

The hierarchical structure of words



THE HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE OF DERIVED WORDS

A word is not a simple sequences of morphemes. It has an internal structure.

Hierarchical structure is an essential property of human language.

It can be represented by a tree diagram that indicates the steps involved in the formation of the word.



The difference is "reuse" is a verb but "unuse" is not a word.

Adjective

Adjective prefix

Noun stem

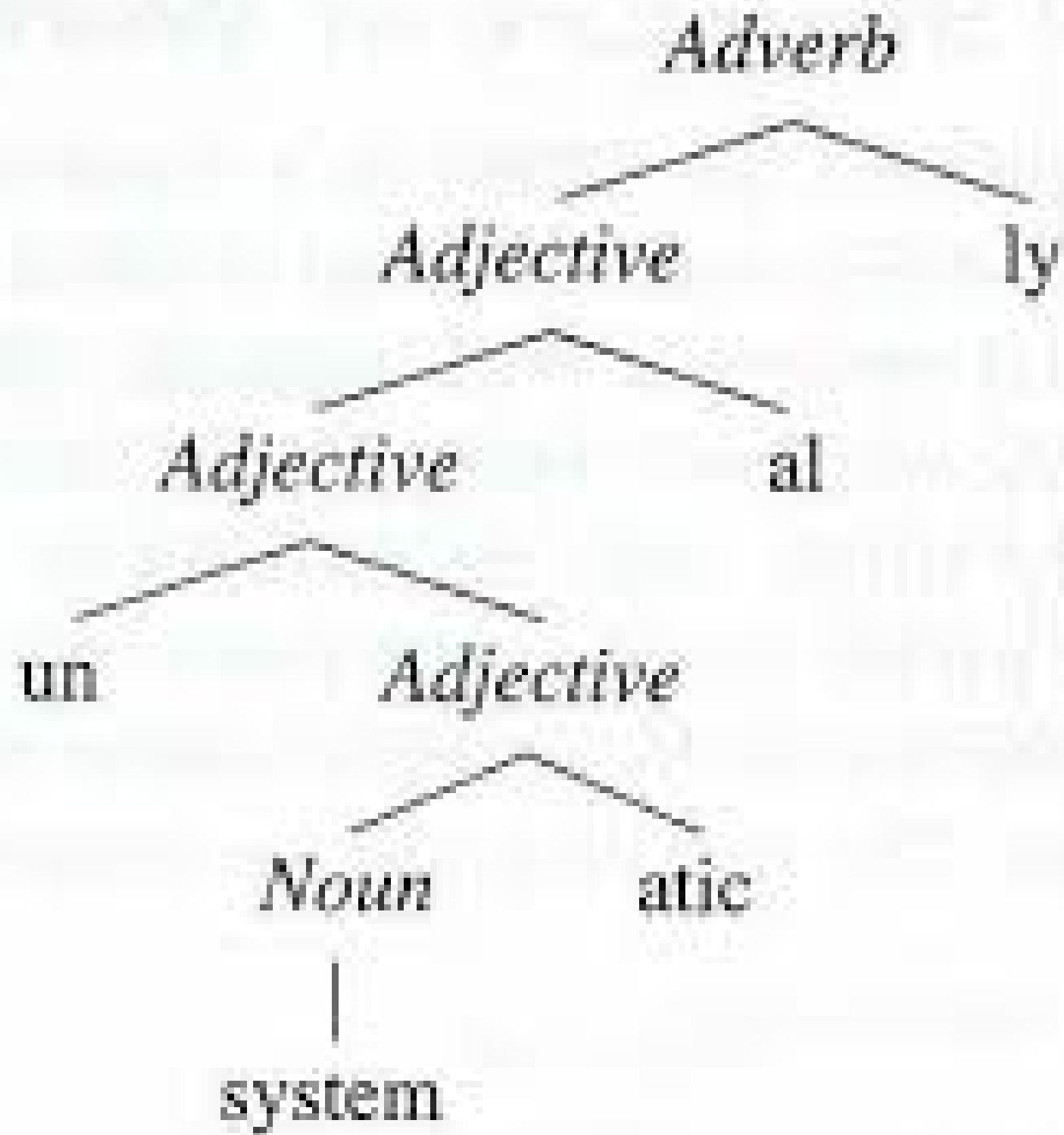
Verb stem

Noun suffix

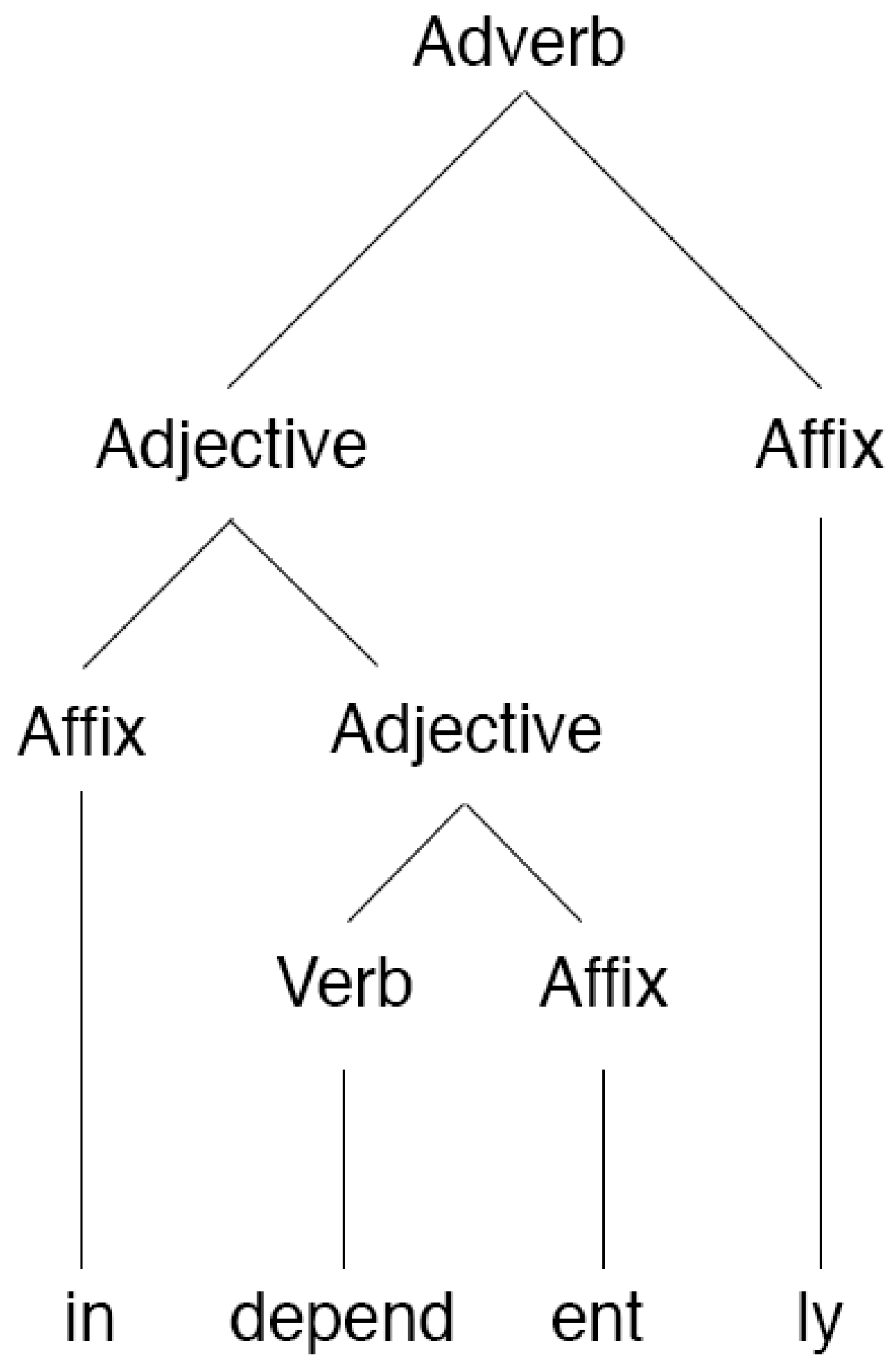
