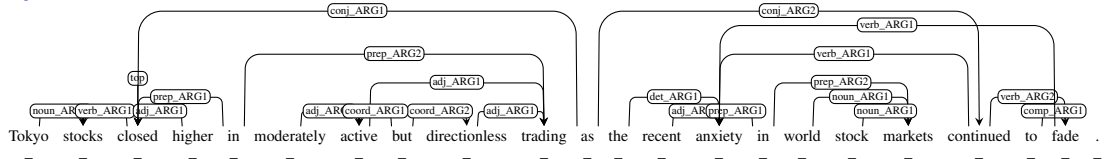
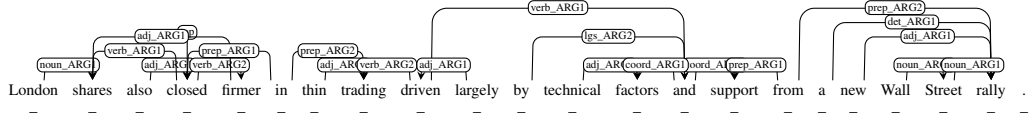


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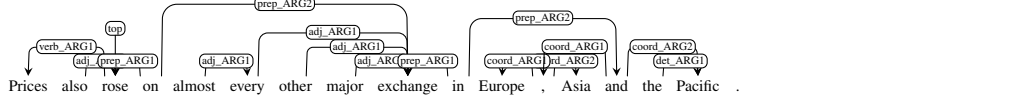
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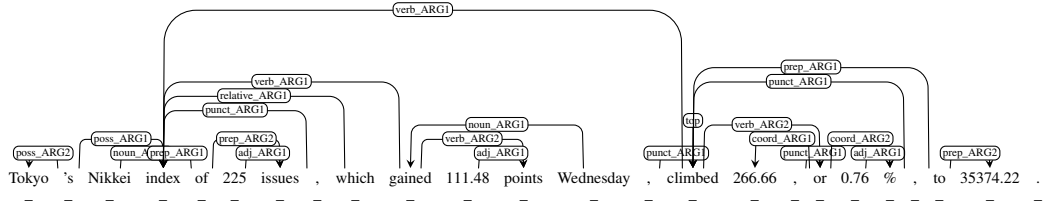
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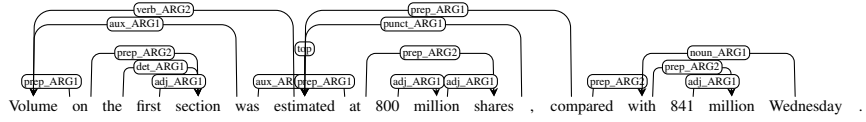
