



PATTERN 5

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Pattern 5: (N¹ Lv N¹)

- In this pattern the verb is a linking verb (**Lv**) which links the noun before and the noun after it.
- Both **N1 s** refer to the same person or thing. The second **N1** is the subject complement of the first **N1** which is the subject of the sentence.

e.g. Jim became a doctor.



Jim (N¹) became (Lv) a doctor (N¹)

- The linking verbs that occupy the verb position in this pattern are limited to few verbs including : (**remain, become, appear, seem, continue, stay, and make**)



Examples of pattern 5

| | N ¹ | Lv | N ¹ |
|---|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Frank became an engineer. | Frank | became | an engineer |
| A fruit cake makes a fine gift. | A fruit cake | makes | a fine gift |
| Corona virus stays a big danger to the whole world. | Corona virus | stays | a big danger.... |
| The chief didn't seem a good fellow | The chief | Didn't seem | a good fellow |



Note: Sentences that follow pattern 5 in which $N^1 = N^1$ should not be confused with sentences in which the two Ns do not refer to the same person or thing.

- A fruit cake makes a fine gift. (a fruit cake = a fine gift)pattern 5
- My sister makes a delicious fruit cake. (my sister \neq delicious fruit cake).....pattern 7

- Ann continued my best friend since childhood. (Ann = my best friend)pattern 5
- Ann continued reading the new novel. (Ann \neq reading the new novel).....pattern 7

