CL1 Assignment 3
VP Shells, X-Bar Schema and Phrase Structure

Task 1: Reading assignment

Resource Link: https://www.ling.upenn.edu/~beatrice/250/
Read chapter 7 (**VP Shells**) from this resource and write an elaborative report on VP shells.

Task 2: X-Bar Schema and Phrase Structure

- Annotate the sentences given below using X-bar schema.
- Check the phrase structure annotations of the sentences given below, done by the stanford parser available here.
- Observe and analyse the differences and similarities of the above two approaches, sentence by sentence and then as a whole.

1. *She has been absent since last Wednesday.*
2. *It doesn't matter what excuse he gives me, I can't forgive him.*
3. *I canceled my appointment because of urgent business.*
4. *What do you do in Japan?*
5. *The Handmaid's Tale is an awesome piece of dystopian fiction.*
6. *OK. Now what?*
7. *I was laughed at by everyone.*
8. *There were people everywhere, covering the roads along the route from the BJP headquarters to the Smriti Sthal from side to side, with security personnel maintaining strict vigil to ensure that nothing goes wrong.*

Note: Chapters 4 and 5 from https://www.ling.upenn.edu/~beatrice/250/ is a good resource to know more about X-bar schema.