

Adverbial Phrases (AdvP or AP)

An adverbial phrase consists of an adverb which may be preceded and followed by other words. This means that it can have premodifiers and postmodifiers. The headword in an adverbial phrase is an adverb.

Most of adverbial phrases are normally simple. In complex adverbial phrases, there is normally only one premodifier or postmodifier.

e.g.early, yesterday, fast, slowly

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Adverbial Premodifiers are:

1.**Intensifiers:** very, quite,too,fairly, rather, extremely, so, really

e.g.very carefully

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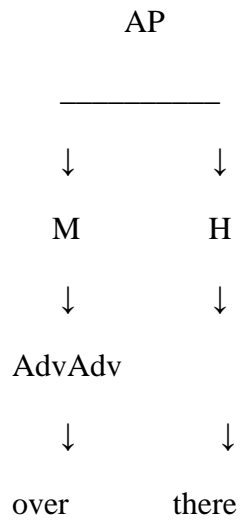
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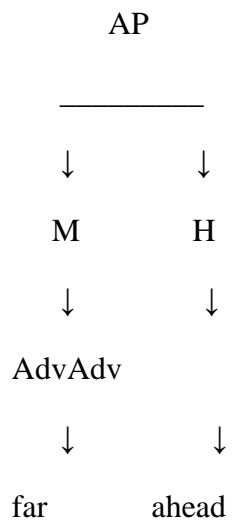
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2. Some particular (special) adverbs:

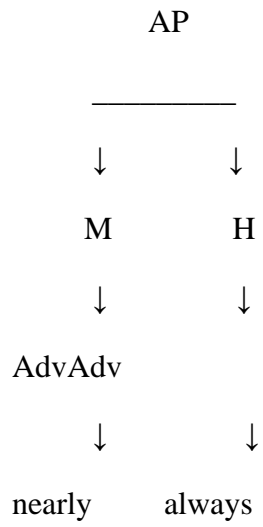
e.g.a) over there, down there, around there



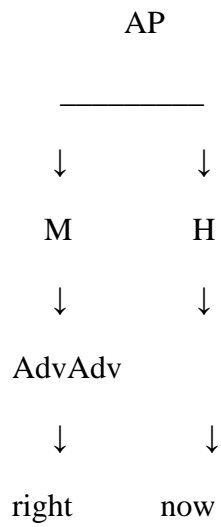
b) far ahead, far below, far away



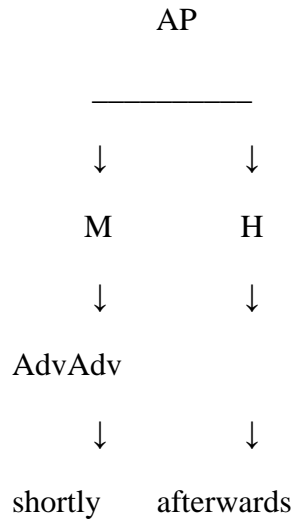
c). nearly always, almost always



d). right now, right there, right here, right away

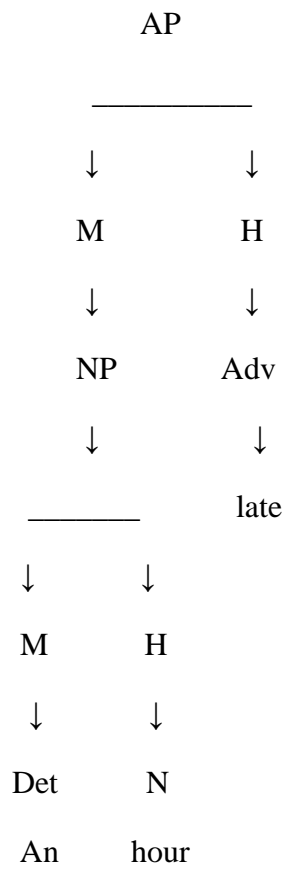


e). shortly afterwards, soon after, straight ahead

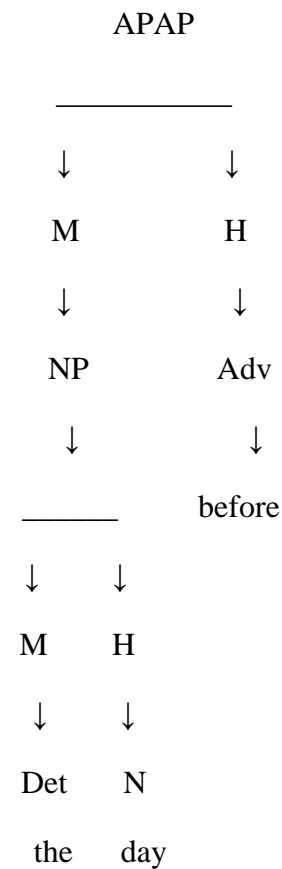


3.Noun Phrases

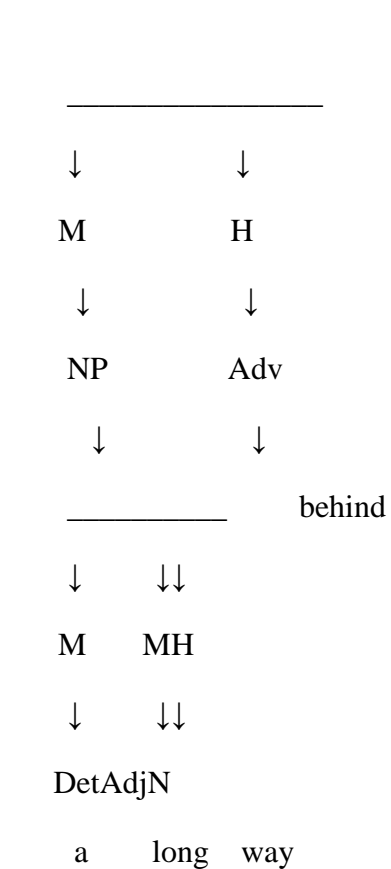
e.g. an hour late,



the day before,



a long way behind



Adverbial Postmodifiers are:

