

## Verb class A

These are English verbs like *bake*, *build* and *cook*.

- (1) Ray **cooked** a dish.  
 a.  $\Rightarrow$  A dish was created.  
 b. \* A cook was created.

What do each of the following diagnostics tell you about the kinds of verbs these are? How would you formalize that?

### Diagnostic 1

- (2) a. Ray built a house.  
 b. Ray built. [meaning Ray built something]  
 c. \*The house built.
- (3) a. Ray was baking all day yesterday.  
 b. Ray was building all day yesterday.  
 c. Ray was cooking all day yesterday.

### Diagnostic 2

- (4) a. Ray baked their mom some cookies.  
 b. Ray built their kid a tower.  
 c. Ray cooked the guests dinner.

### Diagnostic 3

- (5) Mary cooked [the meat<sub>*i*</sub>] black<sub>*i*</sub>.  $\Rightarrow$  The meat became black.
- (6) a. Ray baked the cake<sub>*i*</sub> crispy<sub>*i*</sub>.  
 b. Ray baked the cake<sub>*i*</sub> black<sub>*i*</sub>.
- (7) a. #Ray baked<sub>*i*</sub> the cake tasty<sub>*i*</sub>.  
 b. #Ray baked<sub>*i*</sub> the ingredients tasty<sub>*i*</sub>.

Sentence~(7a) does not have the interpretation that a cake was the material out of which a (tasty) baking was formed.

- (8) a. \*Ray baked the ingredients tasty.  
 b. ??Ray built the logs tall.  
 c. \*Ray cooked the meat delicious.