

# FACTORS DETERMINING THE PARTICLE POSITION

## ▸ VPC SEMANTIC TRANSPARENCY

TRANSPARENT +

↑  
TRANSPARENCY

finish up  $\approx$  finish

look up  $\approx$  look

OPAQUE

↓

screw up  $\not\approx$  screw

## 2 POSSIBLE POSITIONS FOR THE PARTICLE

### ADJACENT

to the verb

favouring  
**semantic**  
processing

Max *finished up* the project



Max *screwed up* the project



### SHIFTED

after the object NP

favouring  
**syntactic**  
processing

Max *finished* the project *up*



Max *screwed* the project *up*

