



Pattern 4

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Pattern 4: (N Lv Aj)

- ❖ In this pattern the verb is called a linking verb (Lv). The linking verb links what comes before with what comes after it. In pattern 4, the linking verb links the adjective with the subject.
- ❖ Linking verbs include verbs like: (seem, appear, become, grow, remain, taste, look, feel, smell, sound, get, continue, ...)
- ❖ The third position in this pattern is occupied by adjectival element.



Examples of pattern 4

	N	Lv	Aj
The fresh pie smelled wonderful.	The fresh pie	smelled	wonderful
She might feel guilty after the accident.	she	might feel	guilty
The lost child looked scared.	The lost child	looked	scared
Dreams may come true one day.	dreams	may come	true
Your assistant must have seemed worried after the meeting.	Your assistant	must have seemed	worried



Note 1: Some of the linking verbs can be followed by adverbs or adverbials. If they are followed by adverbs or adverbials, the pattern is not 4.

Peter grew **angry**.

The weeds grew **quickly**.

The worker looked **careful**.

The worker looked **carefully** at the new machine.

The milk remained **sweet** for a week.

She remained **quietly** in her room.

Angry (Adj)	So the pattern is No. 4
Quickly (Adv)	So the pattern is not 4

careful (Adj)	So the pattern is No. 4
carefully (Adv)	So the pattern is not 4

sweet (Adj)	So the pattern is No. 4
sweetly (Adv)	So the pattern is not 4



Note 2: Some other verbs (*which are not linking verbs*), might be considered as linking verbs if they are followed by adjectives. Therefore, the pattern of such sentences is pattern 4.

- The defendant stood firm. (adj) pattern 4
- The defendant stood beside the door. (adv) NOT Pattern 4
- The well ran dry. (adj) pattern 4
- He ran fast. (adv) NOT Pattern 4
- The screw worked loose. (adj) pattern 4
- He worked late last night. (adv) NOT Pattern 4

