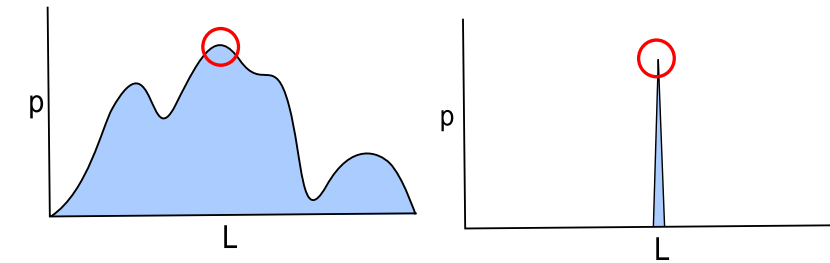
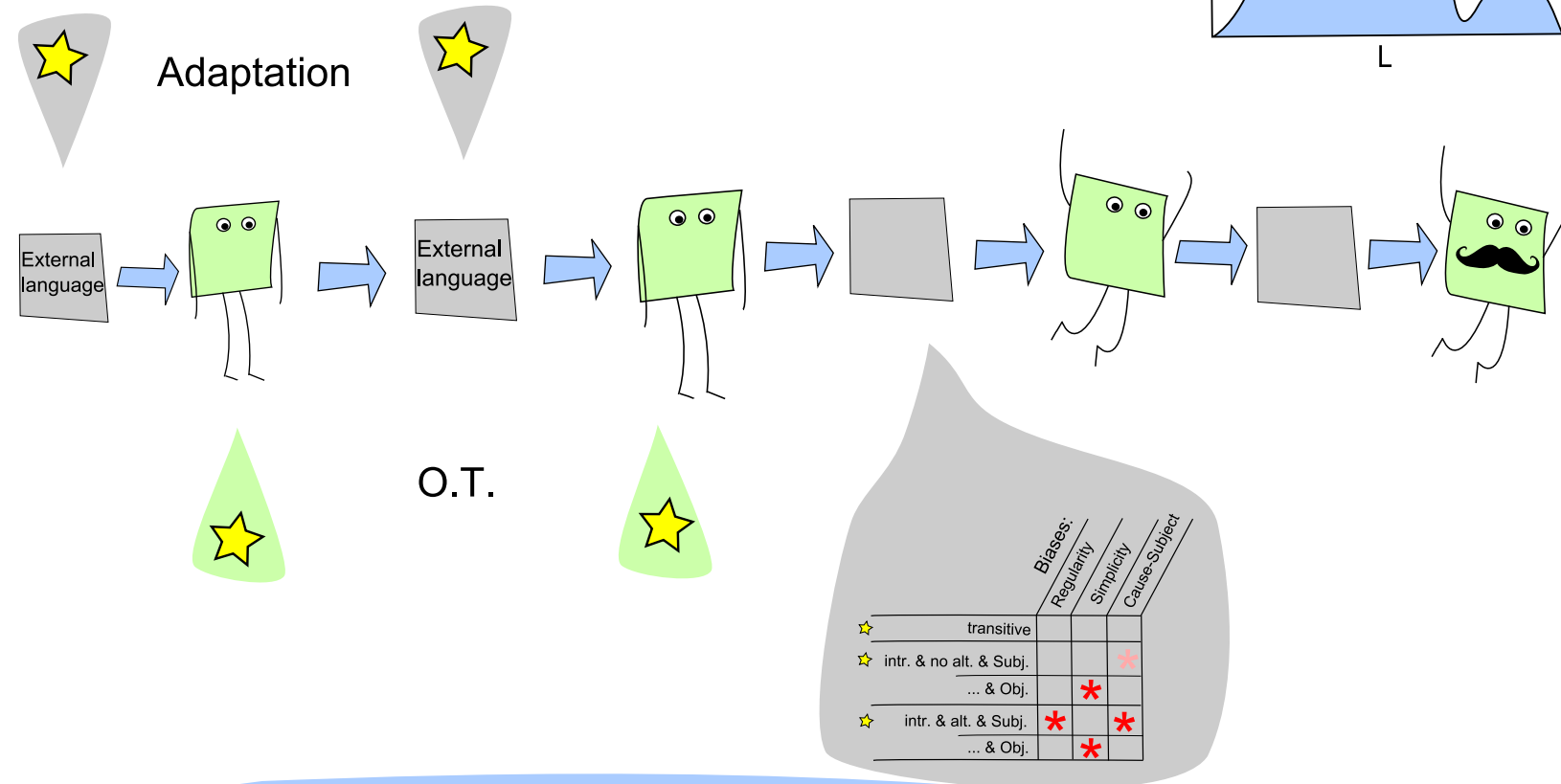
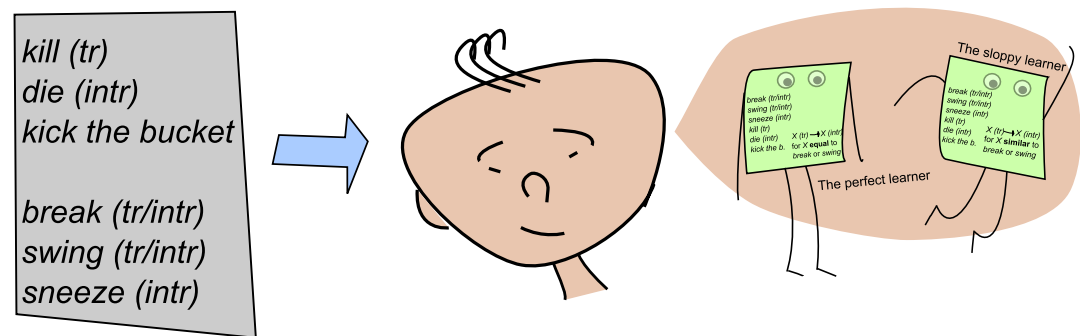


Language adapts



Acquisition is indiscriminate and approximate



	Biases:	Regularity	Simplicity	Cause-Subject
★	transitive			
★	intr. & no alt. & Subj. ... & Obj.		*	*
★	intr. & alt. & Subj. ... & Obj.	*	*	*

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*the branch broke the window*  
*the window broke*  
*the man saw the window*  
 \**the window saw*  
*The clock ticked* (\*the ticked clock)  
*the window broke* (the broken window)

Patterns

1. Causative verbs have an intransitive alternate.
2. The argument of an intransitive alternate merges as Object.

Usefulness bias

- Cue validity
- Inclusiveness

