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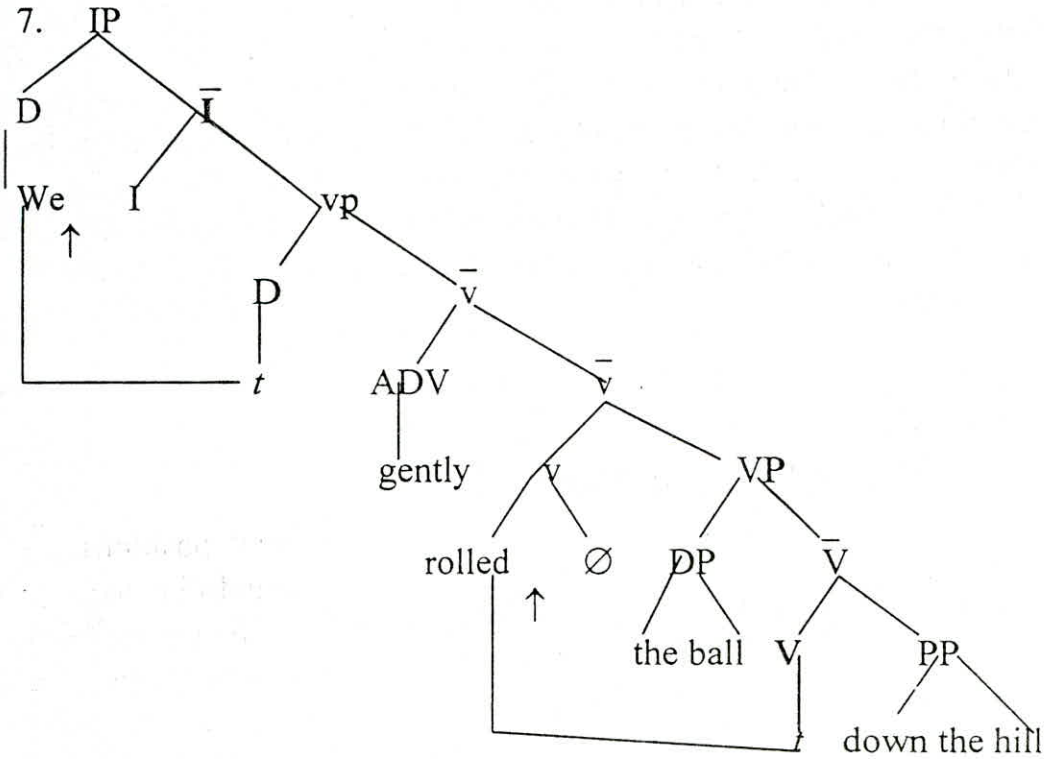

The merging of the VP is as in (1) and the merging of the vp is as in (5)(ii). The resulting v̅ (i.e. v-bar) merges with the adverb *gently* to form the extended v-bar, which in turn merges with the subject *we* to form the vp *We gently rolled the ball down the hill.* Then this vp merges with an abstract INFL constituent ,forming an I-bar and the subject *we* raises to spec-IP forming the IP in (7). Furthermore, according to this analysis all that is needed to derive sentence (6) (ii) (i.e. *We rolled the ball gently down the hill)* is to assume that *gently* merges with the V-bar *rolled the ball down the hill* , forming the extended V-bar *gently rolled the ball down the hill* . This V-bar merges with it subject *We* , forming the VP shown in (8). The resulting VP is merged with a causative light verb ∅ to which the verb adjoins ,forming the v-bar *rolled the ball gently down the hill.* Then this v-bar is merged in the usual way ,a shown earlier and demonstrated in (8).