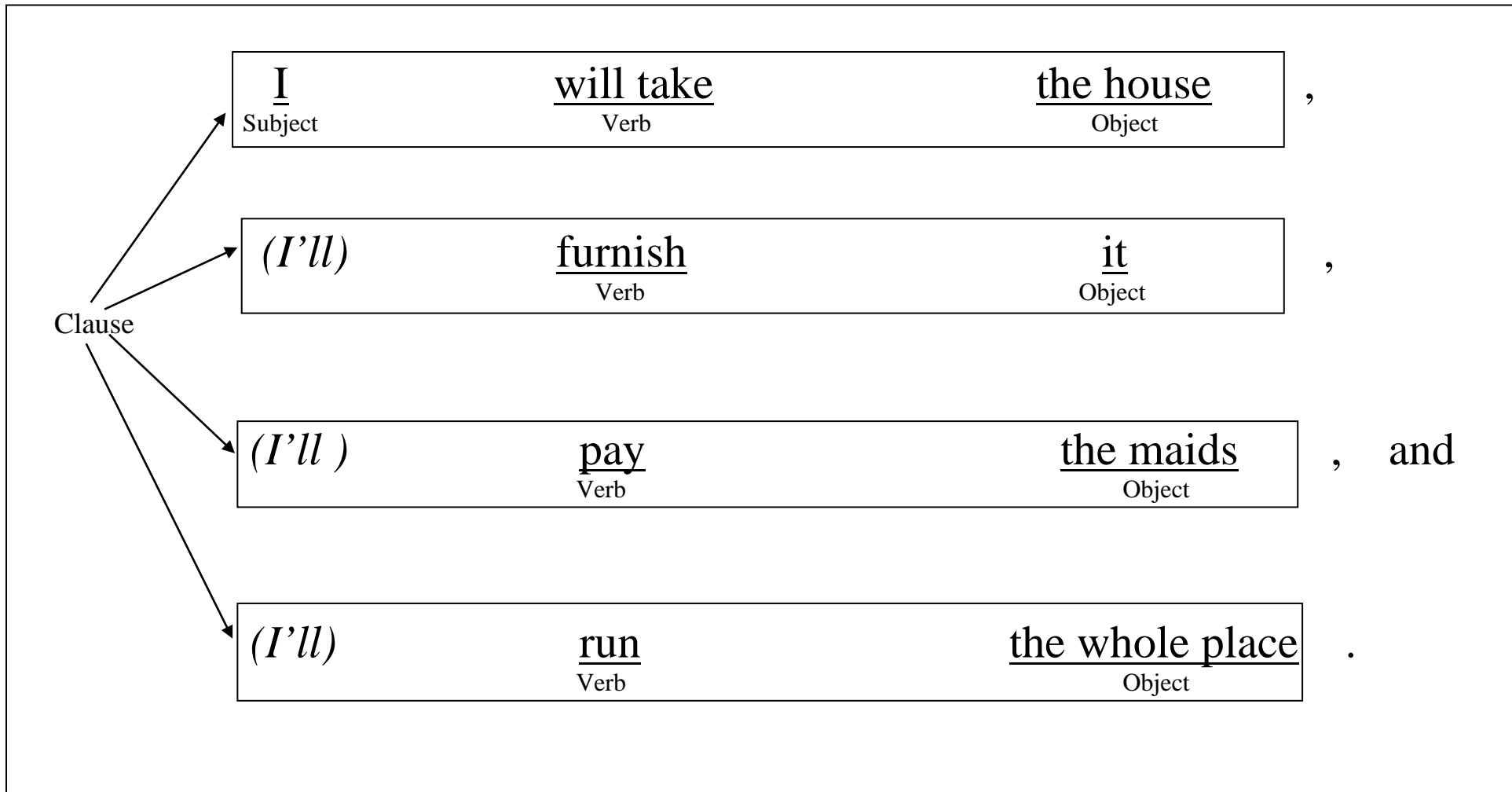
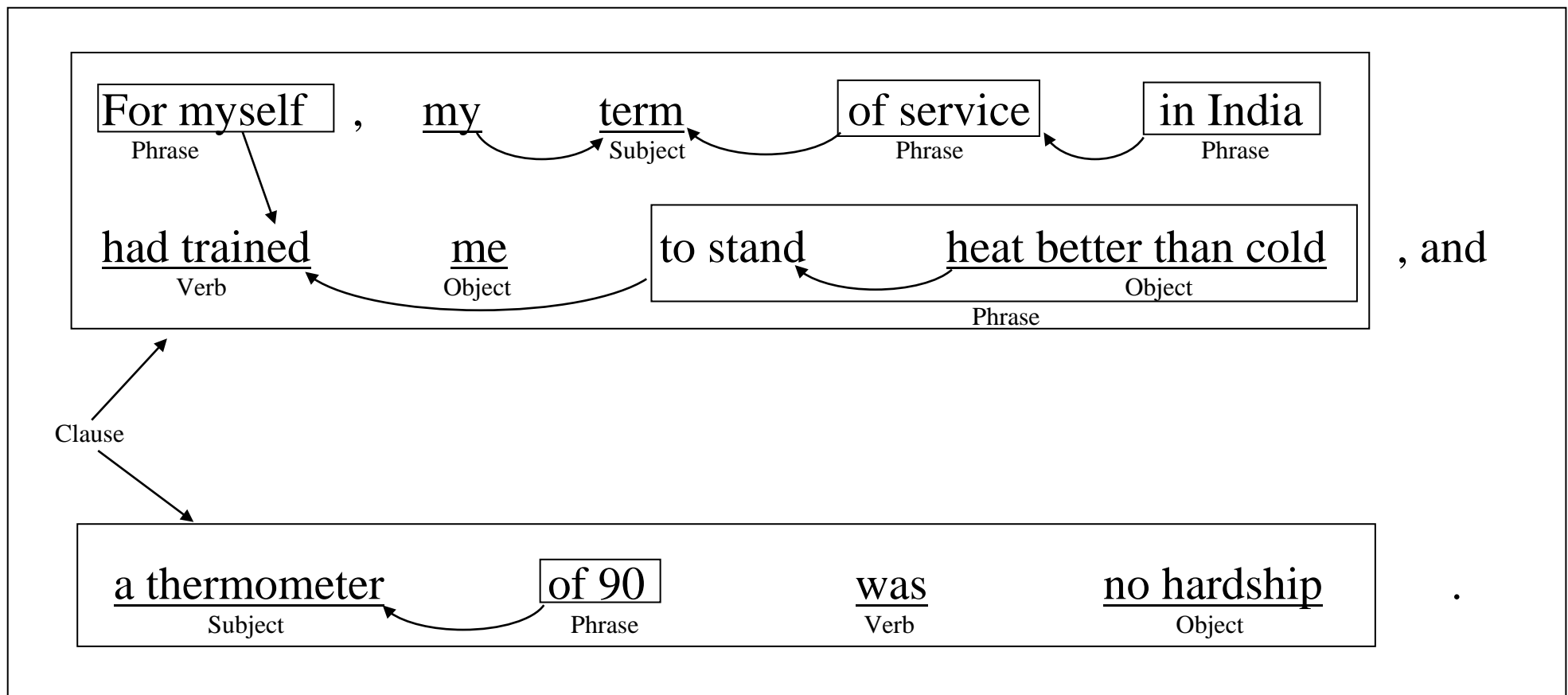


