

ABBREVIATIONS/GLOSSARY

(SMT updated for BFSU 2026)

1. {...} Non-empty set made by Merge
2. {...} Phase
3. {...} set made by FormSet
4. 1st Factor genetic, see **Third Factor**
5. 2nd Factor experience, see **Third Factor**
6. **ACC** accusative Case
7. **Agree** Agreement (a relation)
8. **Amalgamation** linear concatenation of morphemes into a word
9. **APPL** applicative (verbal) head, typ. **DAT**
10. **argument** of a predicate
11. **ATB** across-the-board
12. **Box** see **MC**
13. **C** complementizer (a head)
14. **C_Q** interrogative **C**
15. **c-command** a relation: sister-of + term-of (set)
16. **CL** clitic
17. **copy** non-independent occurrence of phrase/head, see repetition
18. **DAT** dative Case
19. **E-Language** Externalized language
20. **EA** External Argument
21. **ECM** Exceptional Case Marking (verb).
22. **EM** External Merge
23. **EXT** Externalization
24. **FormCopy** identical c-commanding inscriptions not separated by a Phase boundary are related
25. **FL** Language Faculty (organ: biology)
26. **FS** FormSet (see **GK** and **MC**)
27. **GEN** genitive Case
28. **GK** (Chomsky 2021) in *Gengo Kenkyu* (LSJ journal)
29. **head** smallest unit (atom) in I-Language computation
30. **I-Language** contrast with E-Language
31. **IA** Internal Argument
32. **IM** Internal Merge
33. **identical inscription** structurally identical phrases
34. **INFL_φ** Inflection (a head) with φ-features
35. **LEX** Lexicon (heads & idiom chunks)
36. **INT** Interpretation (of **SO**s)
37. **LI** Lexical Item from **LEX**
38. **LSC** Language-Specific Condition
39. **M-gap** Markovian gap see **GK**
40. **MC** *The Miracle Creed and SMT* (Chomsky 2024)
41. **MS** Minimal Search
42. **MY** Minimal Yield
43. **NOM** nominative Case
44. **NTC** Non-Tampering Condition
45. **OS** Object Shift
46. **PRES/PST** present/past tense (a value of **TNS**)
47. **φ** phi-features, e.g. Person, Number & grammatical Gender
48. **Pair Merge** not used here
49. **Parallel Merge** not part of Simplest Merge
50. **Phase** structural bound on **MS** for **EXT**
51. **phrase** structure formed by Merge, cf. head
52. **occurrence** in structure, a phrase or head may occur 1,2,3... times, see also copy and repetition
53. **R** root, e.g. of verb
54. **Raising to Object** raising (**IM**) to object of higher verb, see also **ECM**
55. **SBO** structure building operation (Merge, **FS**)
56. **Sideways Merge** not part of Simplest Merge
57. **sister** sister-of (a relation: set)
58. **SMT** *Strong Minimalist Thesis*
59. **SO** syntactic object (built by **Merge** and **FS**)
60. **structure** (I-Language) formed by **Merge**
61. **R** Root (a head)
62. **repetition** independent **occurrence**
63. **term** term-of (a relation: set)
64. **θ** Theta (as in Theta Theory)
65. **θ-configuration** smallest **phrase** containing required argument structure
66. **Spellout** of heads, also see **Amalgamation**
67. **Third Factor** biological principles including computational efficiency ones, see *Three Factors in Language Design* (Chomsky 2005)
68. **TNS** tense (a component of **v**)
69. **UG** *Universal Grammar* (a theory of **FL**)
70. **UUS** Unbounded Unstructured Sequences (in **GK**)
71. **v** "little v" (a head), **v_θ** (v introducing a θ-argument)
72. **WS** Workspace
73. **XP** , **YP** some phrase (not a head)