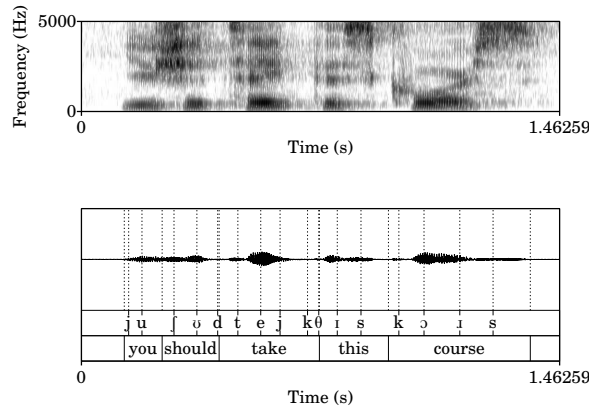
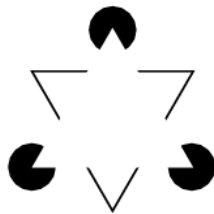
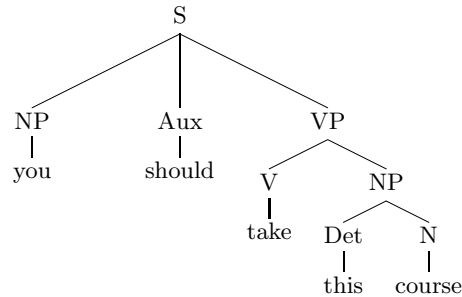


Language and Mind: The Chomskyan Program
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“Intellectual life is mostly a racket”
 —Noam Chomsky



Managalasi (Papua New Guinea)

a vaʔ-ena	‘you will go’
2SG-go-FUT:2SG	
na vaʔ-ejo	‘I will go’
1SG go-FUT:1SG	
nara a an-aʔ-ejo	‘I will hit you’
1SG 2SG hit-2SG-FUT:1SG	
ara na an-iʔ-ena	‘you will hit me’
2SG 1SG hit-1SG-FUT:2SG	

This course uses language as a tool to examine the nature of the human mind. We will approach the study of language from the perspective of generative grammar as developed by Noam Chomsky and his collaborators. We will be concerned for the most part with the patterns of linguistic structure, rather than content or meaning. Our ultimate goal is to develop an understanding of the field of cognitive science (the study of knowledge and the mind/brain) and determine how linguistics fits in with disciplines like the study of vision and reasoning.

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