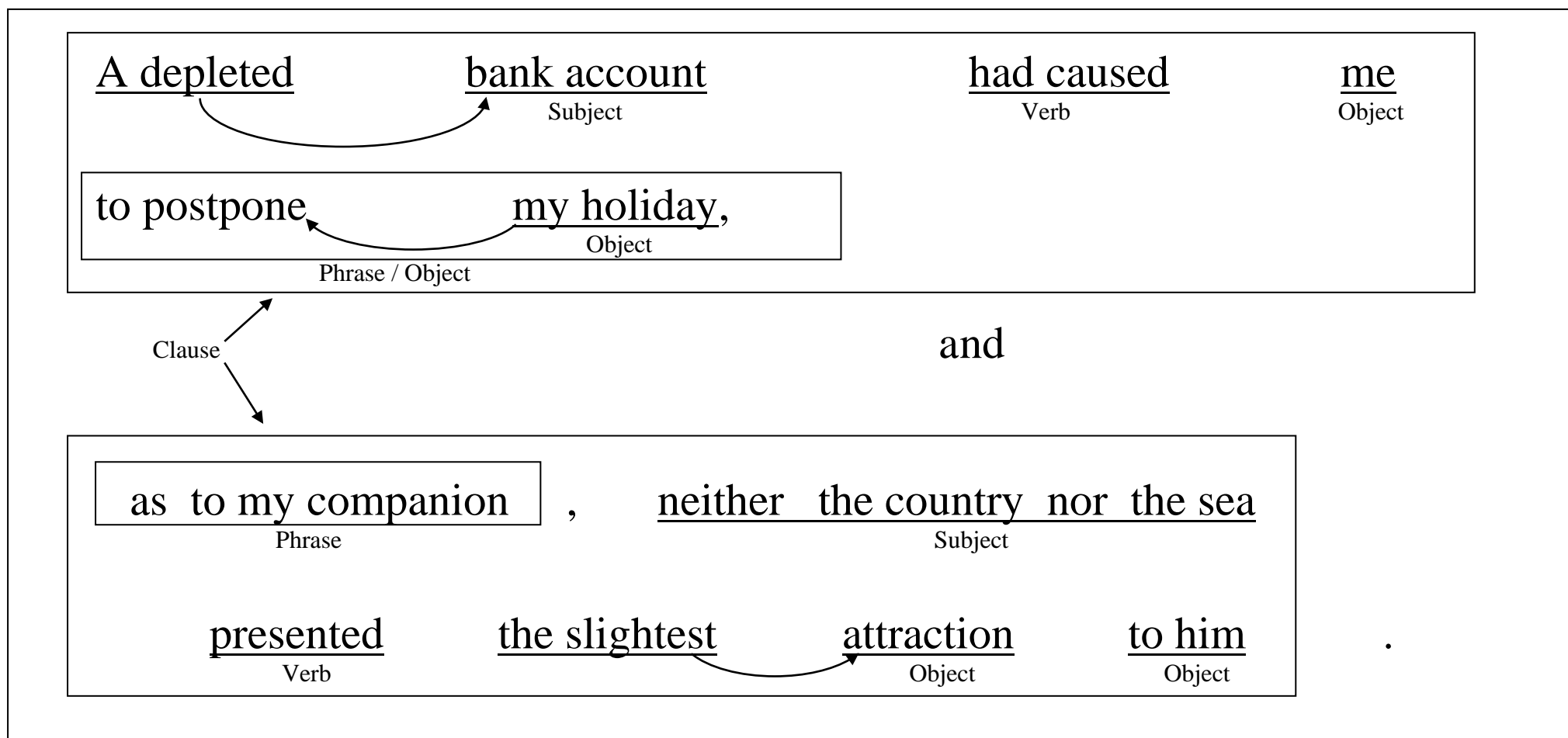
- I'll take the house, furnish it, pay the maids, and run the whole place.



