

**Agreement without Agree**  
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The main point of this paper will be to argue that many morphological agreement phenomena, including even the most basic ones, are not accounted for by the Agree mechanism proposed in Chomsky (2000, 2001). This affects recent minimalist proposals to analyze the phenomenon of complementizer agreement, such as Carstens (2003) and Haegeman and Van Koppen (2012), which take the complementizer to act as a Probe in the Agree mechanism. I propose instead that core cases of agreement involve feature sharing under sisterhood (as a function of Merge, cf. Zwart 2006a), and that unexpected agreement phenomena, including complementizer agreement, should be understood as the result of operations and mechanisms outside narrow syntax. In the case of complementizer agreement, its history and its distribution (brought to light in the SAND project) are consistent with an analysis along the lines of Goeman (2000), Zwart (2006b) and De Vogelaer and Van der Auwera (2010), according to which the agreement is the result of an analogical extension of the agreement pattern of the verb followed by a weak pronominal subject in inversion constructions. The data of External Possessor Agreement in West Flemish of Haegeman and Van Koppen (2012) are not problematic, once the historical dimension is taken into account.

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