

Non-Wh Phrases in Sluicing in Turkish

In this study, I look at elliptical structures that consist of one non-wh-phrase and one wh-phrase in Turkish. I show that these structures are sluicing structures where the non-wh-phrase is a Contrastive Topic and the wh-phrase is a Contrastive Focus. So, these structures are a special type contrastive sluicing -where the pronounced wh-phrase is in a contrastive relation with its correlate-. I also show that these structures as well as scrambling structures in Turkish display anti-reconstruction effects. The key factor in the anti-reconstruction effects is an intervening [+stress focus] element. The anti-reconstruction effects arise due to LF-movement of the FocP in the Specifier of which the [+stress focus] element occurs. This phenomenon also shows the insufficiency of **copy theory of movement** in that reconstruction is not interpretation/activation of a lower copy. If a lower copy does not have any function in reconstruction, then there is no reason to assume the existence of lower copies in movement. The only model compatible with this study is then **remerge theory of movement** (Fox & Pesetsky 2003, 2004).

1. A: Ahmet-Ø Ali-yle konuş-tu-Ø.
 -NOM - COMM talk-PST-3S

‘Ahmet talked to Ali’

- B: Hasan-Ø kim-le ~~konuş-tu~~ ?
 -NOM who-COMM talk-PST-3S

‘Hasan with who?’ (Who has Hasan talked with?)