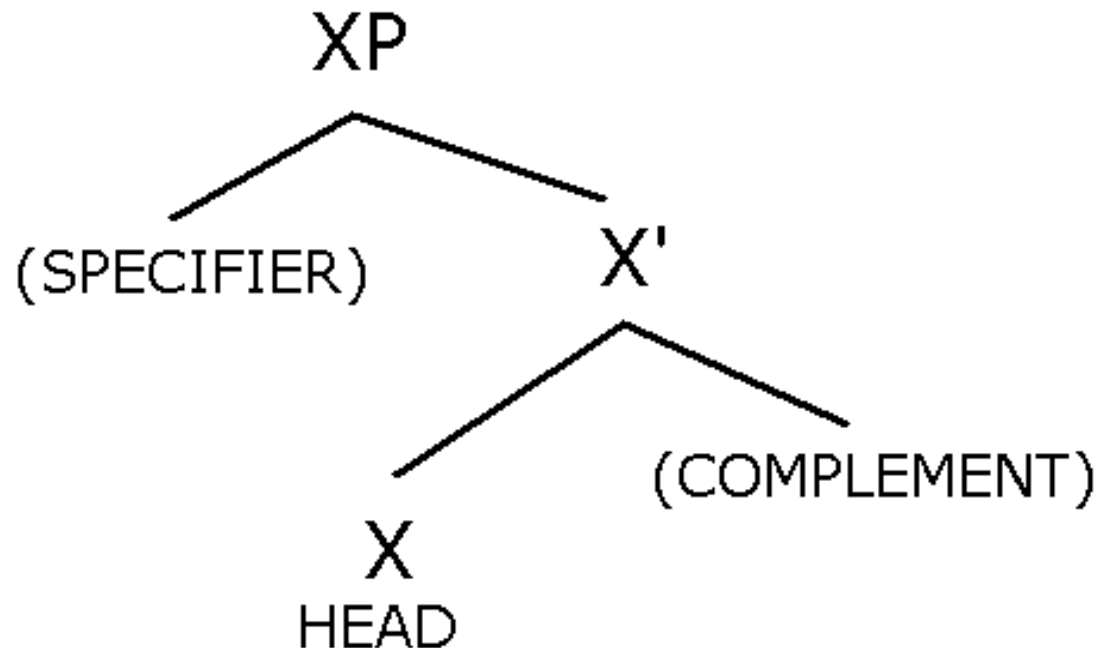


- **Answers to practice X' trees**

Reminder: The X' (read "X-bar") schema

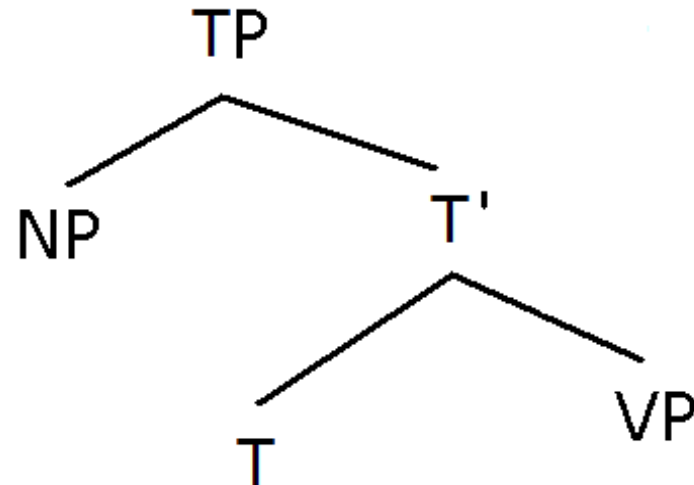
- The **X' schema** is a blueprint for sentence structure in our model of mental grammar



- An element in parentheses (...) is **optional**

Practice building TPs

- Sentence = **TP**:



- Some examples to try

Oscar snores

This book is expensive [see lecture outline]

Ernie usually annoys Bert

Susan likes truffles from France

My friend might sometimes play the oboe

Practice building TPs

- Can we identify the **subject** and **predicate**?

