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Pattern 7 (N1 TrV N2)

- TrV= Transitive verb: a verb that is followed by a nominal element which functions as an object (direct object).
- ▶ $N^1 \neq N^2$ the first N does not have the same referent as the second N which means that they refer to different people or things.
- ▶ N² can be substituted by object pronouns such as it, her, him, them, us, you, me

No Alex sent a postcard from Argentina. Alex sent it from Argentina.

No TrV N^2 (Av)



Examples of pattern 7

My father took my brother to the movies for his birthday. My brother= him N^2 N^1 TrV (AV)

She usually leaves the books on the desk. the books = them N^2 N^1 (Av) TrV (Av)

Alice wrote a love poem on a restaurant napkin. a love poem = it N^1 N² TrV (AV)

the door = it the door? Did <u>you</u> <u>open</u> N^2

 N^1

TrV



Note1:

There are exceptional sentences that belong to pattern 7 in which $N^1 = N^2$. In these sentences N^2 is occupied by reflexive pronouns (myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, yourselves, themselves, ourselves), or reciprocal pronouns (each other, one another). Although, N^1 and N^2 have the same referent, still these pronouns are considered as direct objects and the sentence belongs to pattern 7.

They hate each other.

N¹ Trv N²



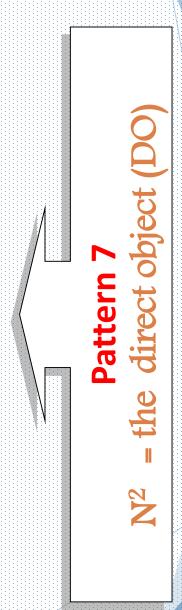
 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{She} & \underline{saw} & \underline{herself} & \underline{in \ the \ mirror}. \\ N^1 & TrV & N^2 & (Av) \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{c|cccc} \underline{They} & \underline{blamed} & \underline{themselves} & \underline{for\ being\ wrong}. \\ N^1 & TrV & N^2 & (Av) \end{array}$

(you) Make yourself at home.

N¹ TrV N² (Av)

 $\frac{\text{The ten prisoners}}{N^1} \quad \frac{\text{were blaming}}{\text{TrV}} \quad \frac{\text{one another.}}{N^2}$





Note 2: Sentences that belong to pattern 7 can be made passive:

Object+ is/are/am/was/were + (V) p.p +.....(by + subject) [present and past (simple tenses)]

- She left the keys on the table.
- ► The keys were left on the table (by her).
- We trim the bushes every month.
- The bushes are trimmed every month (by us).

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Object+ has/have/had + been + (V) p.p +.....(by + subject) [present and past (perfect tenses)]
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- My sister has not finished her homework yet.
- Her homework has not been finished yet (by her).
- We had grown roses that year.
- Roses had been grown that year (by us)



Note 3: Sentences with reflexive and reciprocal pronouns cannot be made passive.

- She saw herself in the mirror.
- *Herself was seen in the mirror (by her). (incorrect and ungrammatical)
- They hate each other.
- *Each other is/are hated (by them). (incorrect and ungrammatical)



Note 4: there is a tiny group of transitive verbs do not form the passive. For example, possess, have, contain, elude, afford, cost, lack...)

- ► The house costs three million dollars.
- *Three million dollars are cost (by the house)
- He can afford a new car.
- * a new car can be afforded (by him)
- She had some extra dresses for charity.
- * Some extra dresses for charity were had (by her).