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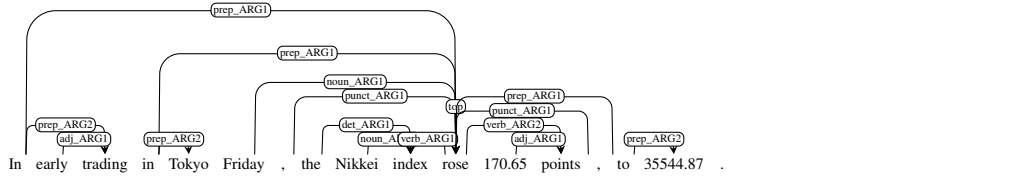
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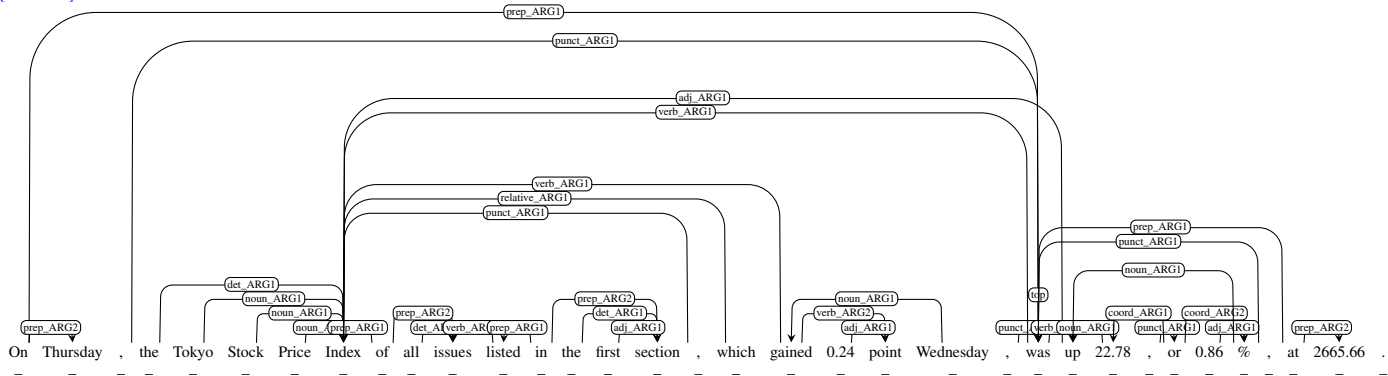
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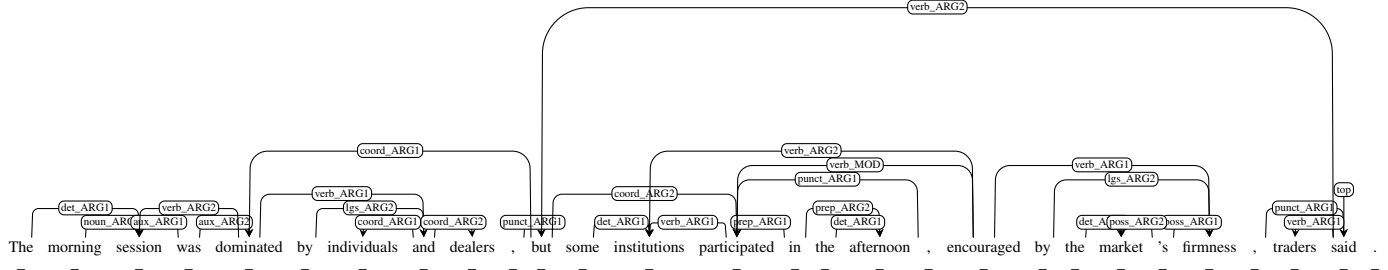
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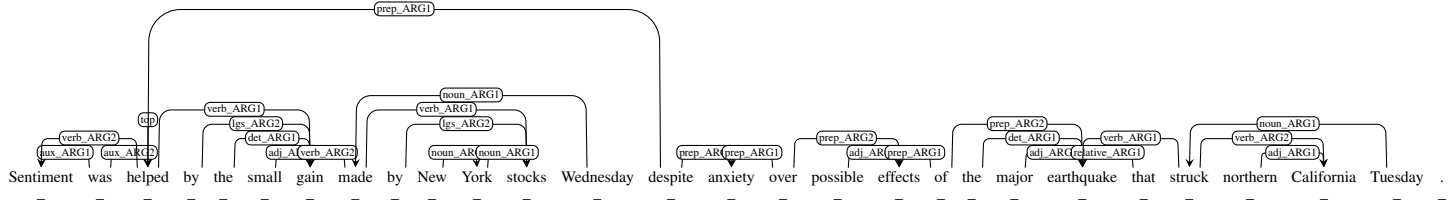
