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Lohse, Hawkins & Mason, 2004



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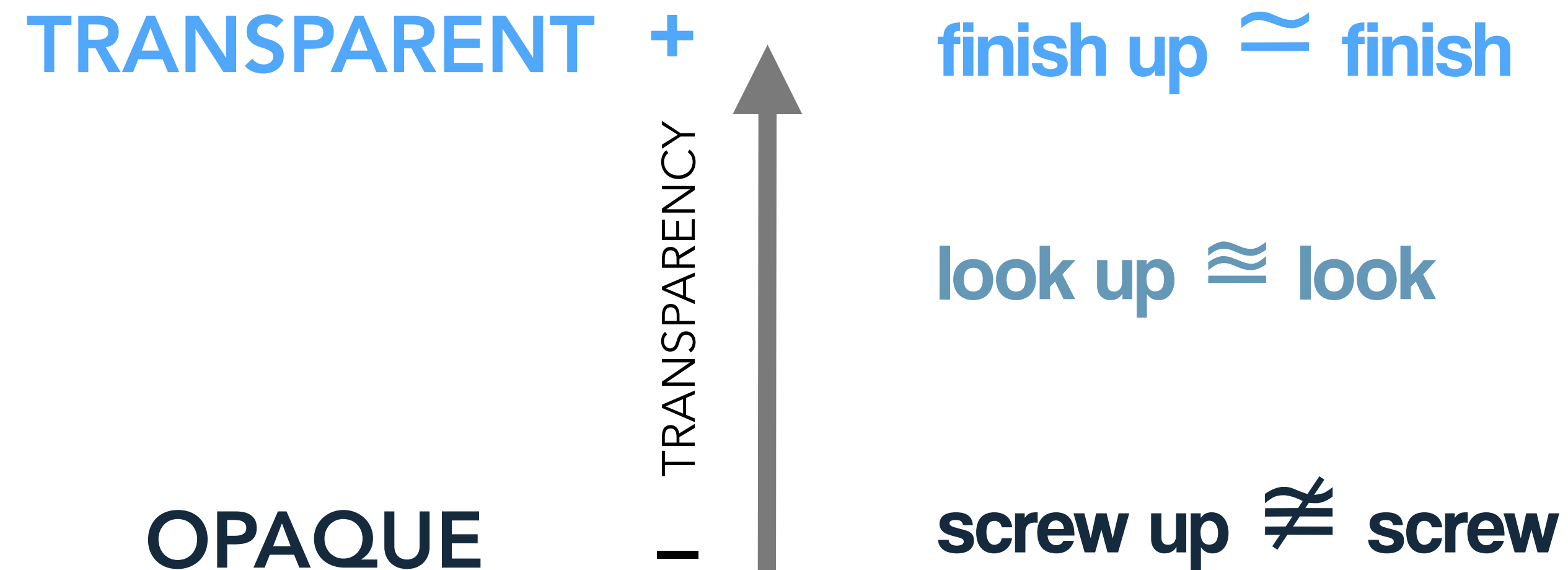


Max *chewed* the student *out*



# FACTORS DETERMINING THE PARTICLE POSITION

## ▸ VPC SEMANTIC TRANSPARENCY



## ▸ DIRECT OBJECT NP LENGTH AND COMPLEXITY

throw *the food* away 😊

throw *the fancy and appetizing food* away 😐

throw *any food which is out of date* away 🤔