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# **Week 5: The Simple Sentence**

## **Lecture No. 14:**

- **Declarative Questions**
- **Wh/Questions**
- **Functions of Wh/Element**

# Declarative Questions

Not all yes-no questions have subject-operator inversion. The declarative question is a type of question which is identical in form to a declarative, except for the final rising question intonation. It is rather casual in tone:

- **You realize what the Consequences are?**
- **You didn't do your Assignment?**

Declarative questions are conducive, and resemble tag questions with a rising tone in that they invite the hearer's verification. Positive questions have positive orientation, and can therefore accept only assertive forms:

- **He wants something to eat?**
- **Somebody is with you?**

# Wh/Questions Questions

Wh-questions are formed with the aid of one of the following simple interrogative words (or wh-words):

Who/whom/whose, what, which, when, where, how, why

Unlike yes/no questions, wh-questions generally have falling intonation. As a rule:

- **The wh-element comes first in the sentence.**
- **The wh-word itself takes first position in the wh-element.**

The only exception to the second principle occurs when the wh-word is within a prepositional complement. Here English provides a choice between two constructions, one being formal. In formal style, the preposition precedes the complement, whereas otherwise the complement comes first and the preposition is deferred to the end of the sentence:

- **To whom shall I tell my sorrow? Whom shall I tell my sorrow to?**
- **For which candidate did you vote? Which candidate did you vote for?**

# Functions of Wh/ Element

The following sentences exemplify the various clause functions in which the wh-element operates:

- Who is that woman? [subject]
- Which documents have you uploaded? [Od]
- Whose beautiful daughter is this? [Cs]
- How wide did they make the Bookcase? [CO]
- When will you be promoted? [A]
- Where shall I put the glasses. [A]
- Why are they always complaining? [A]
- How did you MEND it? [A]
- How much does he CARE? [A]
- How long have you been waiting? [A]
- How often do you visit New YORK [A]