

Pattern 7

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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).
- ▶ N¹ ≠ N² 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**

- ▶ Alex sent a postcard from Argentina. ↔ Alex sent it from Argentina.
N¹ TrV N² (Av)



Examples of pattern 7

- ▶ My father took my brother to the movies for his birthday. My brother = him
N¹ TrV N² (Av)
- ▶ She usually leaves the books on the desk. the books = them
N¹ (Av) TrV N² (Av)
- ▶ Alice wrote a love poem on a restaurant napkin. a love poem = it
N¹ TrV N² (Av)
- ▶ Did you open the door? the door = it
N¹ TrV N²



Note 1:

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.

N^1 Trv N^2



She saw herself in the mirror.
N¹ TrV N² (Av)

They blamed themselves for being wrong.
N¹ TrV N² (Av)

(you) Make yourself at home.
N¹ TrV N² (Av)

The ten prisoners were blaming one another.
N¹ TrV N²

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N² = the direct object (DO)



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).

Object+ has/have/had + been + (V) p.p +.....(by + subject)

[present and past (perfect tenses)]

- ▶ 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)

(*) before the sentence means it is 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).

