Questions for reading Frawley, *Linguistic Semantics*

After studying this book, you should be able to:

1. Describe the **actual** relation between the terms *verb* and *noun*
   a. the way linguists use them and
   b. the 'notional' (i.e, "Traditional" or "Miss Fidditch") definitions (which are, respectively,
      i.   "A *verb* is the name of an action, being, or state of being"
      ii. "A *noun* is the name of a person, place, or thing").
   For extra credit, describe formally the logical difference between, or write a program to distinguish between, these two intensions. (§§1-2)

2. Describe **succinctly** the meanings and ramifications of the Entity subcategories – *specificity, boundedness, animacy, gender, kinship, social status, physical structure*. Provide examples of each from English or some other language you know (of). (§ 3)

3. Do the same thing with the Event category terms *Act(ive), Stat(e/ive), Caus(e/ative), Inchoative, Result(ative)*, and with the ramifications of *Motion* and *Transfer*. Note the many Event frames that function as elements in one or another metaphor. (§4)

4. Do the same thing with the Modification areal terms and **their** ramifications – *color, value, age, human propensity, physical properties, quantity*. For extra credit compare these categories to Aristotle's 'predicaments' and 'predicables'. (§10)

   For extra credit:

   Compare Frawley with §§11-12 in Foley, *Anthropological Linguistics*.

      Does this discussion use the same set of categories as Frawley?
      Almost the same?
      What kinds of differences are there?
      To what might they be attributed?

   Read inside Frawley at *Linguistic Semantics*