

Wanna-Contraction and Inflected Auxiliary Contraction

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In this thesis, I propose an alternative analysis on condition for contraction operations known as *wanna*-contraction (WC) and Inflected Auxiliary Contraction (IAC). Following Barss's (1995) and Naito's (1997) analyses, both of which assume that *want* takes TP complement, not CP, I will argue that these operations are possible between a head A and the head of its complement B. In so doing, I develop Baltin's (1995) idea and propose that nonfinite clauses are specified in terms of $[\pm\text{EPP}]$. More specifically, *wanna*-contraction can occur only when a nonfinite clause has a $[+\text{EPP}]$ feature. I then show that IAC can also be explained along this line of explanation.