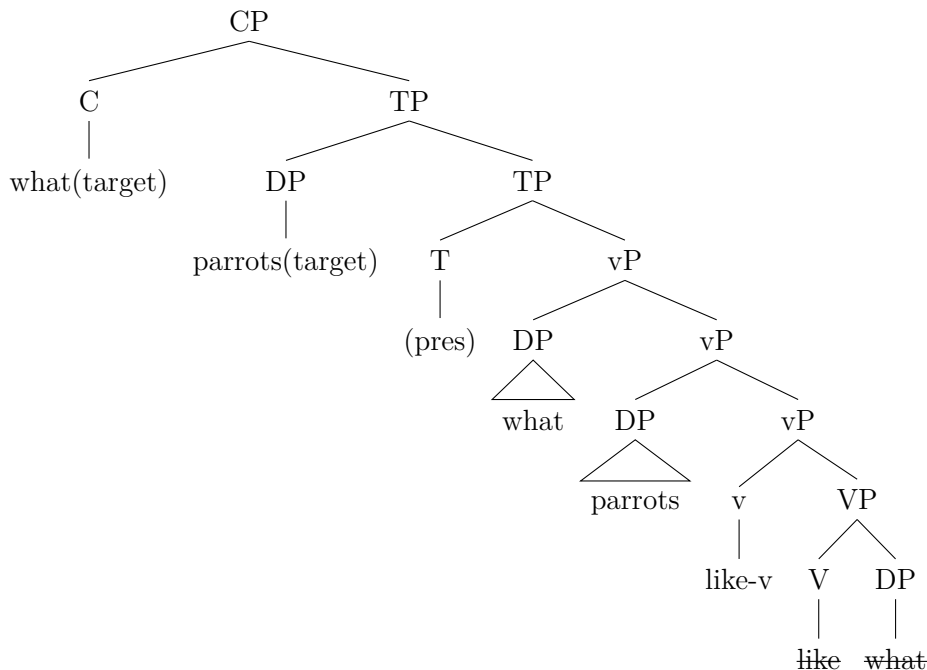


α , only H and its edge are accessible to such operations

As noted above, this definition is empirically problematic in a number of ways. In addition to preventing certain approaches to object shift, it also blocks any chance that **C** would have to interact with the object in examples like the following (adapted from (Citko 2014)):



C seems to need to be able to have access to features on the object of the verb (*what*), and yet it can't do so as long as the object is buried in a spelled-out **Comp** - vP. One could get around this by having the object adjoin to the left of *vP* (as illustrated), but it's not clear what would motivate the adjunction, as this is not a canonical object position and so doesn't seem a likely target for A movement. Moreover - such adjunction blocks agreement between the subject (*parrots*) and **T**. Analyses that involve an *AgrO* do not overcome the difficulty: the complement of a spelled-out *v* phase is as opaque to one type of higher-up phrase as another. **AgrO** doesn't have any special privileges here.