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CLASSES 11-13: SPECIFIERS & NOUNS [summary]

BINARITY IN NPs

- (1) a. [NP the teacher [PP of English]]
 b. [NP the [?? teacher [PP of English]]]
 c. [NP the teacher [?? [PP of English]]]

- *test for constituency* ⇒ enter **N'** [pronounce: **N-bar**]
- *new phrase structure model: X'-Theory* (specifier, head, complement / adjunct)

- (2) a. [his] class
 b. [the teacher's] class

ADJUNCTS IN NPs

- (3) [NP all [NP the teachers [PP of English]]]

- *adjuncts to nominal expressions* ⇒ adjoin to **NP** (see also below)
- *see Huddleston & Pullum (2005: chap. 5) for extensive discussion of nominal issues*

X'-THEORY IN CLAUSES

- (4) The teacher is presenting X'-Theory.

- *test for constituency* ⇒ enter another **X'**: AuxP / IP (Spec – Aux' / I')
- *what about VP?* ⇒ for now: **adjuncts** possible, but **no specifier**

