IX: Chapter Nine : A-movement

In the previous chapter, we argued that subjects originate in a theta -marked specifier position within VP and that it moved into a case-marked specifier position within IP by application of raising. In this chapter, it will be shown that "raising and passivization are two different variants of the same **A-movement** (=argument movement) operation."(175) In sentence (1)(i) , the "italicized nominal originates as the subject of the complement clause and is then raised up to become the matrix clause subject by application of (subject to- subject) **raising,** leaving behind an empty category trace as the subject of the complement clause." (176) This successive cyclic movement is illustrated by the tree in (1)(ii).

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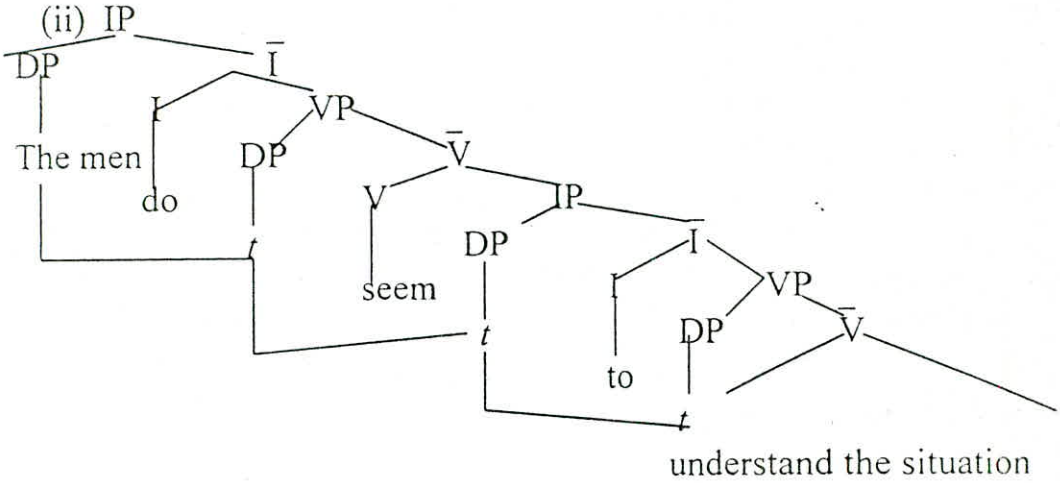
(i) *The men do seem to understand the situation*

(ii)



Assuming that "floating quantifiers modify traces of moved subjects" (178) , we can say that it is only when the floating