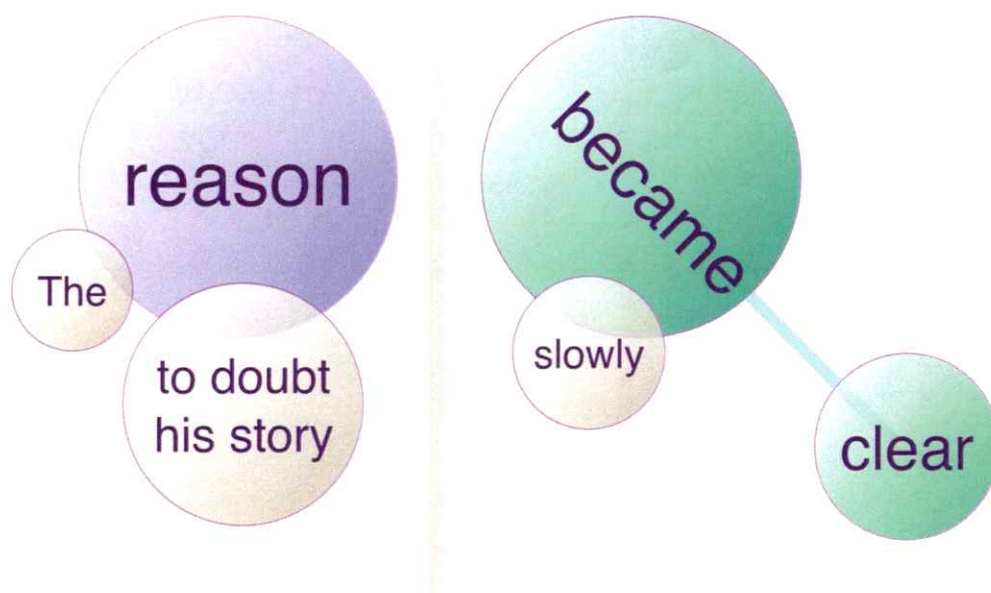


An infinitive phrase as an adjective: *The reason to doubt his story slowly became clear.* In this sentence the infinitive phrase *to doubt his story* modifies the noun *reason*. The noun *story* is the object of the infinitive.



With this introduction to phrases in mind, let us now see what phrases look like in the context of three-level analysis. If we analyze the sentence above, for example, it looks like this:

The	reason	to	doubt	his	story	slowly	became	clear.
adj.	n.	-----adj.-----	adj.	n.	adv.	v.	adj.	
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-----infinitive phrase-----								

Notice that the infinitive *to doubt* is treated as one word. We indicate the phrase with lines of hyphens that extend to the left and right ends of the phrase.