silly sentences

Colorless green ideas sleep furiously.

Enormous crickets in pink socks danced at the prom.

*Enormous in crickets danced socks pink at prom the.

Note: In linguistics a * before a sentence means it is UNGRAMMATICAL.
more silly sentences

The horse next to the cat that galloped was frisky.

The horse next to the cat that meowed was frisky.
Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.
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‘Jabberwocky’ by Lewis Carroll


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**PHRASE STRUCTURE RULES**

**Kensy**: Who is that?

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**Kensy**: And who am I?

**Ian**: Another my cousin.
WORD ORDER RULES

SVO: The boy drinks the water.
(English, Spanish)

SOV: The boy the water drinks.
(Turkish, Mandarin)
The natural order of events: How speakers of different languages represent events nonverbally

Susan Goldin-Meadow, Wing Chee So, Ashlı Özyürek, and Carolyn Mylander

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SEMANTICS

corns the study of **MEANING** at different levels (e.g. **LEXICAL, SENTENTIAL**)
hornets nests

over

(“over the moon”, “over the ceiling”, “overweight”)

father

(biological father, step-father, adoptive father)
DEIXIS: an especially big hornets nest

what's the meaning of this?!  

oh, it's a pronoun

There are different kinds of "me".

this, that, these, those, now, then, I, you, me, we
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