Chapter 12, Problem 1: Classifying Verbs

• *tend* is a raising verb:

It tends to bother me that I'm not at Harvard.

There tended to be glitches in our homework problems.

Unfair advantage tends to be taken of foreigners by city hustlers.

Smog tends to affect your health. \approx

Your health tends to be affected by smog.

• *decide* is a control verb:

*It decided to bother me that I'm not at Harvard.

*There decided to be glitches in our homework problems.

*Unfair advantage decided to be taken of foreigners by city hustlers.

The FBI decided to investigate Walker. \neq

Walker decided to be investigated by the FBI.

• manage is a control verb (for most folks):

*It manages to bother me that I'm not at Harvard.

*There managed to be glitches in our homework problems.

*Unfair advantage manages to be taken of foreigners by city hustlers.

The FBI managed to investigate Walker. \neq

Walker managed to be investigated by the FBI.

• fail is a raising verb:

It fails to bother me that I'm not at Harvard.

There failed to be glitches in our homework problems.

Close tabs failed to be kept on Pat by any government agency.

The doctor failed to examine Dana. \approx

Dana failed to be examined by the doctor.

• *happen* is a raising verb:

It happens to bother me that I'm not at Harvard.

There happened to be glitches in our homework problems.

Close tabs happened to be kept on Pat by a government agency.

The doctor happened to examine Dana. \approx

Dana happened to be examined by the doctor.

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