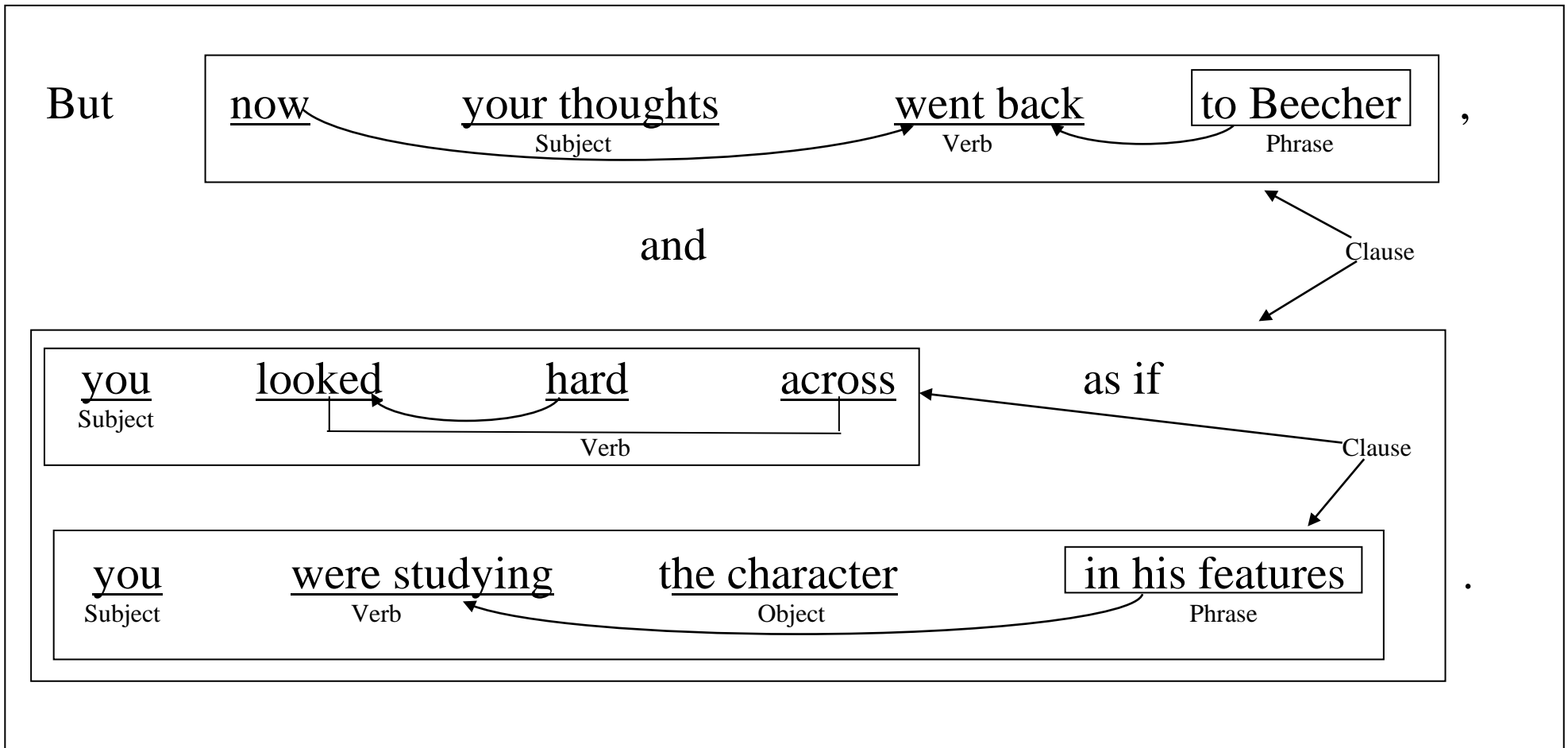
- For myself, my term of service in India had trained me to stand heat better than cold, and a thermometer of 90 was no hardship.



