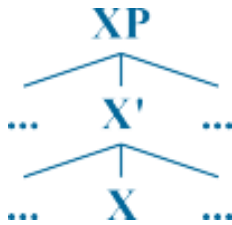


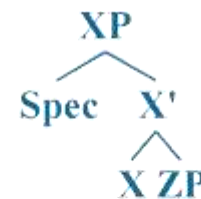
Unit Advice “X-bar Syntax”



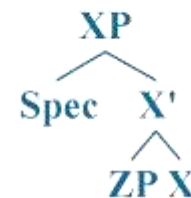
X' or X-bar syntax is a theory of phrase structure which states that all phrasal and clausal categories are organized around a head according to a common hierarchical scheme involving the lexical level (X), one or more intermediate (bar-) levels (X'), and the phrasal level (XP) at the top.

This unit presents the X-bar scheme, gives arguments for bar-level categories, and looks at the internal structure of the main phrasal and clausal categories. It also discusses the different patterns of head-modifier arrangement across languages.

In the content section, which contains several micro-lectures, one about each phrasal category of X-bar syntax, we will study the structure of each phrasal category. Furthermore, we will practice using the x-bar scheme and will discuss its implications across languages. Please tick off the activities of this unit, once you've mastered the content.



If you do not know where to start, however, use the how to proceed section with its questions and hyperlinks for guidance.



The mastery test presents several local trees where you have to insert the category labels, certainly easy to pass after going through the content.

And the suggestions for the in-class activities provide you with data for the construction of constituents of various degrees of complexity. So all in all, quite a lot – but if you invest a reasonable amount of time – you'll manage.

Suggested workload: 90 to 120 minutes.