

control

John forgot that he ate the beans (do theta-roles)

John forgot to eat the beans (oops)

He seems to have eaten the beans (raising)

He forgot to eat the beans (control)

arguments for a distinction:

idioms

the cat seems to be out of the bag

the cat forgot to be out of the bag

expletives

it seems [that...]

*it forgot [that...]

subject's theta-role, complement's theta-role:

John forgot.

*John seems

also, object control:

He persuaded John to leave (control)

He expected John to leave (ECM)

binding!

I promised John to defend myself/*himself

I persuaded John to defend *myself/himself

binding domains would have to be very weird, if there were no PRO.

so, two types of infinitives; control, and raising. Let's practice:

John is eager to leave

Mary is likely to leave

I tried to defend myself

Fido appears to like sushi