

X LINGUISTIC MARATHON

TASK 1: Participating in a sentence (10 pts)

INSTRUCTION: In studying syntax, linguists focus on the relation between the structure and the meaning of the sentence, among other things. In doing so, they look at which phrases correspond to the participants of the action described by the verb. The participants of the action are referred to by means of conventional terms known as *Thematic Roles*. Below, you have the list of thematic roles for this task.

Agent – a conscious participant purposely performing the action

Patient – the participant undergoing a change in the course of the action

Theme – the participant undergoing the action

Experiencer – participant who undergoes an experience in the course of the action

Path – the path along which the action is carried out

Location – the place at which the action occurs

Goal – the participant or the place to whom/which the action is directed

Your task is to create sentences in which the given thematic roles are realized. In your sentences, use the verbs from the list below. Use each verb only once.

smell, explode, deliver, kiss, destroy, walk, cut

Example: Agent – Theme – Instrument
John opened *the door* with *a screwdriver*.

1/ Agent – Theme – Goal

2/ Patient – Location

3/ Experiencer – Theme

4/ Agent – Patient

5/ Agent – Path

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KEY:

A wide variety of answers is possible.