## **Constituents worksheet**

For each of the following sentences, say whether the underlined/bold phrase is *a constituent* or *not a constituent*. If it is a constituent, give some evidence to explain why you think it's a constituent.

1)	Geetha locked the door to the house.
2)	Margot's <u>mean and nasty teacher</u> gave her a bad grade.
3)	Xiaodong <u>ran in the</u> marathon last weekend.
4)	<b>我的同學得了</b> 冠軍!
5)	王曉丹很討厭 <b>每天都有很多作業要寫</b> 。

In the sentence below, find all the constituents you can. (Warning: there are a lot.)

喜歡游泳的人每天上午都鍛煉兩個小時身體。

## **CONSTITUENCY TESTS**

Removal (elision): 他喜欢**喝奶茶**,我也喜欢\_\_\_\_\_。

Replacement with a verb: He likes drinking tea, and I do too.

Replacement with a pronoun: I saw <u>my brilliant professor</u>; I saw <u>her</u>. Replacement with a question word: <u>大家都很喜欢的</u>书; <u>哪本</u>书

Replacement with another related thing (like an adjective, etc.): Jim is **loud and annoying and dumb**;

Jim is weird

Use it to answer a question: John likes drinking tea. What does John like doing? Drinking tea.

Use it as a topic: 我还没买**去上海的票**; **去上海的票**我还没买。