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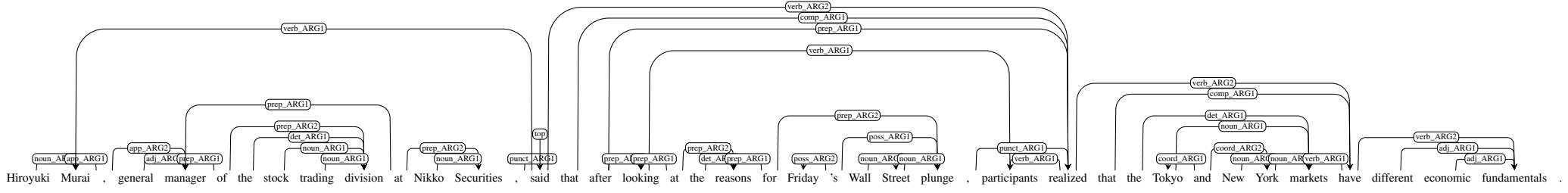
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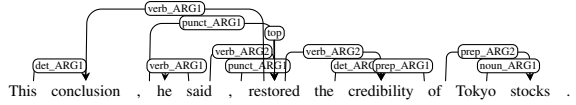
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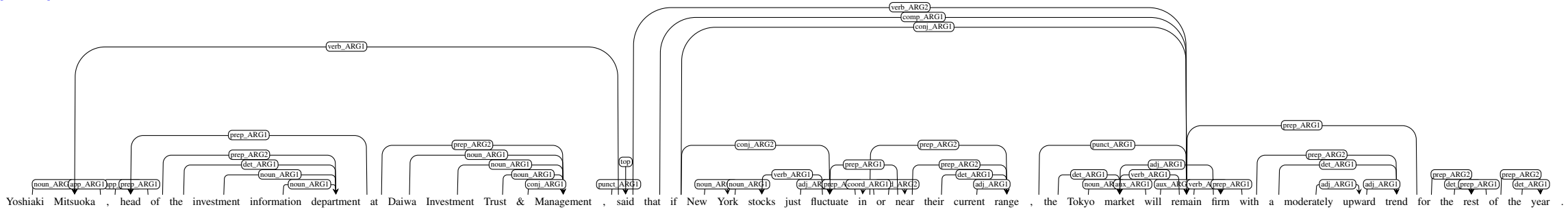
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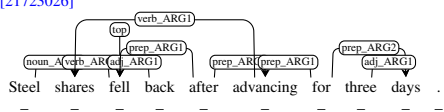
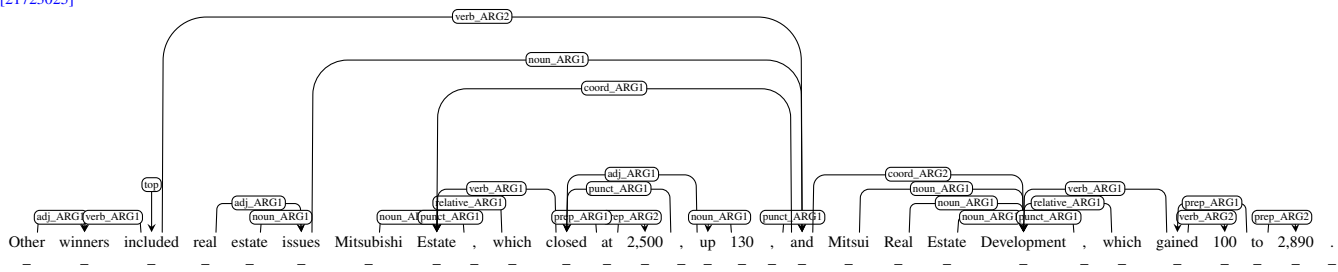
