1 \( \nu P \) and VP

1.1 Directional verbs

Discuss the VP and \( \nu P \) structure of the following examples. You should propose a single analysis of \( \nu P \) VP trees that can account for the data.

(1) a. We rolled the ball down the hill.
   b. The ball rolled down the hill.

(2) a. He filled the bath with water.
   b. The bath filled with water.

(3) a. They moved the headquarters to N.Y.
   b. The headquarters moved to N.Y.

1.2 Phrasal verbs

Now extend the analysis to phrasal verbs like the ones on Exam 1.

(4) a. The store closed down.
   b. They closed the store down.
   c. They closed down the store.

(5) a. They handed the documents over.
   b. The handed over the documents.

1.3 Resultative predicates

Now extend the analysis to “resultative” predicates:

(6) a. They painted the house red.
   b. The acid turned the litmus paper blue.
1.4 More resultatives

Here are some more “resultative” predicates. How does your analysis account for the difference between the grammatical and ungrammatical sentences? NOTE: Do not try to construct more examples along these lines. They are quite peculiar constructions. The reflexive pronoun in (8) is NOT to be interpreted as meaning “by him/herself”.

(7) a. John laughed.
    b. * John laughed himself.
    c. John laughed himself silly.
    d. Sue coughed.
    e. * Sue coughed herself.
    f. Sue coughed herself blue.

(8) a. John arrived.
    b. * John arrived himself.
    c. * John arrived himself tired.
    d. Sue appeared.
    e. * Sue appeared herself.
    f. * Sue appeared herself happy.

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