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Figure 1. Example of different types of sentences for one verb-particle construction
(each reader would only read one of those sentences).

SN	PARTICLE	SENTENCE
short	Adjacent	The principal will chew out the class fiercely
medium		The principal will chew out the disruptive class fiercely.
long		The principal will chew out the class of disruptive students fiercely.
short	Shifted	The principal will chew the class out fiercely.
medium		The principal will chew the disruptive class out fiercely.
long		The principal will chew the class of disruptive students out fiercely.