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Practice building TPs

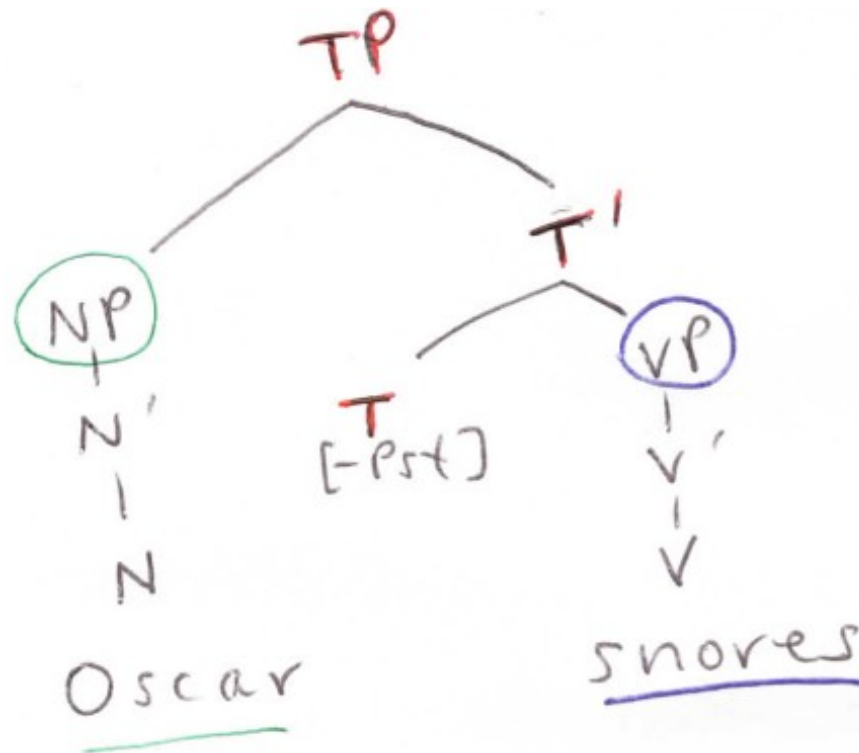
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Practice building TPs

- **Subject** will be **NP**, **predicate** will be **VP**



- **Head** of TP is **T** — if there is no modal auxiliary (as here), T contains a tense feature

Practice building TPs

- Can we identify the **subject** and **predicate**?

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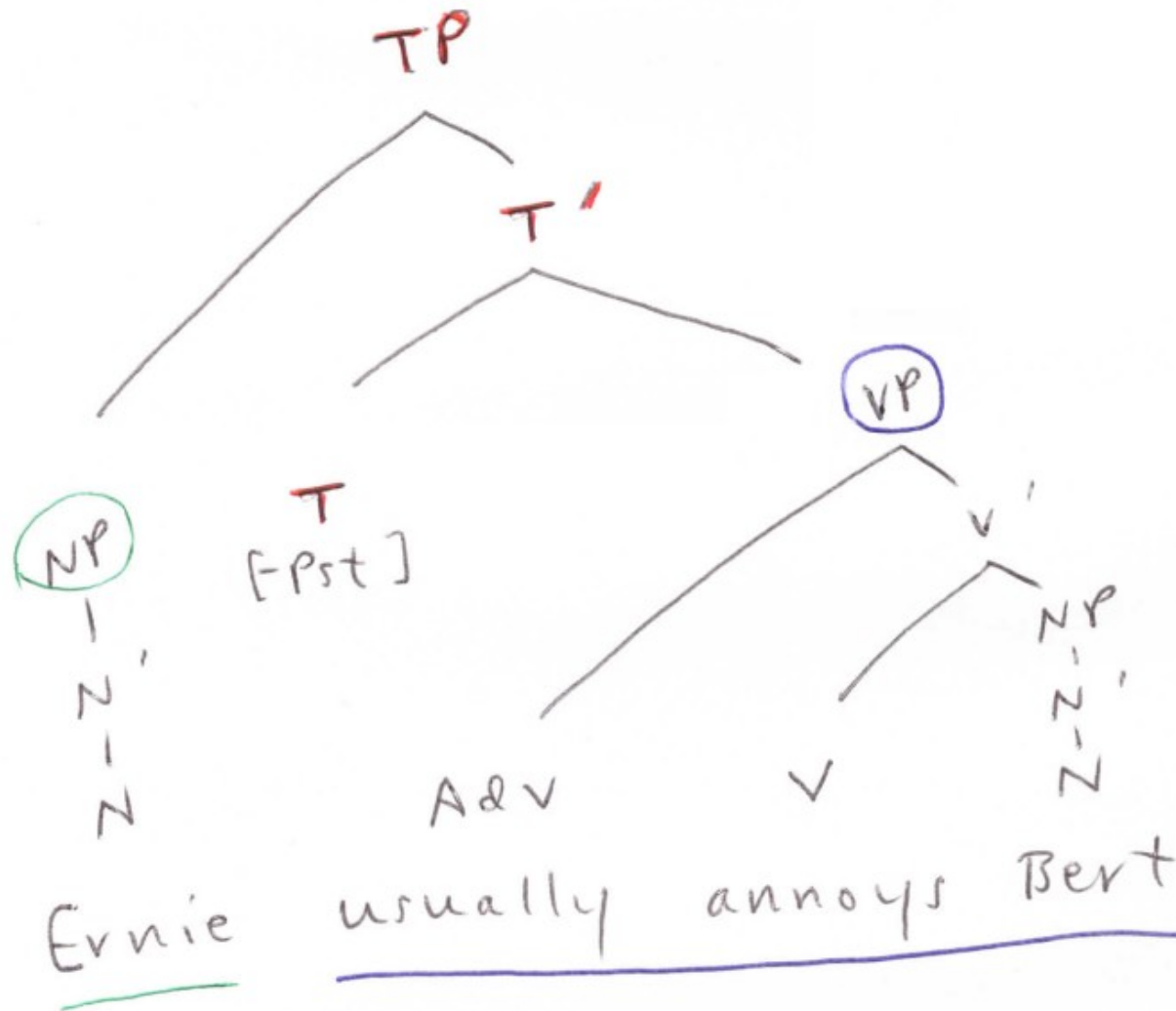
Practice building TPs

- **Subject** will be **NP**, **predicate** will be **VP**

N Adv V N
Ernie usually annoys Bert

Practice building TPs

- Remember to check that *all* words are in the TP!



