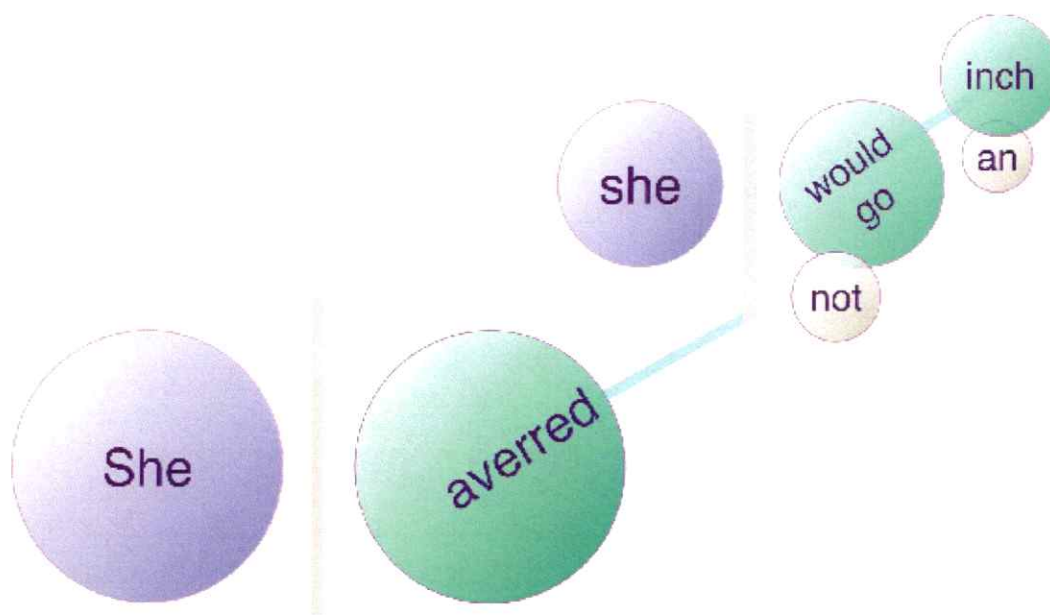


Sometimes a whole clause can act as a noun and do a noun job, such as being a direct object. Here is a complex sentence from Jack London's *The Call of the Wild* in which the dependent clause acts as a noun/direct object of the independent clause: "She averred she would not go an inch."



We are now able to begin four-level analysis, adding a fourth line to indicate the clause structures of the sentences. A four-level analysis of Jack London's sentence would look like this, with the dependent noun clause being inside or part of the independent clause. To aver is to assert or state.

She	averred	she	would	not	go	an	inch.
pron.	v.	pron.	v.	adv.	v.	adj.	n.
subj.	AVP	subj.	AVP	AVP	AVP	D.O.	D.O.
no prepositional, appositive, or verbal phrases							
-----independent clause-----							
-----dependent clause-----							