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## The structure of the sentence

Word order and tree diagram will be explained with examples:

Abbreviations:

Nuc nucleus  
S sentence  
SM sentence modifier  
NP noun phrase  
VP verb phrase  
DET determiner  
N noun  
Pl plural  
MV main verb

An apple lay on the ground  
Those pearls look genuine  
Surely you can go with us  
The ducks are noisy  
Certainly those sheep ran fast

VP.....AUX+MV manner place time reason  
AUX.....tense  
Tense.....present/past  
MV (main verb).....be or V

MV is written as any one of the following structures:

- 1-be+NP
- 2-be+PLACE
- 3-Be+AP
- 4-V
- 5-V+NP

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AP is an abbreviation for adjective phrase, which consists of an optional intensifiers such as very,extremely, rather,etc... and ADJ adjective such as old,happy,green.

AP.....(intens) Adj

Sm is sentence modifier which is a word or group of words like yes,no,certainly,naturally,maybe,perhaps,possibly,in fact,to be sure,or obviously. Example:woman drinks coffee

Certainly, I know the answer.

Apparently tom is sick

Unfortunately the fish died

Yes,.....

Ofcourse,.....

-kinds of adverbials:

- 1-adv (rapidly, cheerfully)
- 2-Prepositional phrase (in the yard)
- 3-Uninflected word (here,there,today)
- 4-Noun phrase (we walked a mile)

-MV main verb is written as any one of the following structures:

6-be+NP	this book is a text
7-be+PLACE	tom was in the car
8-Be+AP	she was very rude
9-V	john ran
10-V+NP	Tom sold the ticket

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AP → (intens) Adj

-Aux contains tense, and that tense is either present or past.

Aux → tense

Tense → present or past

Example:

The woman sings (present +sing)

The woman sang (past+sing)

They are at home (are) present

They were at home (were) past

Examples for sentences consisting of the different sentences' components (NP, VP, Adj.....etc) we explained above:

The boy ate a hamburger greedily.

Bobby is quite intelligent

Of course, the car is in the garage.

Naturally those ducks sat there for an hour.

No, those women planted the garden yesterday.

NP+past+eat+NP+manner

NP+present+be+AP

Sm+NP+present+be+place

Sm+NP+past+sit+place+time

Sm+NP+past+plant+NP+time

Other examples

He could have been running

NP+past+can+have+en+be+ing+V

She had been smiling at me

NP+past+have+en+be+ing+v