

Unit 6: Question Transformation

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- **Question transformation** is a concept in generative grammar that refers to the process by which a declarative sentence is transformed into an interrogative (question) sentence.
- In the context of question transformation, there are various transformations that can take place to convert a declarative sentence into an interrogative one. The specific transformations depend on the language and the particular syntactic structure involved.
- **For example:**
- She is going to school. (transformation process)
- Is she going to school?

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- In English there two main types of questions:
 - 1. Yes/No questions**
 - Is she happy?
 - 2. Questions that can be answered by other words**
 - What are you doing this weekend?
- The main rules of creating such grammatical structures according to generative grammar will be explained in the subsequent slides of this lecture.

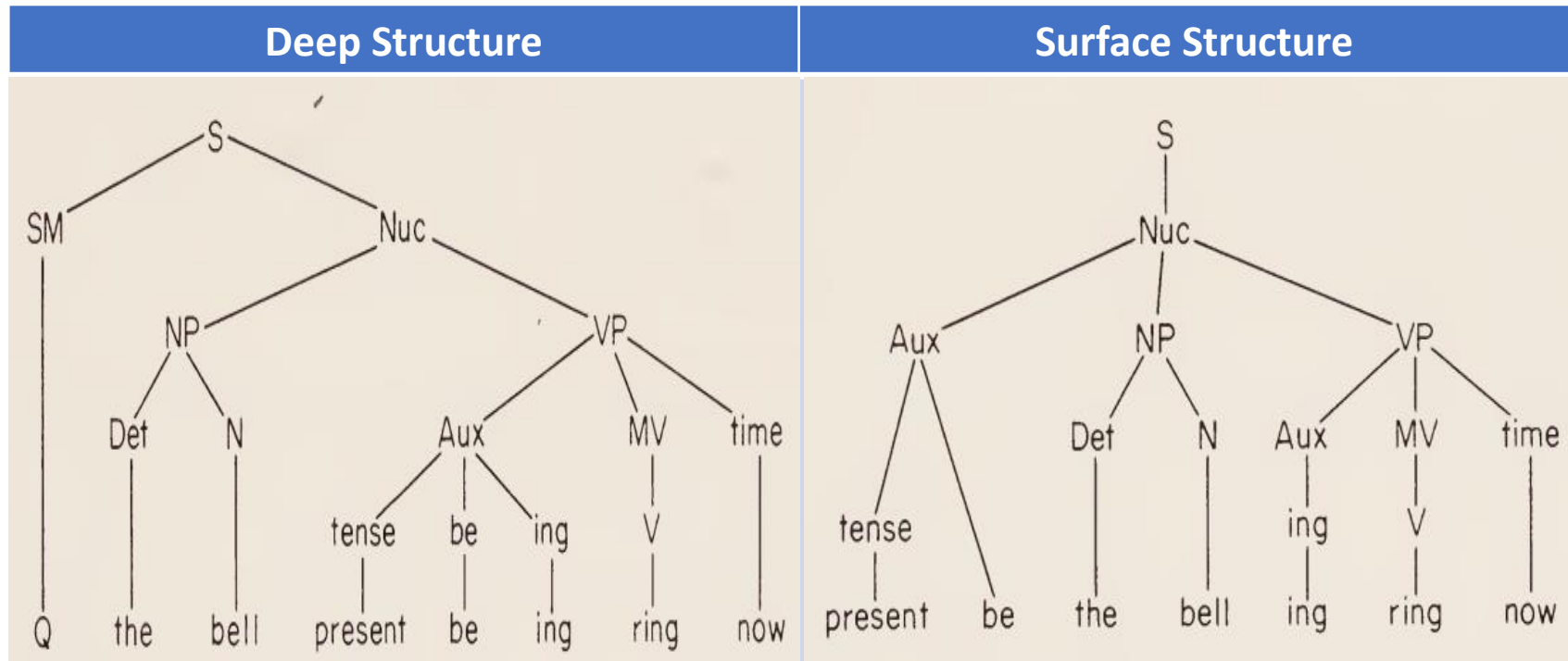
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- **Yes/No Questions:**
- These types of questions are used to elicit a yes/no answer from the questioned person.
- **The rule for transforming questions with Aux is as follows:**

$$Q + NP + \text{tense} + \text{Aux}^1 + X \Rightarrow \text{tense} + \text{Aux}^1 + NP + X$$

- **For example:**
- The bell is ringing now.

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- **Practice:-**
- Ali is driving the car.
- They are studying for the exam.