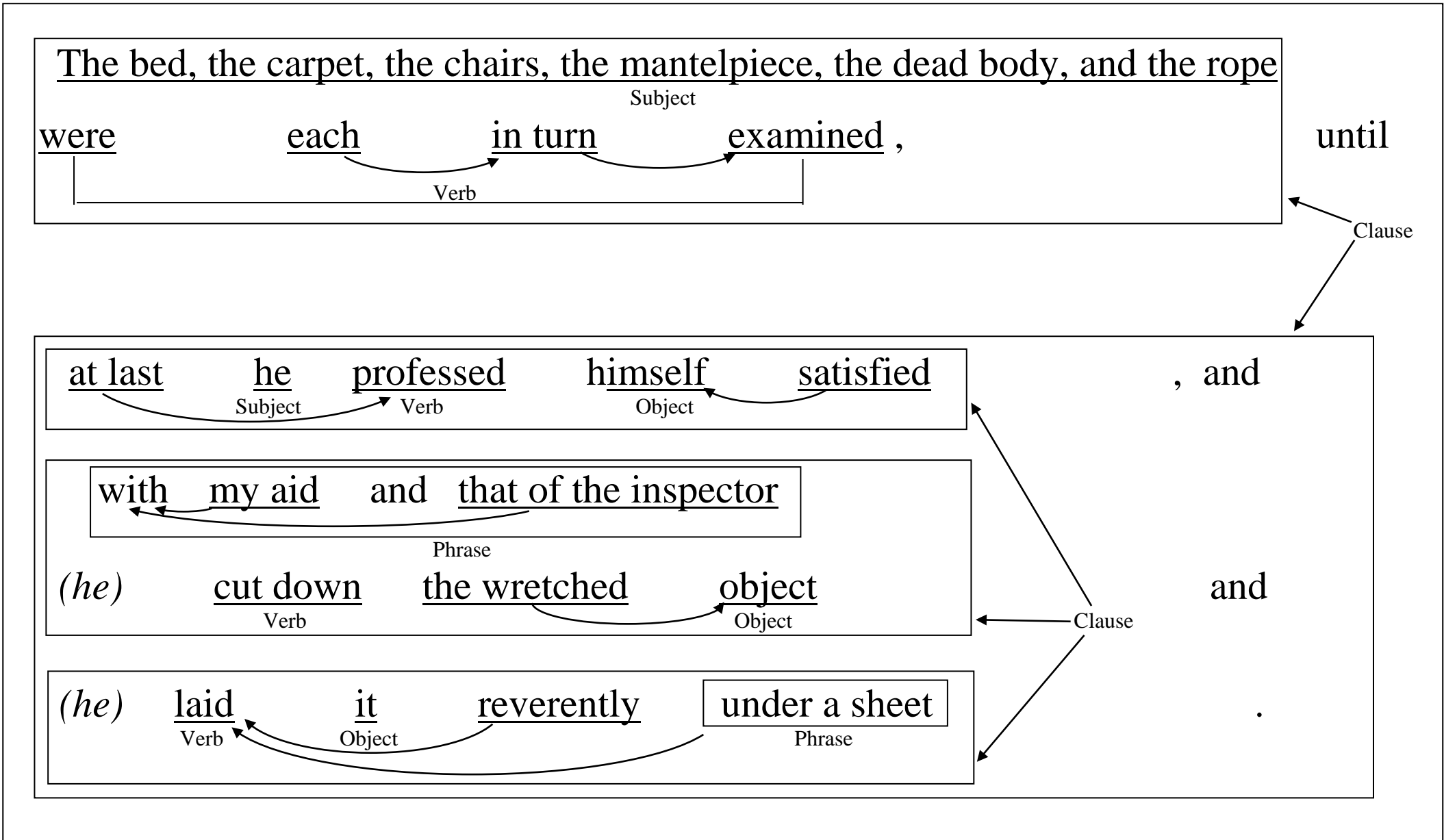
- A depleted bank account had caused me to postpone my holiday, and as to my companion, neither the country nor the sea presented the slightest attraction to him.



- But now your thoughts went back to Beecher, and you looked hard across as if you were studying the character in his features.



- The bed, the carpet, the chairs, the mantelpiece, the dead body, and the rope were each in turn examined, until at last he professed himself satisfied, and with my aid and that of the inspector cut down the wretched object and laid it reverently under a sheet.



- His face was as impassive as ever, but his lids had drooped more heavily over his eyes, and his smoke had curled up more thickly from his pipe to emphasize each curious episode in the doctor's tale.

