

# Verb Phrase

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- At a minimum, verb phrase consist of main verb (V).
- It may also be followed by a **NP** (usually the traditional “object” relation), as in:

Bill    Laughed.

On the left-hand side, we find noun phrase like **Bill**. On the right-hand side we find a verb phrase like **laughed**.



- **VP** must consist of a **V** and optionally an **NP** and a prepositional phrase(**PP**).

**VP** → **V**(**NP**) + (**PP**)

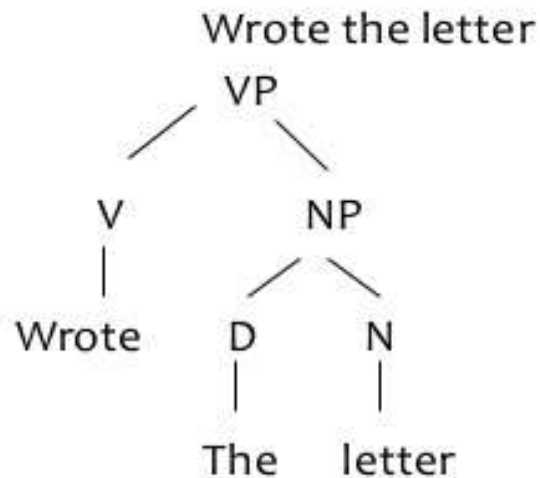
- **PP** must have a structure.

**PP** → **Prep** + **NP**

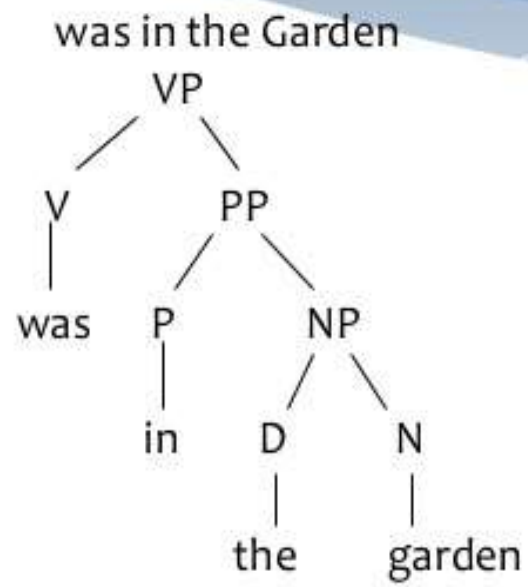
# Use of verb in Verb Phrase

- Verb phrase is built around a verb which can indicate an action as in form of a state, a sensation and in present and past tense.

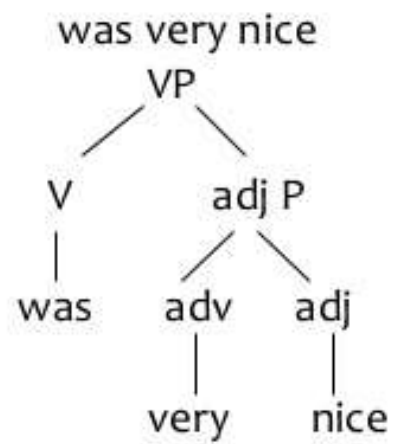
A) a state:



B) A sensation:

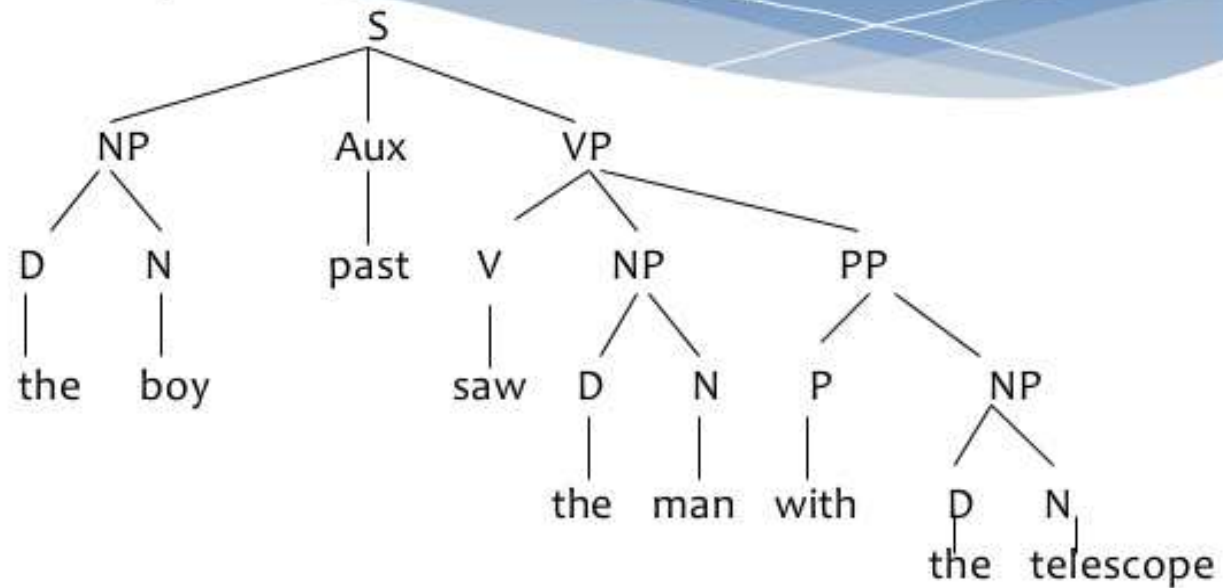


C) In present or past tense:



# Tree structure of VP

The boy saw the man with the telescope





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