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PART 1: HISTORICAL LANDMARKS



Chapter 1: The Prehistory of Cognitive Science



Chapter 1.3: Linguistics and the formal analysis of language



Chomsky's (1957) *Syntactic Structures*

- Provided a way to analyze language in algorithmic terms
- Provided an explanation for why languages work the way they do
- Highly influential across cognitive science

Deep structure

“John has hit the ball.”

“The ball has been hit by John.”

Different deep structure,
same meaning

“Susan is easy to please.”

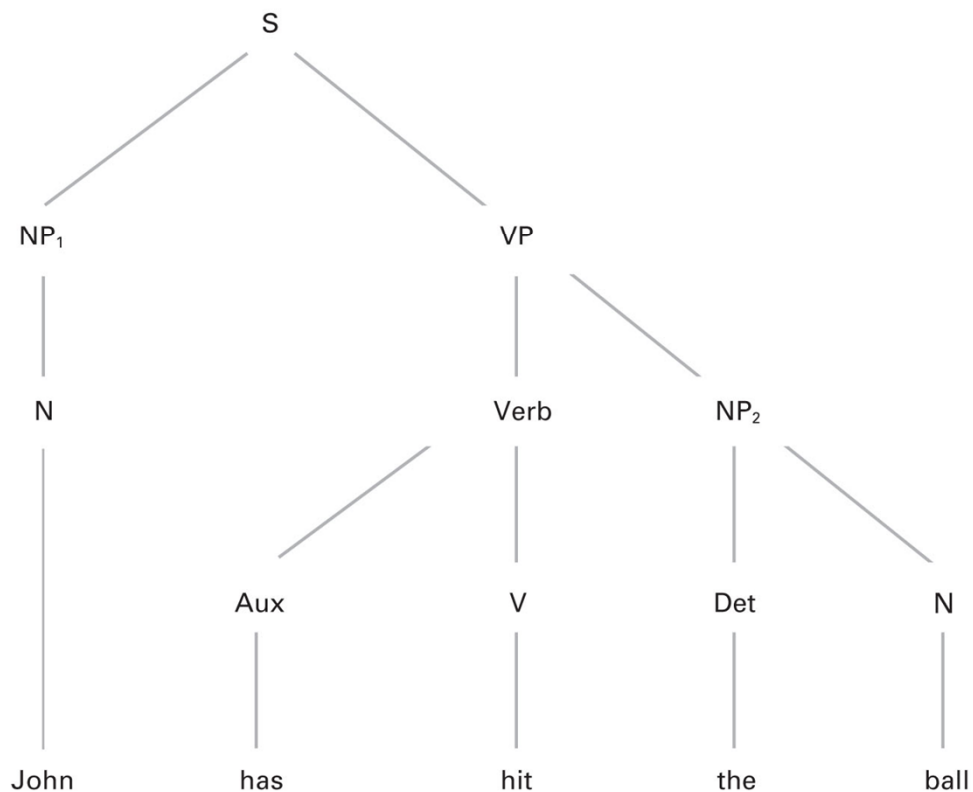
“Susan is eager to please.”

Similar deep structure,
different meaning

The goal is to understand the transformation of deep structures

Key

S	Sentence
NP	Noun phrase
VP	Verb phrase
Verb	Aux + V
Aux	Auxiliary (e.g. "was" or "will")
V	Verb
Det	Determiner (e.g. "the" or "a")
N	Noun



Deep structure

“John has hit the ball.”

$NP_1 + Aux + V + NP_2$

“The ball has been hit by John.”

$NP_2 + Aux + been + V + by + NP_1$

Take-home points

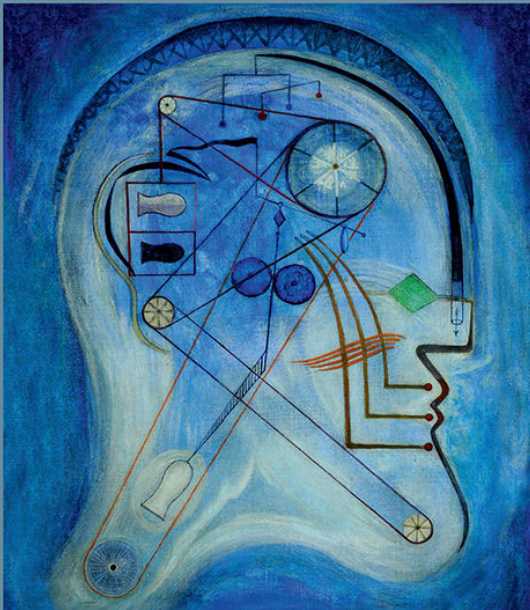
- Chomsky's analysis illustrates Lashley's point about hierarchical processes
 - The transformation of deep structures to produce language clearly requires internal storage and processing of information
- Linguistic processes can be understood algorithmically

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CHAPTER ONE

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Overview

In the late 1970s cognitive science became an established part of the intellectual landscape. At that time an academic field crystallized around a basic set of problems, techniques, and theoretical assumptions. These problems, techniques, and theoretical assumptions came from many different disciplines and areas. Many of them had been around for a fairly long time. What was new was the idea of putting them together as a way of studying the mind.

Cognitive science is at heart an interdisciplinary endeavor. In interdisciplinary research great innovations come about simply because people see how to combine things that are already out there but have never been put together before. A good way to understand cognitive science is to try to think your way back to how things might have looked to its early pioneers. They were exploring a landscape in which certain regions were well mapped and well understood, but where