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Category	PSR	Examples
VP	VP → V VP → V DP VP → V DP DP VP → V DP PP VP → V AP VP → V CP	<i>sleeps</i> <i>brushed her teeth</i> <i>left the doorman a note</i> <i>fits the key into the lock</i> <i>is hungry, seems smart</i> <i>thinks that they left; believes you left the doorman a note, know how he fits the key into the lock;</i>
V		<i>sleeps, brushed, left, fits, believed</i>
DP	DP → D NP	<i>the dog</i> <i>my gold medal</i> <i>these mountains</i> <i>we, she, it, they</i> <i>Polly</i>
D		<i>the, this, that, these, those, my, your, every, many, few</i>
NP	NP → CN	<i>factory, cakes, lily pad, one(s) (as in, "those ones")</i>
N		<i>factory, cakes, lily pad, baseball bat</i>
PP	PP → P DP	<i>into the store</i> <i>over the hill</i> <i>there</i>
P		<i>into, over, at, in, through, etc.</i>
AP	AP → (AP) A AP → A (AP)	APs can enter into head-complement relations (e.g., "seems smart") and into adjunction relations, of the form: - XP → XP AP (e.g., VP → VP AP would be the structure involved in "runs slowly") - XP → AP XP (e.g., NP → AP NP would be the structure involved in "blue car") Can stack them, so that AP → AP AP for: <i>very slowly</i> <i>big green</i>
A	Adjectives and Adverbs	<i>flawless, dangerous, vivid, strongly, heavily, very, suddenly</i>
Adjunction relation	XP → XP YP XP → YP XP  NP → AP NP AP → AP AP VP → AP VP VP → VP AP  VP → VP PP	General form of the adjunction relation; AP can either go before or after phrase it modifies; we are not going to account for restrictions on linear order here.  <i>flawless victory</i> <i>highly dangerous</i> <i>strongly disagree</i> <i>walked slowly</i>  <i>slept on the mat</i>

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CP	CP → C TP	All sentences begin with a "CP shell"; all embedded sentences are introduced with VP → V CP rule above. Note that C can be optional in embedded sentences.
C	complementizers; indication whether sentence is question or not	<i>that, who, how</i> {+Q} to indicate questions; {-Q} to indicate declaratives
TP	TP → DP T VP	All sentences encode tense through the tense phrase
T	auxiliaries and features to indicate tense	<i>will, may;</i> {present}, {past}