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CLASS 12: SPECIFIERS

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. This teacher of English arrived today but that one arrives tomorrow.
 b. Mary's teacher of English is British but John's is American.
 c. * The students of physics are taller than the ones of Chemistry.
 d. The students with long hair are taller than the ones with short hair.

ADJUNCTS IN NPs

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

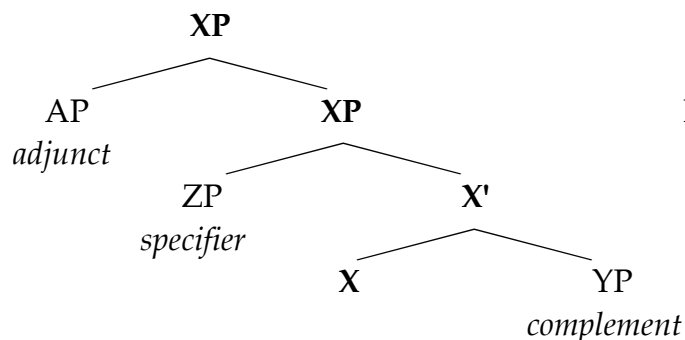
- *adjuncts to nominal expressions* ⇒ adjoin to **NP** (see also below)

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**

- (5)



NB: adjunct can also be on left