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USING PHRASE STRUCTURE GRAMMARS

Consider the following phrase structure grammar:

- 1. S \rightarrow NP V (NP (NP)) (PP)
- 2. NP \rightarrow Det (Adj) N (PP)
- 3. NP \rightarrow Pron
- 4. PP \rightarrow P NP
- 5. $S \rightarrow S$ Conj S
- 6. NP \rightarrow NP Conj NP
- 7. Adj \rightarrow {big, small}
- 8. Conj \rightarrow {and}
- 9. Det \rightarrow {a, her, his, my, the}
- 10. N \rightarrow {banana, bride, corner, daughter, dog, friend, groom, melon, mokey, parents, piano, shop, restaurant, son, street}
- 11. NP \rightarrow {George}
- 12. Pron \rightarrow {me}
- 13. Prep \rightarrow {at, to, of}
- 14. $V \rightarrow \{ate, gave, is, plays, saw, sings\}$

Draw the phrase structure trees assigned by the grammar to the following sentences:

- 1. The monkey ate a banana and a big melon.
- 2. The small monkey gave me a banana.
- 3. The monkey gave a banana to me.
- 4. George saw the big dog of my friend.
- 5. The shop is at the corner of the street.
- 6. The parents of the groom and the bride ate at the restaurant. [two analyses]
- 7. His son sings and her daughter plays the piano.