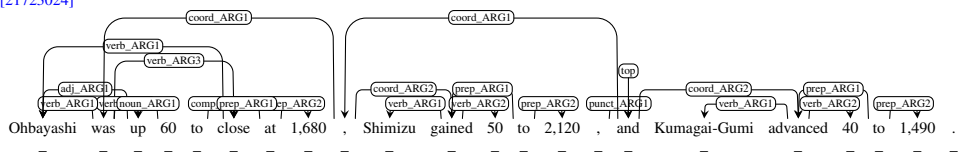
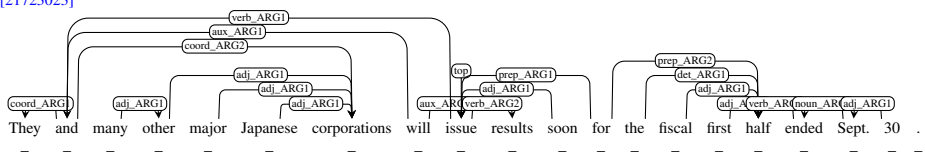
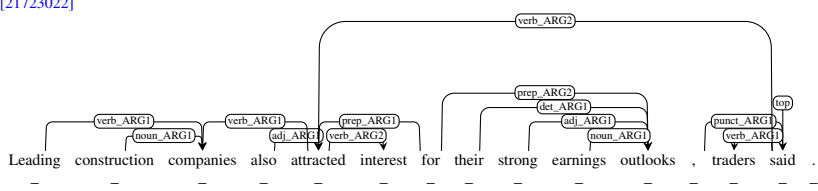
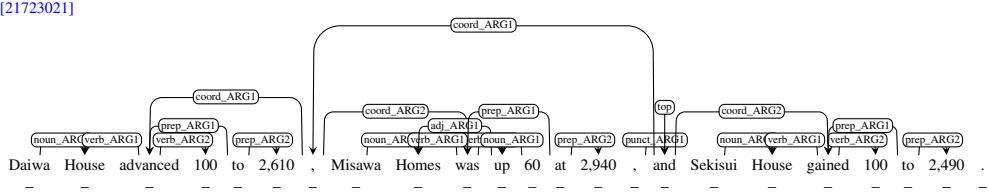
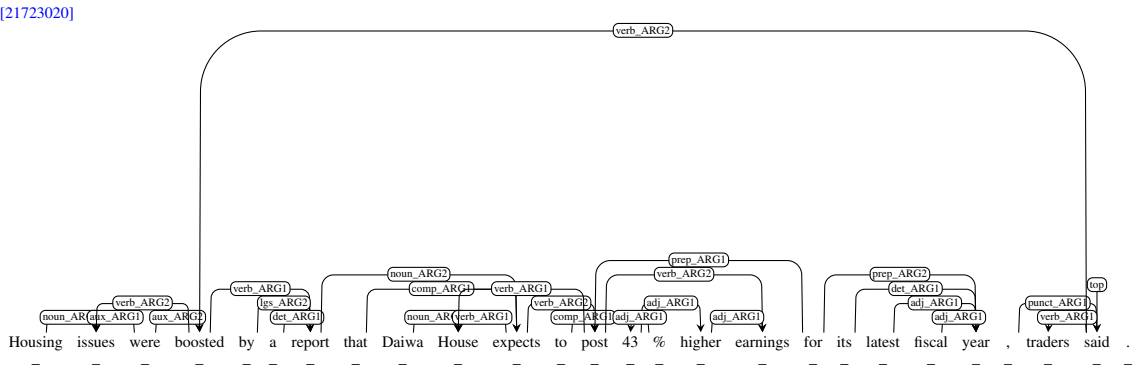
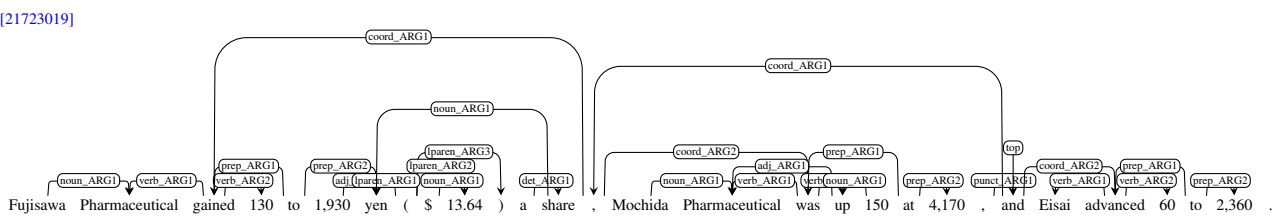
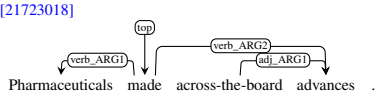
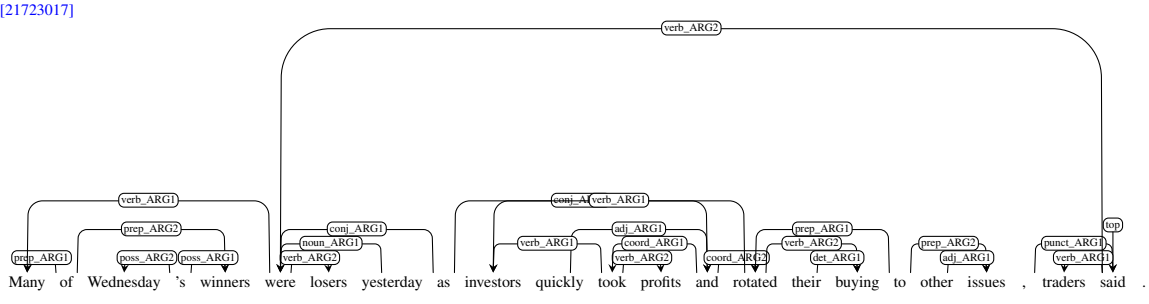
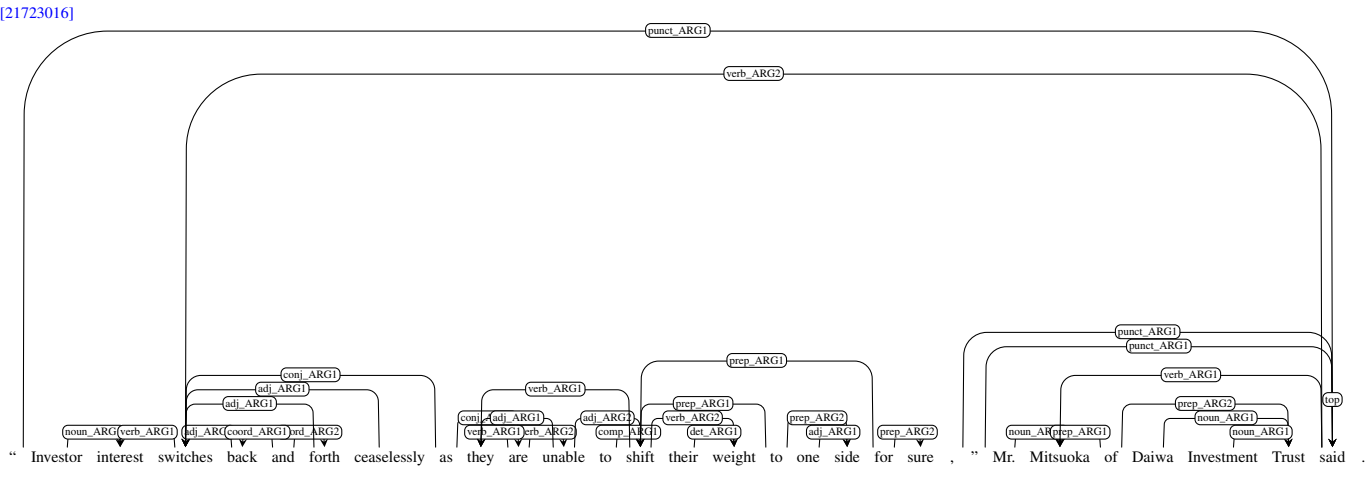