1. The adverb 'enough'

e.g. clearly enough,

fast enough,

hard enough

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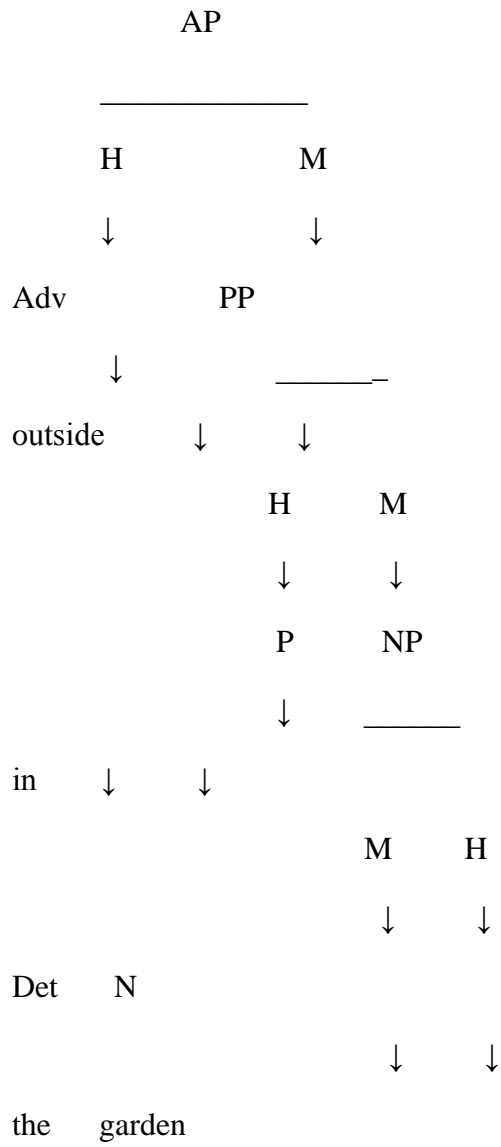
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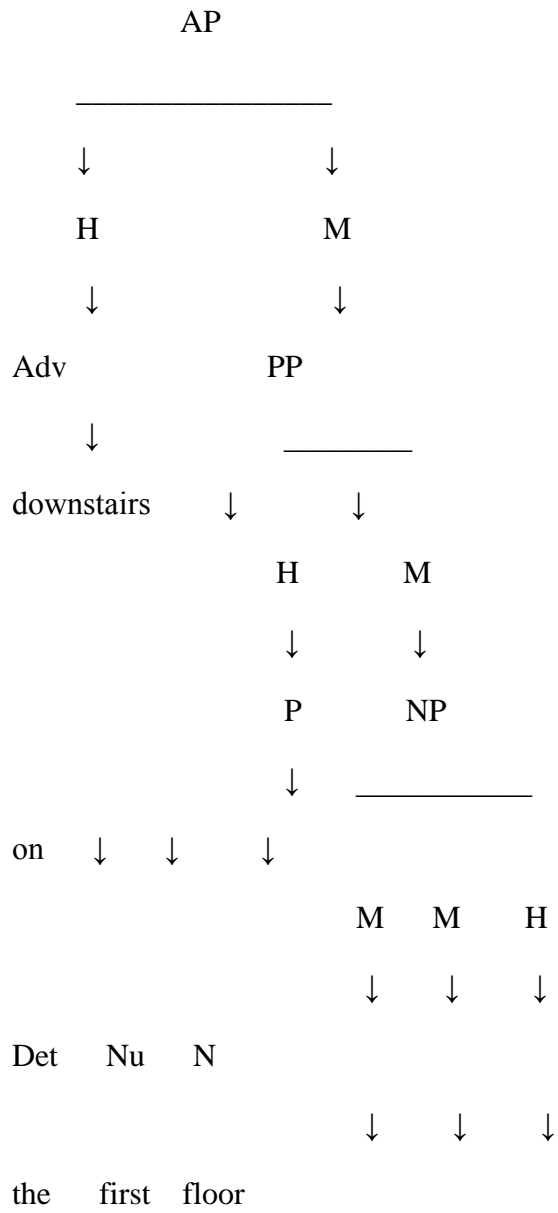
clearly

enough

outsidein the garden

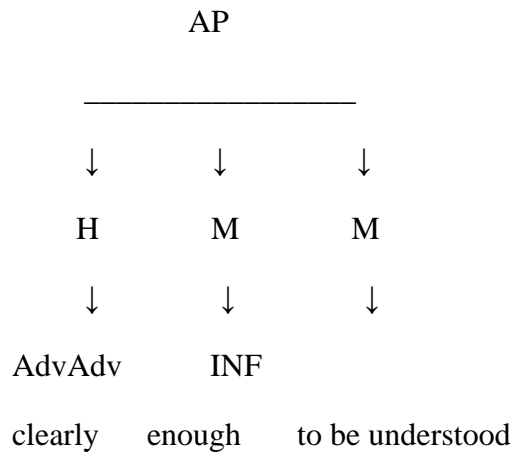


downstairs on the first floor



3. Infinitives and Infinitive clauses:

e.g. clearly enough to be understood



too slowly to finish it