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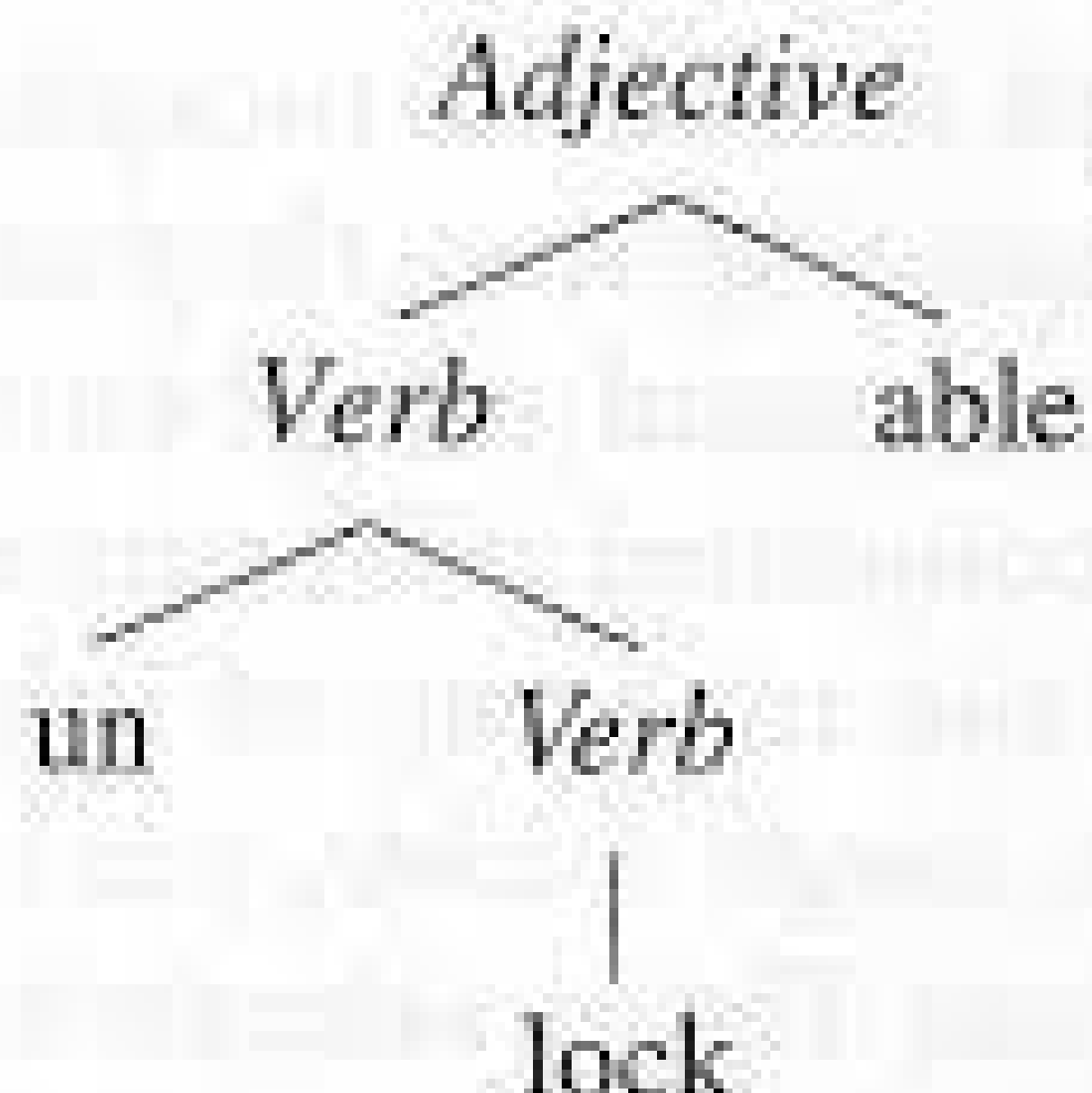
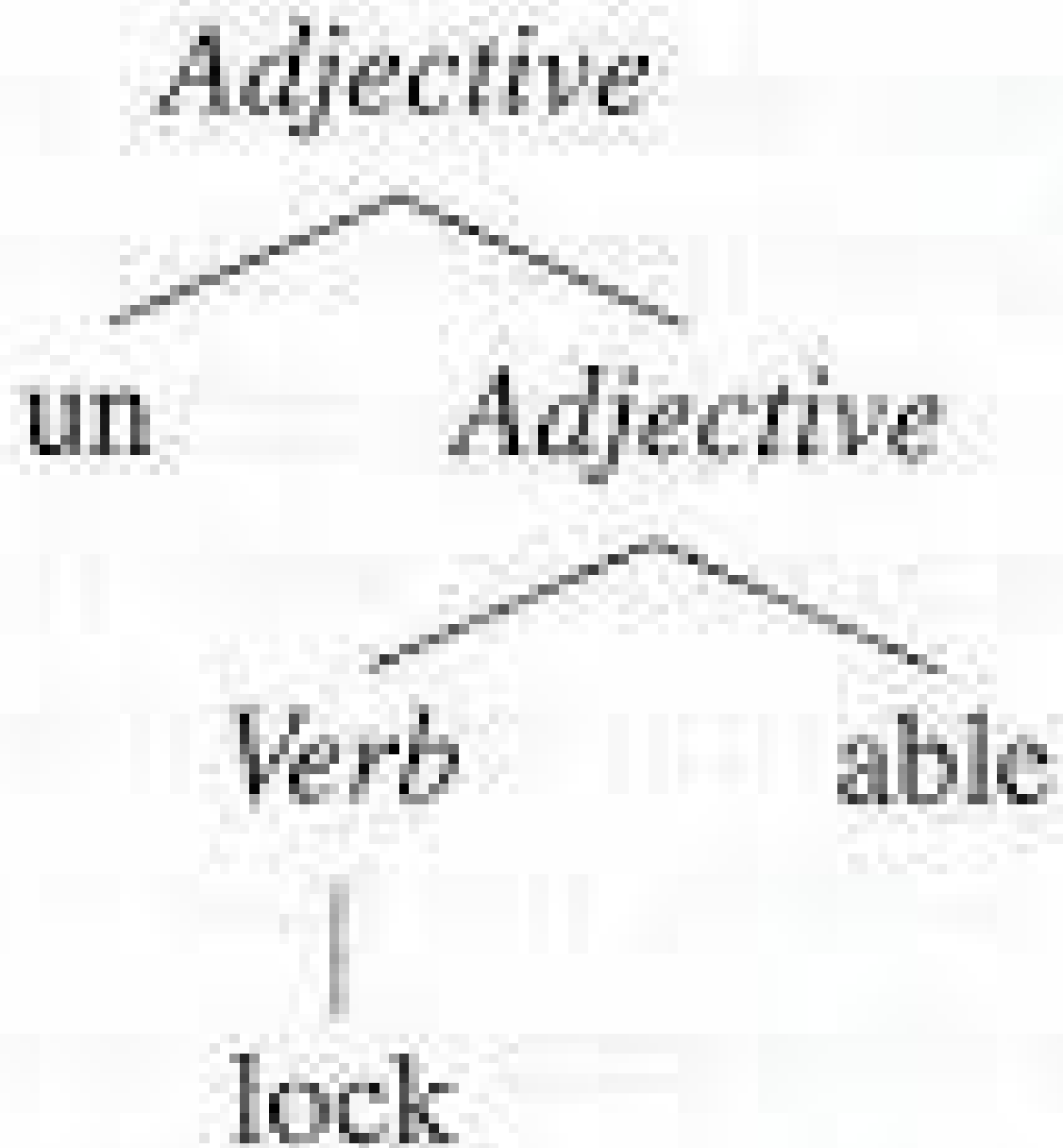
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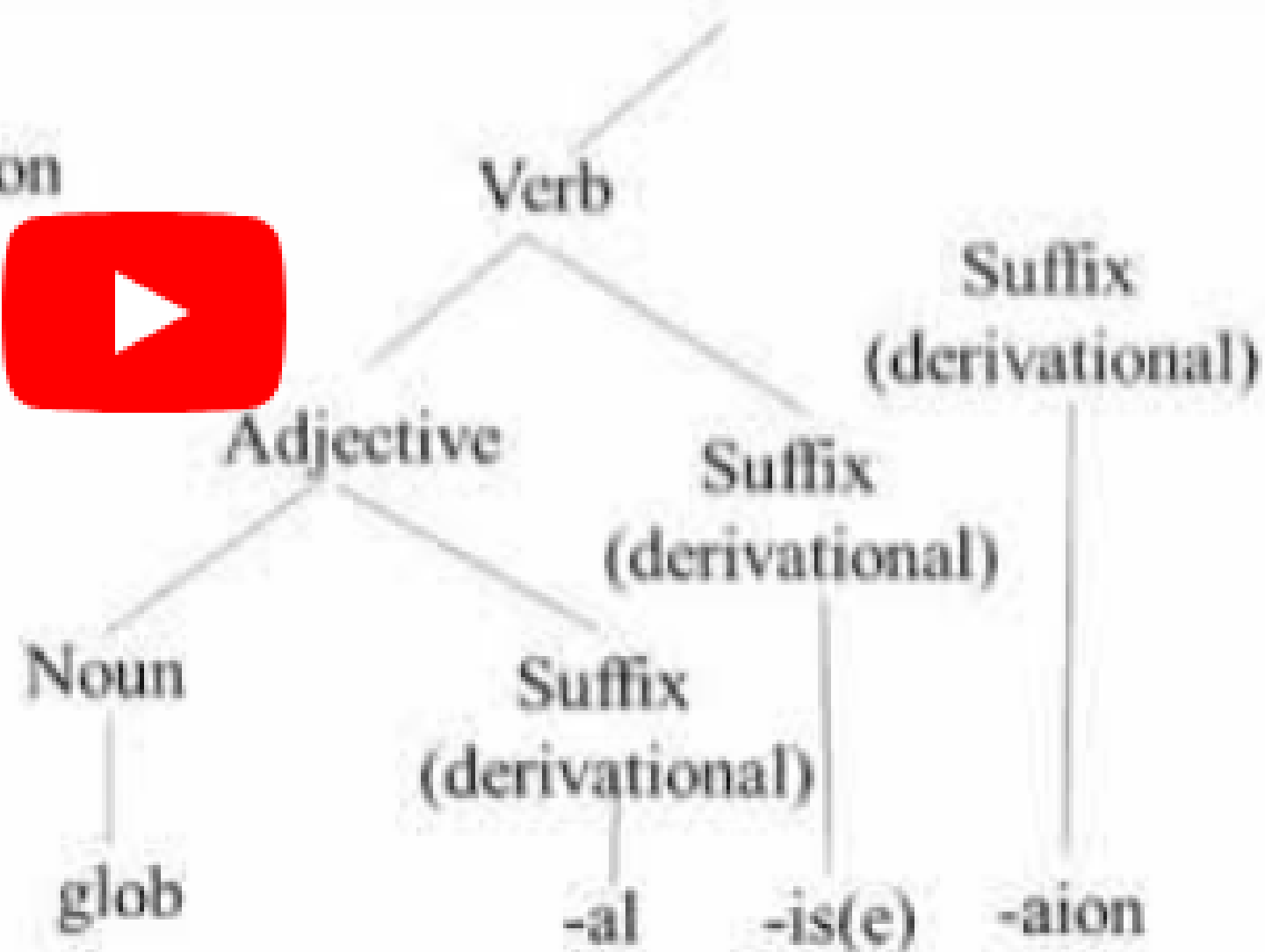
