

Unit 7: Transformational Processes

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- Transformational processes in grammar refer to the operations or rules that transform one linguistic structure into another while preserving the underlying meaning.
- These processes are a key component of transformational grammar.
- The goal of transformational processes is to account for the generation of diverse surface structures from a finite set of underlying structures.
- There are four major transformational processes that account for the complexity of sentences.
- Addition; Deletion; Substitution; and rearrangement

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- **Addition:-**

- We place something in the tree that was not originally there in the deep structure, for example the addition of do in
 - He past not disappear
 - He past do not disappear

- **Deletion:-**

- When we remove something from a grammatical structure without effecting the integrity of the structure, for example
 - Ali couldn't her you, but I could hear you.
 - Ali couldn't her you, but I could.

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- **Rearrangement:-**

- When we change the order of a sentence for a certain grammatical purpose, for example the Yes/No question in
 - He is a teacher
 - Is he a teacher?

- **Substitution:-**

- When we replace an element from the deep structure with another element, for example the WH question in
 - Are you buying what
 - What are you buying.