

BASIC SENTENCE PATTERNS

1) Subject + Verb

- Ex -
- The moon is shining.
 - The baby is sleeping.
 - Birds fly.

Verb — Transitive (object) (what)
 — Intransitive (no object)

2) Subject + Verb + direct object

Ex - The children ^S are playing ^V chess ^O

object — direct object (what), (a thing)
 — indirect object (to whom), (objective cases of pronoun)

Ex - My grandmother ^S narrated ^V us ^{I.O} a story ^{D.O}

3) Subject + Verb + I.O + D.O

4) Subject + Verb + D.O + Preposition + prepositional object

Ex -

- I ^S have brought ^V a pen ^{D.O} for my sister ^P ^{P.O}
- She ^S made ^V coffee ^{D.O} for all ^P of us ^{P.O}
- She ^S gave ^V money ^{D.O} to us ^P ^{P.O}
- The tycoon ^S gave ^V charity ^{D.O} to the poor ^P ^{P.O}

• The baby seems

⇒ Verb of incomplete predication

• The baby seems happy.

⇒ Complement

★ "be" - 8 verb forms (is, am, are, was, were, being, been, be)

★ The words "be", "seem", "appear", "look", "grow", "grow" always take a complement with them.

5) Subject + Verb + subjective complement
(Noun / Adj. / Pronoun)

Ex- Tabby is a cat.

- It is me.

- The results are out.

- The book is mine.

6) Subject + Verb + Gerund

• Verb — Finite
 — Non-finite — Gerund [ing V / Verbal noun] ^{it always answers "what"}
 — Infinitive [to + V_i]
 — Participle [ing V]

• Participle — Present (-ing V)
(verbal adj.) — Past (V_s)
 — Perfect
 (which)

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 - My brother enjoys playing cricket.

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- He forgot to post the letters.
 - She wants to go.

8) Subject + Verb + Noun / Pronoun + Bare infinitive

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- Ex - I saw him go out.
- She watched him steal a watch.
 - He heard her sing.
 - We made John behave well.

9) Subject + Verb + N/P + Past participle (V₃)

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11) Subject + Verb + that clause

Ex- I expect that it'll rain.

- The teacher told that we should work hard.
- I know that he's an idiot.

12) Subject + Verb + N/P + that clause

Ex- She assured me that she will do that work.

- The teacher informed us that we are leaving in the afternoon.

13) Subject + Verb + Interrogative + clause

Ex- Nobody knows when he will arrive.

I wonder what he wants.

I asked where he was going.

14) Subject + Verb + interrogative + to-infinitive

Ex- I don't know how to do it.

She knows how to drive a car.

He forgot when to turn.