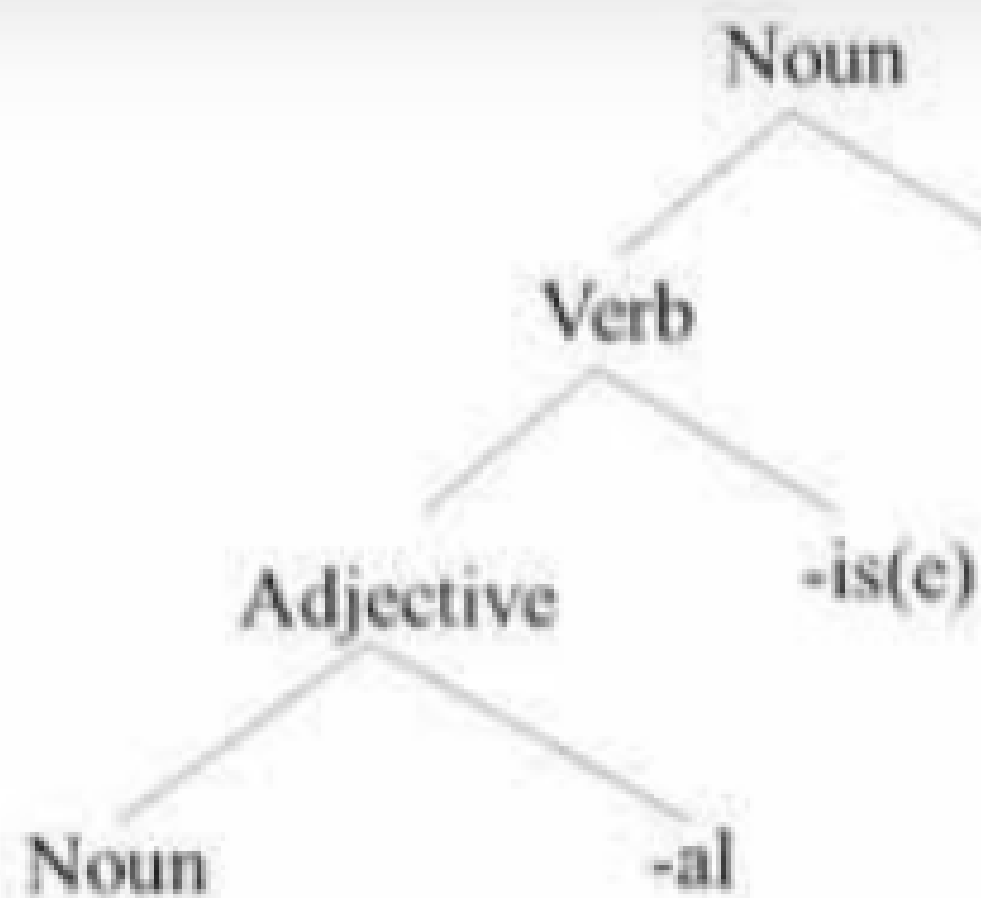


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Tree diagram



2 words

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+suffix