Syntax seminar course (BBN-ANG-252)   Irine Burukina
Handout 8   isbms27@gmail.com
IP, Adjuncts, CP, Questions

0. IP
I head = Case + Agreement with the subject. A DP moves into the Spec,IP where it agrees with I head and gets Nominative case. Theta-role position → Case assignment position.
I head = inflectional elements: auxiliary verbs, -ed, -s, etc.
Do insertion: 1) negation: *The glass shattered not. *The glass not shattered. ^{ok}The glass did not shatter.
<u>Adjuncts</u>
speaker-oriented > subject-oriented > frequency > completion > manner
V-level: frequency > completion > manner
v-level: subject-oriented (agent-oriented): *intentionally, deliberately,* etc.
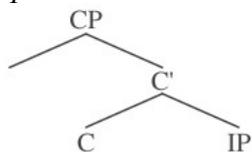I-level: speaker-oriented: *probably, hopefully, fortunately*

Exercise 1. How do the DPs acquire case?
a. John met Mary in the park.
b. For me to survive this week will be quite difficult.
c. Everybody goes to see the painting.
d. John persuaded Bill to go to see a doctor.
e. Mary gave a book to John for Xmas.

1. CP
Complementisers: *Knut knows **that** [water is wet] /* **for** *[Stan to save the world], he needs a red cape / I don't remember **if** [I told you about my mother]*

Complementisers can be null: *She said that she was smart / She said she was smart.*
<u>Selection</u>: *I know that… / I asked if … / I do not know if …*

2. Interrogative CPs
<u>Wh-questions</u>
What did you say? When did you say that? ← Wh-words in Spec,CP
<u>Yes-no questions</u>
Did you say that? ← Infl head moves to C head; auxiliary inversion
+ covert Q particle in C0: *What did you do last summer? I know what you did last summer.*
<u>Subject wh-questions</u>
Who did say that? ^{ok}*Who said that?*
Which one is correct?
a. [$_{CP}$ e [$_{IP}$ who can save the world]]
b. [$_{CP}$ who$_1$ e [$_{IP}$ t$_1$ can save the world]]
c. [$_{CP}$ who$_1$ can$_2$ [$_{IP}$ t$_1$ t$_2$ save the world]]