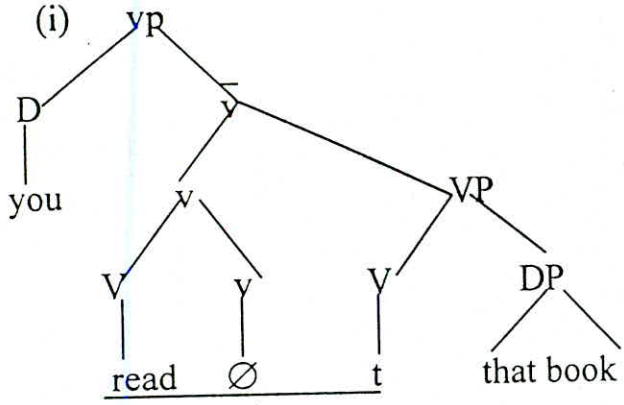
26.

(i)



According to the above analysis , it could be said that the basic "difference between unaccusative subjects and transitive/unergative subjects is that unaccusative subjects originate in spec-VP (as the subject of a lexical verb) ;whereas transitive/unergative subjects originate in spec-vp (as the subject of an agentive light verb)."(216) By assuming that verb phrases contain an outer vp shell headed by a strong v(e.g. a light verb) and an inner VP core headed by a lexical verb and that lexical verbs raise from V to v , the postverbal position of unaccusative subjects can be accounted for (i.e. we posit that the subject remains *in situ* in such structures).

Finally, it is necessary to account for the fact that sometimes the subjects of unaccusative verbs may be preverbal in addition to its capacity to be postverbal, as shown in (27) and their structures in (28).

27.

(i) There came *a cry of anguish* from inside the house.

(ii) *A cry of anguish* came from inside the house