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CLASS 5: MORE PREDICATORS

OVERVIEW

Upshot of today's class:

- learn more about predicators (such as verbs)
- (but also) learn about non-verbal predicators

ADJECTIVES AND NOUNS

- (1) Miss Emma is *white*. [predicative adjective]
(2) Miss Emma is a *cat*. [predicate nominal]

- side issue: what to do with *a*?

TRANSITIVE VERBS

- (3) a. Miss Emma ate *Pounce*.
b. Miss Emma saw cockroaches.
c. Shelby saw Hannibal.

RELATIVE CLAUSES

- (4) a. *Pounce*, [which Miss Emma ate], are nice.
b. the cockroaches [that Miss Emma saw]
c. Hannibal is [who Shelby saw].

- (5) [which_i / Ø_i / who_i (that) ... e_i]

TOPICALIZATION

- (6) a. *Pounce*, Miss Emma ate (not cockroaches).
b. Cockroaches, Miss Emma saw (before she left the room).
c. Shelby, Mary saw (but Hannibal, she didn't).

- (7) a. [XP_i ... e_i]
b. [XP (is which_i / Ø_i / who_i) ... e_i]