} What does your cat eat ~~what~~] ?
b. [_{CP} What do you think [_{CP} (that) your cat eats ~~what~~]] ?
c. [_{CP} What did John say [_{CP} (that) you think [_{CP} (that) your cat eats ~~what~~]]] ?
- (2) a. ... **who** Tony Blair thinks ___ will work in the universities of the future.
b. **Who** do you think ___ is the more moderate politician ?
c. **What** do you think ___ was the great appeal of the Tramp ?
d. **What** did they think they were making ___ with those girls in there ?
e. **What** do you think your cat or dog eats ___ ?
f. **Where** does he think the party is going ___ ?
g. **Who** does he think he is ___ ?
h. **From what source or sources** did you think the name would leak ___ ?
i. **When** is it predicted that the world's oil will run out ___ ?

Notice a difference if we add a *second wh-phrase*:

- (3) a. **What** did they think they were making ___ with those girls in there ?
b. **What** did they think they were making ___ with those girls **where** ?
c. ***What_i** did they think **where_k** they were making ____i with those girls ____k ?

LOCALITY

Hypothesis: *wh*-movement applies *successive-cyclically*, through all SpecCP-positions.

- (4) [_{CP} **What** did John say [_{CP} ~~what~~ C you think [_{CP} ~~what~~ C your cat eats ~~what~~]]]

In addition, we can observe a *subject/object asymmetry*.

- (5) a. **Who** do you think ___ (**that*) is the more moderate politician ?
b. * **Which book_k** did you wonder **on which day_i** they will publish ____i ____k ?
c. ** **Which book_k** did you wonder **on which day_i** will ____i appear ____k ?