

A decorative red illustration of a vine with leaves and flowers, positioned on the left side of the slide. The vine starts at the top left, goes down, then right, and then down again, ending in a small flower at the bottom right. The leaves are elongated and pointed, and the flowers are large and multi-petaled.

Pattern 8

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Pattern 8: N¹ TrV N² N³

- **N¹ ≠ N² ≠ N³** : N¹, N², N³ have different referents.
- My mother bought me a dress. (**my mother ≠ me ≠ a dress**)
- The verbs that can be used in this pattern is a small group including: **give, make, find, send, build, teach, sell, pay, buy, play, write, feed, offer, pass,...**
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- In this pattern the transitive verb is followed by two objects: the indirect object (IO) and the direct object (DO) respectively.



Examples of pattern 8

• Ann gave her brother a mobile phone

• **N¹** **TrV** **N² (IO)** **N³ (DO)**

• you owe me some money.

• **N¹** **TrV** **N² (IO)** **N³ (DO)**

• I will buy her a book tomorrow.

• **N¹** **TrV** **N² (IO)** **N³ (DO)** **(Av)**

• The nurse might have told him the decision this moment.

• **N¹** **TrV** **N² (IO)** **N³ (DO)** **(Av)**



Note 1: If the first object (the IO) is removed, the pattern will become (7)

• I sent ~~my mother~~ a flower. Pattern 8
• N¹ TrV ~~N² (IO)~~ N³

• I sent a flower. Pattern 7
N¹ TrV N²

• She asked ~~you~~ a simple question. Pattern 8
N¹ TrV ~~N² (IO)~~ N³

• She asked a simple question. Pattern 7
• N¹ TrV N²



Note 2: The indirect object may be replaced by a prepositional phrase beginning with: to, for, or another preposition. In this case the direct object will come immediately after the verb.

I sent you some money. = I sent some money to you.
IO DO DO to+ IO

My brother carved me a wooden horse. = My brother carved a wooden horse to me.
IO DO DO to+IO

Ben's grandmother knitted him a sweater. = Ben's grandmother knitted a sweater for him.
IO DO DO for+IO



Note 3: In this pattern two passive sentences are possible (the first sentence begins with the indirect object, the other begins with the direct object)

- She tells him a story every night.

1- He is told a story every night (by her).

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2- A story is told to him every night (by her).

I have handed the teacher my assignment.

1- The teacher has been handed my assignment (by me).

2- My assignment has been handed to the teacher (by me)

- My father bought me a new book.

1- I was bought a new book (by my father)

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2- A new book was bought for me (by my father)

