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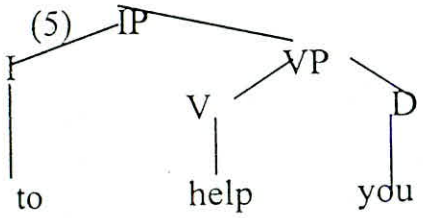

It is to be noted that the *infinitive phrase* has a different distribution from the *verb phrase.*

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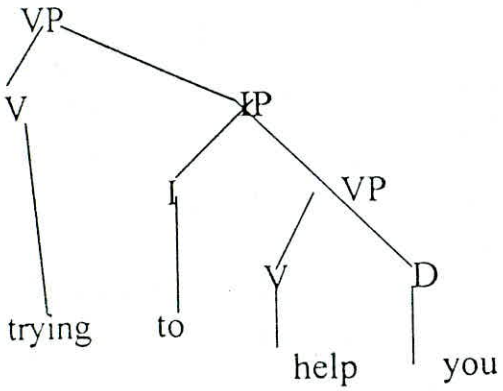
(i) They *ought to help you. (= ought + infinitive phrase)*

(ii) * They *ought help you. (= ought + verb phrase)*

(iii) They *should help you. (= should + verb phrase)*

(iv)* They *should to help you (= should + infinitive phrase)*

ought requires *an infinitive phrase* as its complement ;but *should* requires *an verb phrase* as its complement.

What is implicit in this discussion is that phrase formation is recursively done. Likewise , we can form the phrase *trying to help you* ,which can be used after words like *be, start, or keep.* The head of the overall VP is *trying* ,and its complement is the IP *to help you* as its complement.

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