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E.g.:

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He runs to the store.

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subject	(direct) object
agent	patient
argument	argument

V_2 Maggie bandages the cat.

| patient subject | agent complement |

The cat is bandaged by Maggie.