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1. Steven Pinker was born in Montreal in 1954.

X_M Y=VPNT
DTN FORM
past
Y = born in Montreal
V BO   C = PP

2. For most of his career, he has bounced between Harvard and MIT.

X_M Y=VPNT
DTN FORM
present
Y = bounced between Harvard and MIT
V BO   C = PP

3. He lays out psychological principles in all of his books.

Y = VPwT
–S FORM
present
Y = lays out psychological principles in all of his books
V B   O = NP   C = PP

4. Pinker headed up research at UCSB and Stanford in the 1990's.

Y = VPwT
M   PAST FORM
past
Y = headed up research   ^
V   B   O = NP   C

5. Professor Pinker wants to understand children's language acquisition.

X Y = VPwT
M   –S FORM
present
Y = wants to understand children's lang. acquisition
V   B   O = VPNT   ^
C

6. He was a child psychology major in university.

X □ X Y = NP

past Y = a child psychology major
VOB   C = NP

7. Linguistics points out the rule-governed nature of language.

X   X M Y = VPwT

−S FORM
present Y = points out the rule governed nature of lang.
V   B   O = NP   C

8. He lives with his girlfriend in a small Boston apartment.

X   X Y = VPwT

−S FORM
present Y = lives with his girlfriend in a small B. apart.
V B O   C = PP   C = PP

9. Pinker's sister is also a writer.

X   X M Y = NP

present   Y = a writer
VBO   C = NP

10. She teaches children at a large preschool.

X   X Y = VPwT
M   −S FORM

present Y = teaches children at a large preschool
V B   O = NP   C = PP