

Pattern 6



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TRANSITIVE AND INTRANSITIVE VERBS



- Verbs are either transitive or intransitive:
- **A transitive verb**: is a verb that needs one or more objects to complete its meaning.
- She **sent** a message. (one object)
- She **sent** me a message. (two objects)
- **An intransitive verb**: is a verb that does need an object to complete its meaning.
- The baby **smiled**.
- The apple **fell** from the tree.



PATTERN 6: (N InV)



- InV= Intransitive verb : it includes verbs like, (sit, smile, stand, agree, arrive,...). These verbs can be followed optionally by adverbs or adverbials.

- **Examples:**

- The baby was crying.

N InV

- He laughed loudly.

N InV (Av)

- James went to the campus café.

N InV (Av)

- **(You)** Sleep early.

N InV (Av)



Note: some verbs are always intransitive e.g, sit, appear, belong, sleep, laugh,... other verbs can be transitive or intransitive. if the verb is followed by adverb(s) only, then it is an intransitive verb and the pattern is 6. but if the verb is followed by a noun or pronoun and the noun can be substituted by (him/her/it/them..), then the verb is a transitive verb and the pattern is 7.

- The museum opens at 10 a.m.
N InV (Av) pattern 6
- She opens her shop everyday at six.
N TrV N (it) (Av) Pattern 7
- I can see clearly now.
N InV (Av) (Av) Pattern 6
- I can see many students outside.
N TrV N (them) (Av) Pattern 7