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[21723027]

Kawasaki Steel was down 11 at 788 . Kobe Steel lost 5 to 723 . and Nippon Steel slipped 6 to 729 .

[21723028]

Mitsubishi Rayon , a leading advancer Wednesday , fell 44 to 861 as investors grabbed profits .

[21723029]

London 's Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index finished 19.2 points higher at 2189.3 .

[21723030]

The Financial Times 30-share index ended 13.6 higher at 1772.1 .

[21723031]

Volume continued to ease from the active dealings at the start of the week .

[21723032]

Turnover was 382.9 million shares , compared with 449.3 million Wednesday .

[21723033]

Dealers said the market was underpinned by a squeeze in FT-SE 100 stocks , particularly among market-makers seeking shares that had been hit hard in recent weeks , such as retailers and building-related concerns .

[21723034]

But despite the flurry of interest in those shares , dealers said , the market remains nervous about Wall Street 's volatility and high U.K. interest rates .

[21723035]

U.K. money supply figures for September , released yesterday , showed continued growth in corporate and personal lending , which will keep pressure on the government to maintain tight credit .

[21723036]

Among the stocks featured in the market-makers ' squeeze was Sears , which closed at 107 pence (\$ 1.70) a share , up 3 .

[21723037]

General Universal Stores , another top-tier stock hit recently by concerns over retail demand in the face of high interest rates , gained 20 to # 10.44 .

[21723039]

Another active FT-SE 100 stock was clothing and furniture retailer Burton , which gained 6 to 196 .

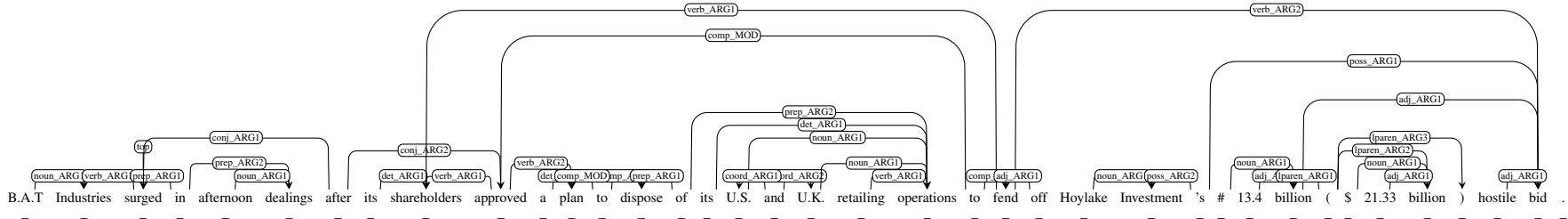
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Royal Insurance was the sector 's hottest issue , ending 15 higher at 465 .

