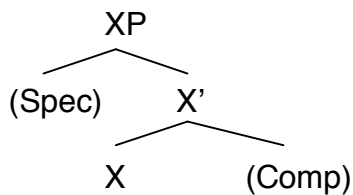




## Some Tree Hints

### 1. X'-Theory

All phrases in a tree will be of the shape:



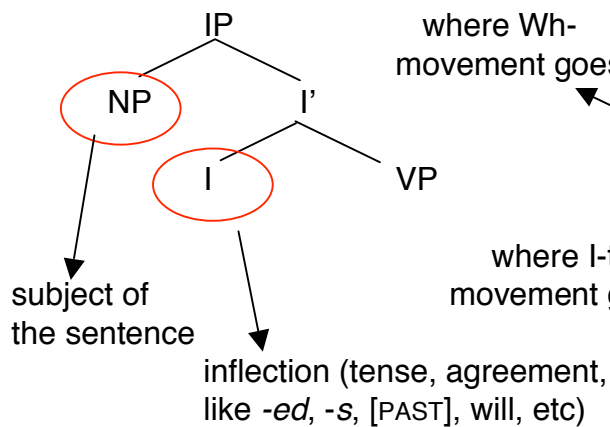
X = C, I, V, N, P

Specifiers and complements are also phrases, so they will also have the same XP, X', X configuration.

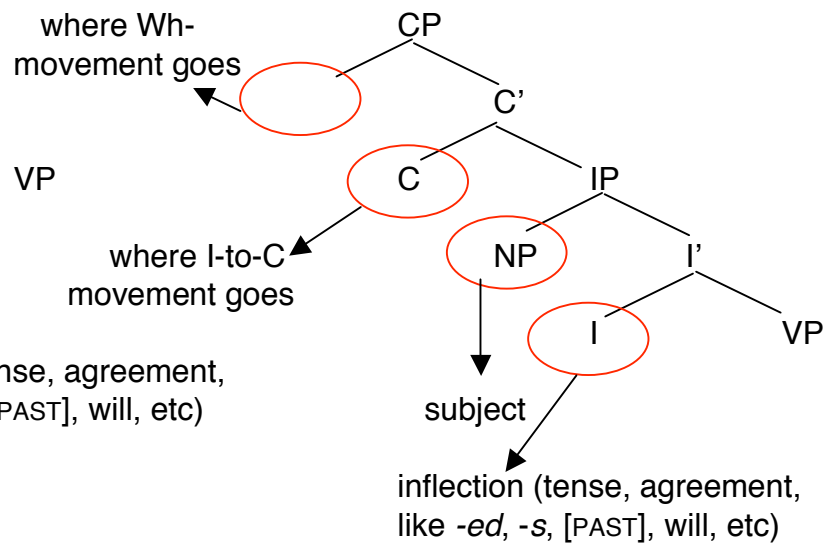
### 2. I don't know where to start!!

They always start like this:

#### Declaratives



#### Questions



### 3. D-Structure and S-Structure

- In some cases, D-Structure and S-Structure will look exactly the same.
- How do I find the D-Structure of a question? Here are some suggestions:

✦ Imagine that I hasn't moved (the auxiliary follows the subject)

eg. has John seen Mary → NOT D-Structure

I    Subj.

John has seen Mary → can be a D-Structure

Subj. I

✦ Try to say the question with a surprise intonation

eg. What did John see?

John saw WHAT???! → position of *what* in D-Structure

✦ transform the Wh into *something* or *someone* and see where it goes

eg. What did John see?

John saw *something*. → John saw *what*