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1. Verb Complement Transitive Verbs

Approximately one hundred and forty transitive verbs in English may have verbal complements, i.e., sentences as adjuncts. (Cf. Appendix). Underlying these constructions is the following base configuration:

(1)

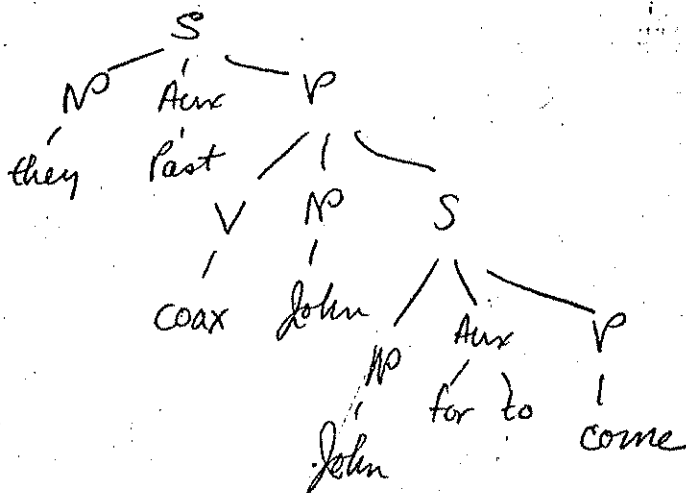


FIG. 1

The transformations mapping the base structure onto the derived structure have been mentioned in earlier progress reports. Certain considerations to be presented in later progress reports have caused us to alter two transformations, T₁ for separation and T₂ for deletion (Cf. PR No. 3, p. 8), slightly. In the case of the former, we shall assume that for separation is dependent upon the existence of a pronominal or nominal head. In the latter, we have concluded

that the deletion of "for" is not verb dependent, but rather that it is dependent upon contiguity with the infinitival "to." Thus these two transformations now have the following form:

XY	it	NP	for	to	Z	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	for separation
1	2	4	3	5	6	
Y	for	to	Z			T
1	2	3	4			for deletion
1	∅	3	4			

Given the above, consider the derivation of the sentence (2).

(2) they coaxed John to come

they coaxed [John]	[John [for to] come]	BASE
NP	Aux S	
they coaxed [John]	[[for to] come]	Equivalence matching and letion
NP	AUX S	
they coaxed [John]	[[to] come]	T for deletion
NP	AUX S	

APPENDIX

The following list is fairly complete but contains certain verbs, e.g., "consider," whose classification is questionable. Furthermore, several verbs which must be classified as Verb Complement Transitive Verbs also occur in other complement classes, e.g., "suggest."

V	ADJURE	GOAD	V
V	ADMONISH	HAVE	V
V	ALERT	HELP	V
V	ALLOW	IMPASSION	V
V	APPOINT	IMPEL	V
V	ASPIRE TO	IMPLORE	V
V	ASSIGN	INCITE	V
V	ASSIST	INCLINE	V
V	AUTHORIZE	INDUCE	V
V	BECKON	INSPIRE	V
V	BRIBE	INSTRUCT	V
V	BRING	INVITE	V
V	BESEECH	JUDGE	V
V	BESTIR	LEAD	V
V	BID	LEAVE	V
V	BIND	LET	V
V	CAUSE	MAKE	V
V	CAUTION	MOTION	V
V	CERTIFY	MOTIVATE	V
V	CHALLENGE	NEGOTIATE	V
V	CHARGE	NOMINATE	V
V	CHOOSE	OBLIGATE	
V	COAX	OBLIGE	
V	COMMAND	ORDER	
V	COMMISSION	PERMIT	
V	COMPEL	PERSUADE	
V	CONDITION	PESTER	
V	CONSIDER	POISE	
V	CONSTRAIN	PREDISPOSE	
V	CONSTRUE	PREDISTINE	
V	COUNSEL	PREJUDGE	
V	COUNT ON	PREORDAIN	
V	DEEM	PREPARE	
V	DEFY	PRESS	
V	DEPUTIZE	PRIVILEGE	
V	DESTINE	PROCLAIM	
V	DETAIL	PROMPT	
V	DIRECT	PROPOSE	
V	DISINCLINE	PROVOKE	
V	DISPOSE	READY	
V	DOOM	REGARD	
V	ELECT	RELIEVE	
V	EMBOLDEN	SCHEDULE	
V	EMPOWER	SELECT	
V	ENABLE	SENTENCE	
V	ENCOURAGE	STIMULATE	
V	ENFRANCHISE	SUGGEST	
V	ENGAGE	SUMMON	
V	ENJOIN	TEACH	
V	ENTICE	TRICK	
V	ENTITLE	TEMPT	
V	ENTREAT	TENSE	
V	EXCITE	TRAIN	
6	EXHORT	TROUBLE	
V	FAVOR	TRUST	
5	FIND	URGE	
V	FORBID	URGE NOT TO	
4	FORCE		
V	FOREJUDGE		
3	GIRD		
V	GO		
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