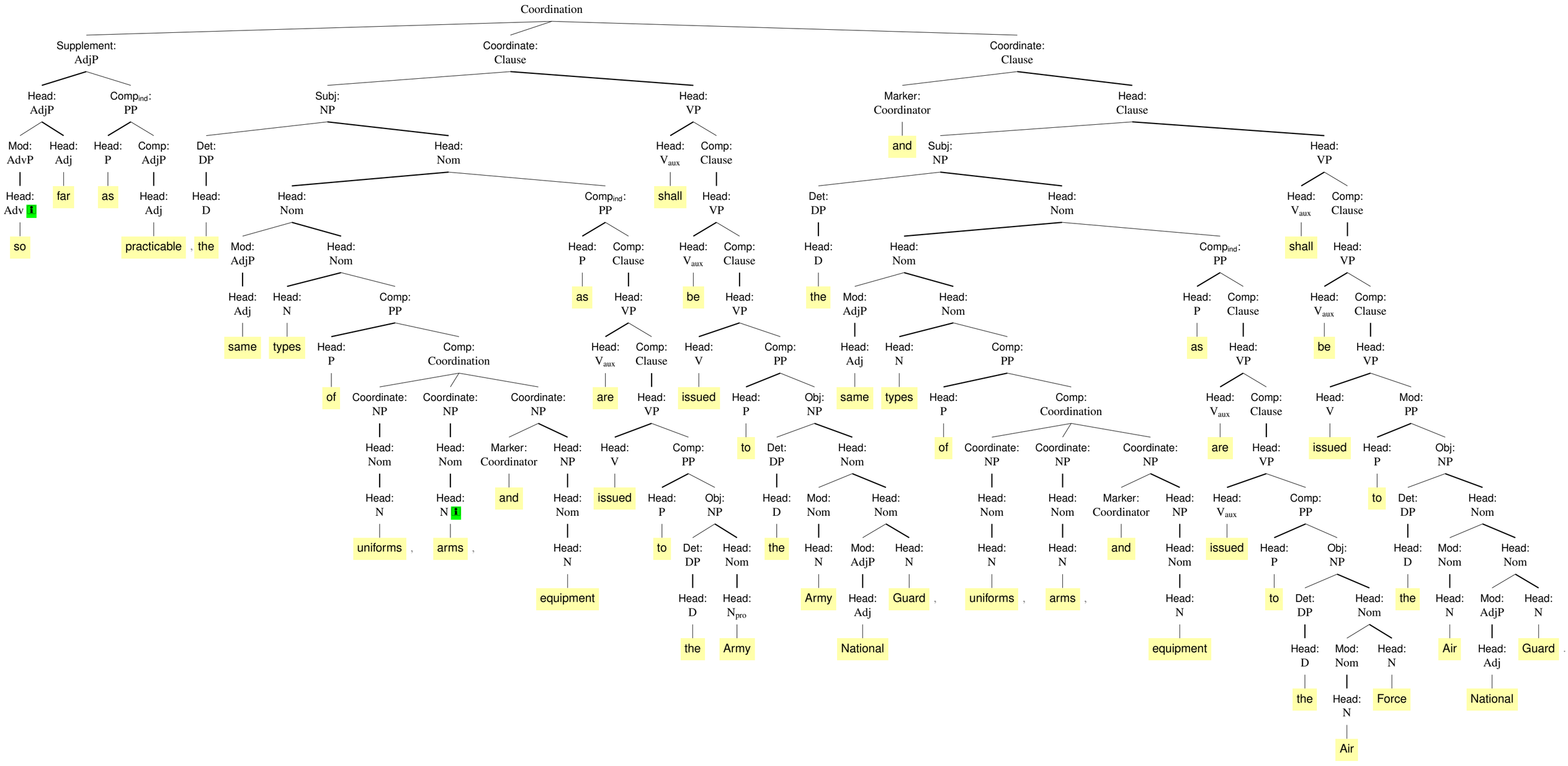

(1) 'so far as' is sometimes treated as an idiomatic compound preposition (CGEL p. 1134), that's not the sense here.; (2) pluralia tantum