

• Ellipsis

– VP-ellipsis

- (1) John eats bread and Mary does, too.
- (2) Cathy read the book by Chomsky but she heard from Peter than John told him that Mary didn't.
- (3) (a) Holly Golightly won't eat rutabagas.
(b) I don't think Fred will, either.
- (4) Anyone who can, should show me how to wiggle my ears.

– Antecedent-Contained Deletion

- (5) I visited every country I had to.

– Sluicing

- (6) I know you talked to someone, but I can't remember who.
- (7) I believe the claim that he bit someone, but they don't know who (CNPC)
- (8) That he'll hire someone is possible, but I won't divulge who (Sentential Subject Constraint)
- (9) Irv and someone were dancing together, but I don't know who (CSC)

– N'-deletion

- (10) Sal read Bertie's book, but he hasn't read Richie's, yet.
- (11) Sal read Bertie's book about marriage, but he hasn't read Richie's about phrase markers.

– Pseudo-Gapping

- (12) Sal eats Beans and Holly does rice.
 1. I want to understand VP-ellipsis
 2. I do, too./ * I do Sluicing.

• Stripping

closer to gapping than VP-ellipsis

- VP: intersentential, no focus needed
- Gapping: ungrammatical in subordinate clauses, may not precede its antecedent, does not delete entire phrases

- (13) I sleep a lot and Peter, too.
- (14) I sleep a lot. Peter, too.
- (15) *John studied rocks even though not Jane
- (16) Jane loves to study rocks, and geography, too.

• Gapping

- (17) Some ate NATTO and others RICE.
- (18) Some ate BERTIE'S book about MARRIAGE and RICHIE'S about DIVORCE.
- (19) I made SAM angry at BEANER and BETSY at PERSEUS.
- (20) Some gave ALBUMS to their spouses, and others TAPES.

• Right-Node-Raising

- (21) John loves and Mary hates cheese.
- (22) Susan suspects but Mary knows that John likes her.
- (23) Each year John has a spring and an autumn depression.

contra gapping: targets right node

contra ellipsis: targets non-constituents, gap c-commands its antecedent

	CAT	X'/XP	identity	focus needed	non-adjacent antecedent	subordinate	intersentential	remnant	island repair
Ellipsis									
VP-Ellipsis	V	✓	semantic	×	if Δ does not c-com	✓	✓	×	✓(LF?)
ACD	V	✓	sem. (tricky)	×	NA	✓	NA	×	
Sluicing	C	✓	semantic		if Δ does not c-com	✓	✓	×	✓(PF?)
N'-deletion	N	✓	semantic	×	if Δ does not c-com	✓	✓	restricted	
Pseudo-Gapping	V	✓	semantic	✓	if Δ does not precede	✓	×	restricted	
Gapping	V/N/A	×	strict	✓	×	×	×	very free	×
Stripping	C	×	strict	×	if Δ does not precede	×	✓		
Right-Node Raising	RE(&)	×	~ strict (Case!)	×	✓		×		

Table 1: Properties of elision phenomena