Practice building TPs

- Try it!

Susan likes truffles from France

Practice building TPs

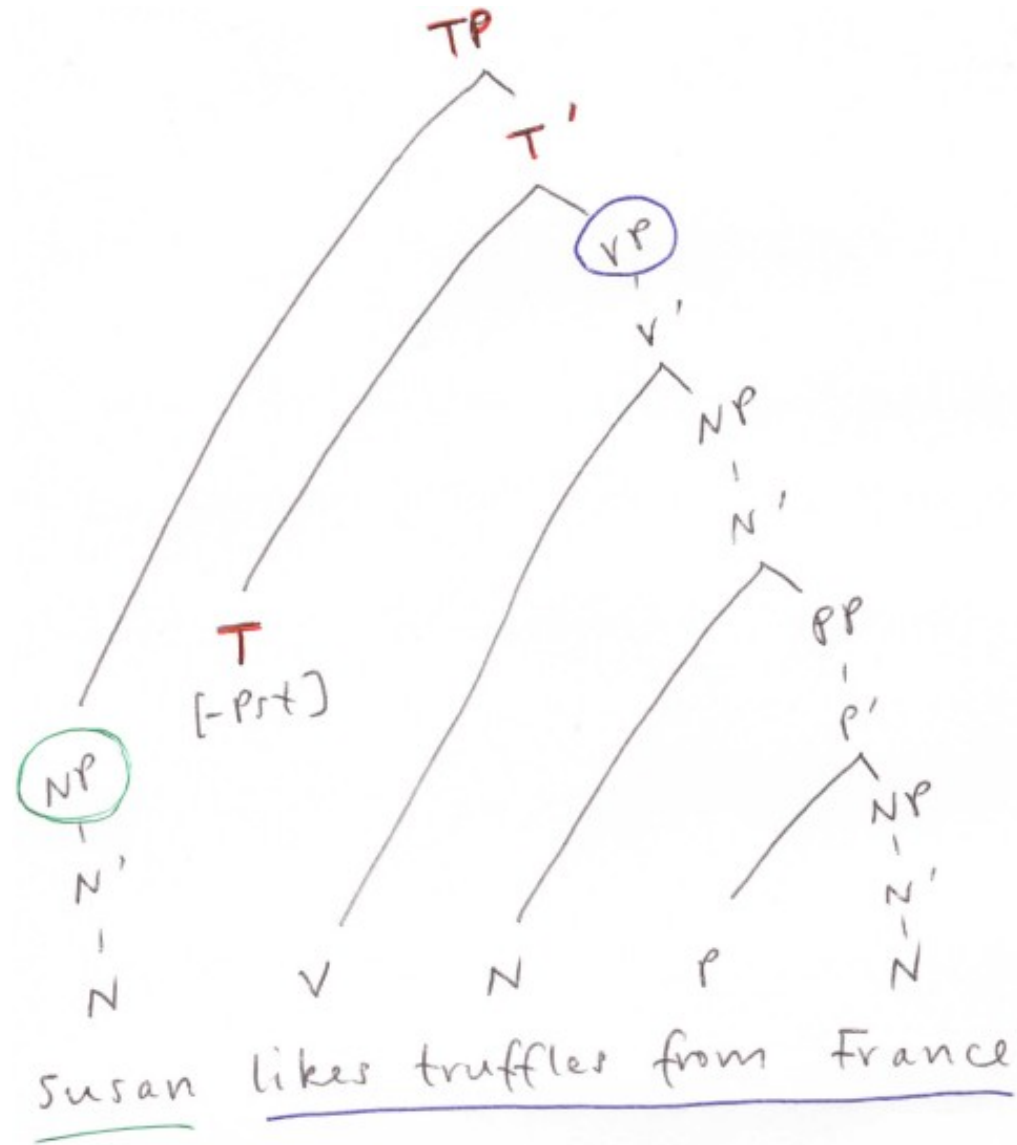
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N V N P N

Practice building TPs

- Try it!



Practice building TPs

- What is the word category of *might*?

My friend might sometimes play the oboe

Practice building TPs

- Now find subject and predicate, and build the TP

N	N	T	Adv	V	Det	N
<i>My</i>	<i>friend</i>	<i>might</i>	<i>sometimes</i>	<i>play</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>oboe</i>

Practice building TPs

- This time we have a word in the T position

