SENTENCE PATTERNS
(PATTERN 1)

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- English sentences are arranged into nine patterns:

The verb	The pattern Number	The pattern components		
Be	Pattern 1	N	**Be**	Aj
	Pattern 2	N	**Be**	Av
	Pattern 3	N^1	**Be**	N^1
Linking verb	Pattern 4	N	**LV**	Aj
	Pattern 5	N^1	**LV**	N^1
InV	Pattern 6	N	**InV**	
TrV	Pattern 7	N^1	**TrV**	N^2
	Pattern 8	N^1	**TrV**	N^2 N^3
	Pattern 9	N^1	**TrV**	+……..

THE FIRST (N) IN ALL PATTERNS = SUBJECT

- In all of the nine patterns (N) which occupies the first position represents the subject of the sentence. and it can be a noun, a noun phrase, a noun clause, or a pronoun

- Mary is trustful. ……………………..the subject is a noun

- She became a doctor……………………….= = = = = = a pronoun

- Those new cupcakes seem delicious. ……= = = = = = a noun phrase

- The three black bags on the table were amazing. ………....= = = = = = a noun phrase

- What I see is true. …………………......= = = = = = a noun clause

- Close the door!   The subject is (you).   (you) close the door!

Pattern 1

PATTERN 1: (N BE AJ)

❑ In this pattern the verb is (be) = is, are, am, was, were, is being, will be, has been,….etc.

❑ The third position in Pattern (1) is occupied by adjectives like happy, small, interesting, blue, grateful, ...etc. or adjective phrases like very small, rather big, quite new, entirely dark, glad to hear, ...etc.

- My father was busy.
- My sister's room is very nice.
- Learning English might be difficult.
- What you did yesterday was awful.
- The weather has been hot and dry.
- Be careful !

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(You)	be	careful

Note:

➢ An adjective can also take the form of a prepositional phrase like, in a bad mood (irritable), under the weather (ill), on cloud nine (very happy), over one's head (incomprehensible),…etc So if one of these phrases come after the main verb (be) in a sentence, then this sentence belongs to pattern 1.

➢ Example: The teacher was in a bad mood.   (irritable)   pattern 1 (N be Aj)

• My uncle is under the weather.   (ill)   pattern 1 (N be Aj)

• I am on cloud nine.   (very happy)   pattern 1 (N be Aj)

• His explanation was over my head.   (unclear)   pattern 1 (N be Aj)