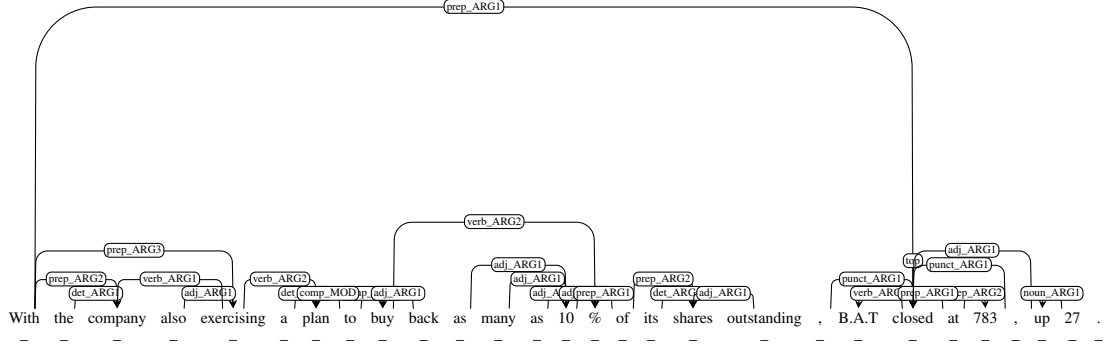
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Sun Alliance fell 1 to close at 289 , and General Accident jumped 10 to # 10.13 .

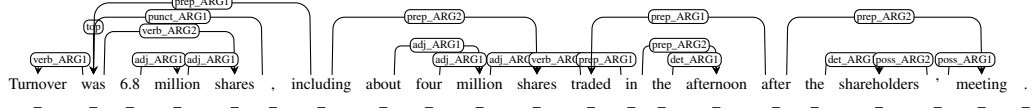
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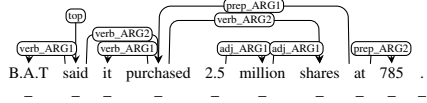
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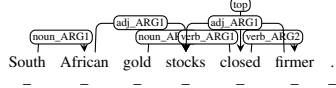
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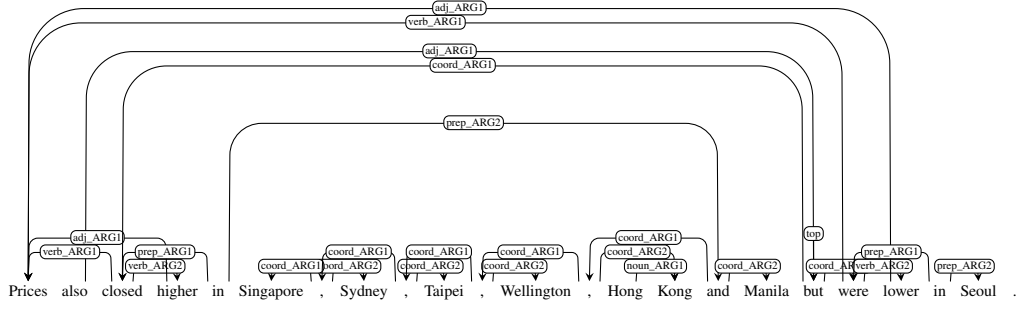
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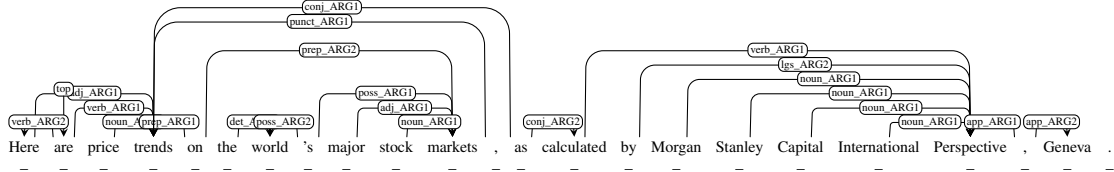
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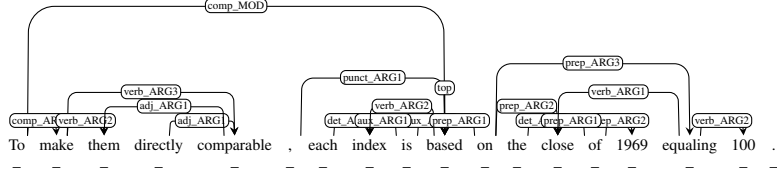
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