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09.30 Ambiguity, modifiers, and syntactic rules [5/10 to pass]

Part 1

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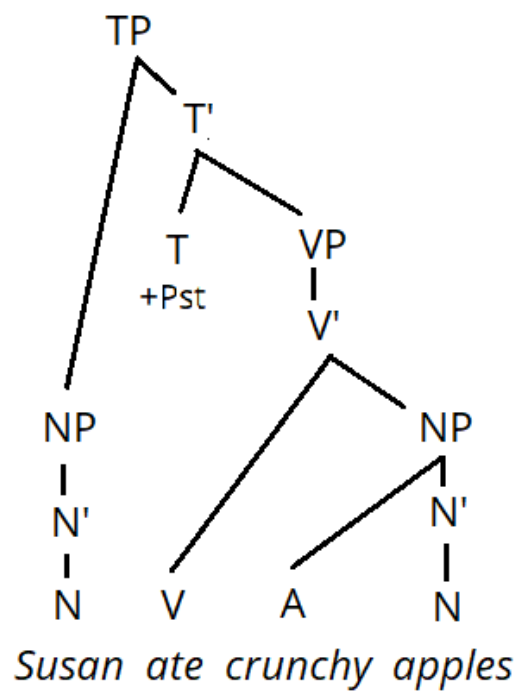
Which of the following is a possible meaning for this sentence? Choose all that apply.

Bert poked the monster in my classroom.

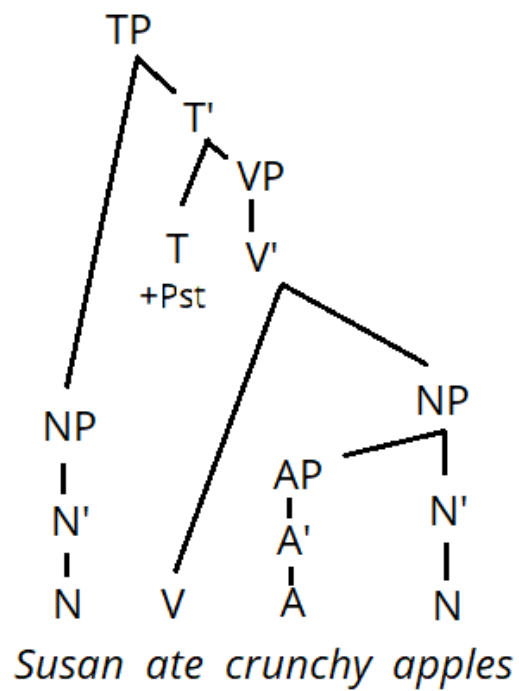
- ☐ A. Bert poked the monster. The poking happened in my classroom.
- ☐ B. Bert, who is now in my classroom, poked the monster. The poking did not happen in my classroom.
- ☐ C. Bert poked the monster, who is now in my classroom. The poking did not happen in my classroom.

Which of the following tree structures is compatible with our model of syntax?

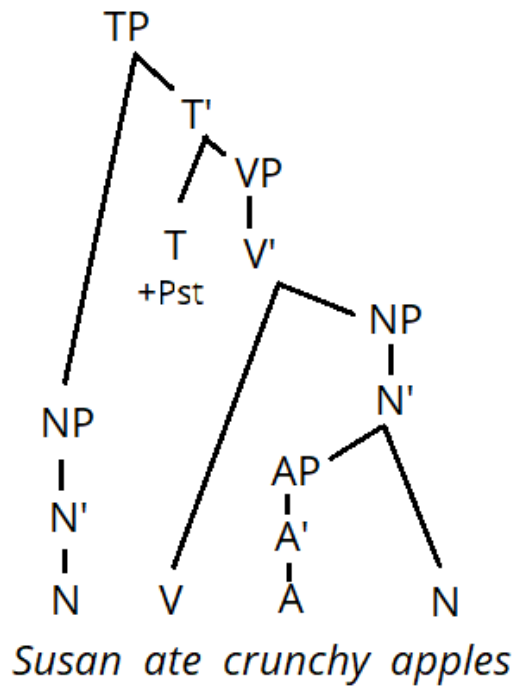
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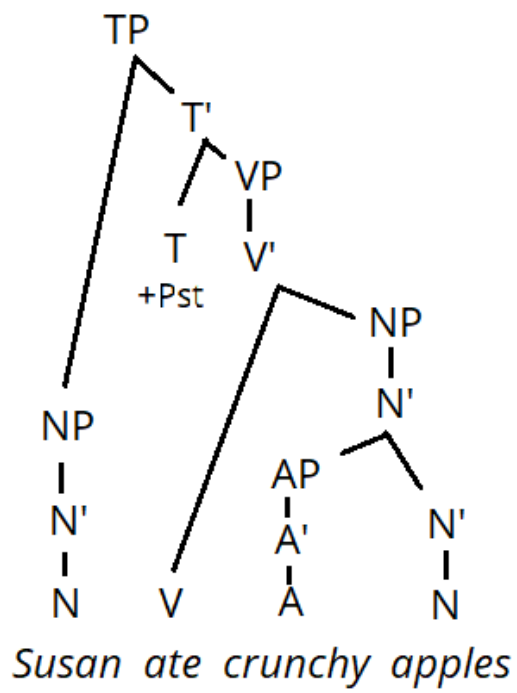
B.



C.



D.



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The following is the deep structure of a sentence that is a question. Which of the following syntactic rules will apply to this sentence?

+Q Yvonne will always build model airplanes.

- ☐ A. Only 'Do' Insertion will apply
- ☐ B. Only Inversion will apply
- ☐ C. Both 'Do' Insertion and Inversion will apply
- ☐ D. Neither 'Do' Insertion nor Inversion will apply

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The following is the deep structure of a sentence that is a question. Which of the following syntactic rules will apply to this sentence?

+Q The children made what

- ☐ A.
Only 'Do' Insertion will apply.
- ☐ B.
Only Inversion will apply.
- ☐ C.
Only WH Movement will apply.
- ☐ D.
Both 'Do' Insertion and Inversion will apply.
- ☐ E.
Both Inversion and WH Movement will apply.
- ☐ F.
Both 'Do' Insertion and WH Movement will apply.
- ☐ G.
All three rules will apply: 'Do' Insertion, Inversion, and WH Movement.
- ☐ H.
None of these rules will apply.