This reading assignment is to get you to think about the implications of the Martin (2001) and Hornstein (1999) papers for some data that they do not deal with. The data come from Icelandic. The basic questions are the following: what does the Icelandic data show, and how would Martin and Hornstein deal with it? (Note that this data not directly connected to the Icelandic data in Martin.) Your assignment should have three sections: The first section should make a descriptive generalisation about the Icelandic data. The other two sections should how this generalisation would be accounted for in Martin’s and Hornstein’s analyses, respectively, noting any problems that arise.1

(1) a. Hún komust í skóla.  
   She.NOM got to school  
   *She got to school.

   b. *Hana komust í skóla.  
   She.ACC got to school  

(2) a. *Hún vantaði vinnu.  
   She.NOM lacked job  
   *She lacked a job.

   b. Hana vantaði vinnu.  
   Her.ACC lacked job  
   *She lacked a job.

(3) a. *Hún leiddist.  
   She.NOM was bored  
   *She was bored.

   b. Henni leiddist.  
   Her.DAT was bored  
   *She was bored.

(4) a. *Hún var getið.  
   She.NOM was mentioned  
   *She was mentioned (by someone).

   b. Hennar var getið.  
   She.GEN was mentioned.  
   *She was mentioned (by someone).

(5) Hún vonast til að PRO vanta ekki vinnu.  
   She.NOM hopes for COMP PRO lack not job.  
   *She hopes not to lack a job.

(6) Hana langar ekki til að PRO leiðast.  
   Her.ACC wants not for COMP PRO bored  
   *She does not want to be bored.

(7) Það vár gaman að PRO verða getið.  
   It were nice COMP PRO be mentioned  
   *It would be nice to be mentioned.

1 Abbreviations used: NOM=Nominative, ACC=Accusative, DAT=Dative, GEN=Genitive, PL=Plural, M=Masculine.
(8) a. Strákarnir komust allir í skóla.
   The boys all got to school.
b. Strákana vantaði alla í skólann.
   The boys were all absent from school.
c. Strákunum leiddist öllum í skóla.
   The boys were all bored in school.
d. Strákanna var allra getið í ræðunni.
   The boys were all mentioned in the speech.

(9) a. Strákarnir vonast til að PRO komast allir í skóla.
   The boys hope to all get to school.
b. Strákarnir vonast til að PRO vanta ekki alla í skólann.
   The boys hope not to all be absent from school.
c. Strákarnir vonast til að PRO leiðast ekki öllum í skóla.
   The boys hope not all be bored in school.
d. Strákarnir vonast til að PRO verða allra getið í ræðunni.
   The boys hope to all be mentioned in the speech.

References
