These types of verbs which may either be used as "three or two-place predicates are sometimes referred to as ergative verbs".(199) Whether these verbs are used as three or two-place predicates , the DPs *the ball* , *the bath* , *the vase* , and *the store* have the same thematic roll. For example, *the ball* is the THEME argument in both cases; and in accordance with Baker's (1988) **uniform theta assignment hypothesis /UTAH** "two arguments which fulfill the same thematic function with respect to a given predicate must occupy the same underlying position in the syntax".(200)

Accordingly, the framework adopted here assumes that the verb moves from its original position (postverbal) position after *the ball* into a higher verb position to the left of *the ball*, thereby forming "complex double -VP structures which comprise an outer VP **shell** with an inner VP core embedded within it". (200) (See Larson (1988,1990), Hale and Kayser (1991,1993, 1994) and Chomsky (1995)) Therefore, sentence (4) (i) would have the structure in (5) (i) ;while sentence (1) (ii) would have the structure in (5) (ii).

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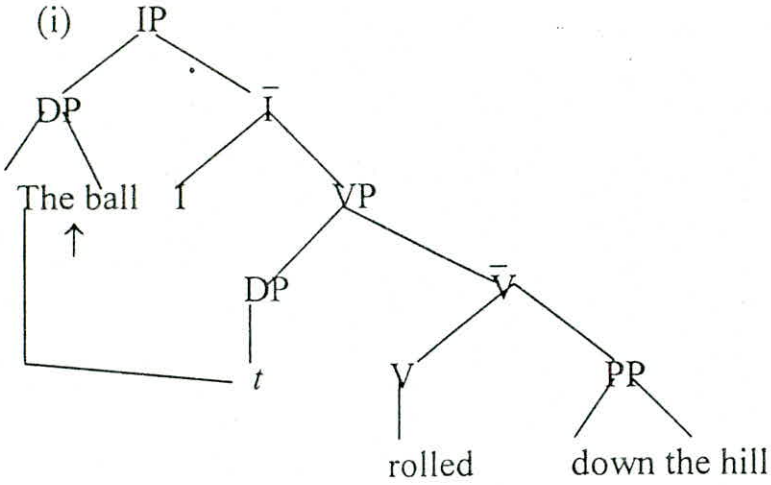
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