

Sentence Patterns

Pattern 1

Noun +Verb (be) or Modal auxiliary (be)+ Adjective

The food is good.

The food was poisonous.

The mothers are kind.

The boys could be busy.

The Food could be poisonous.

The mother may be busy.

The girls will be kind.

Pattern 2

Noun¹ + Verb (be) or Modal auxiliary (be)+ Noun¹

My brothers are doctors.

Those people may be roommates.

Jim is my uncle.

Pattern 3

Noun + Verb (be) or Modal auxiliary + (be) +Adverb (place or time)

The girl is here.

The game was yesterday.

The picnic could be outside.

The dean may be in.

The meeting will be tonight.

Pattern 4

Noun + Linking Verb + Adjective

Linking verbs (seem, appear, look, sound, smell, taste, feel, become, get, stay, keep, go, turn, remain, grow)

Examples:

1. The weather became terrible.
2. The car looks fast.
3. The stew smells good.
4. The meal tasted delicious.
5. I feel bad.
6. It's getting late.
7. He seems intelligent.
8. The problem appeared impossible.
9. She has stayed so young.
10. Isabel remained so happy.
11. It's growing colder.
12. The boy kept calm.
13. The leaves are growing brown.

14. The trees are turning yellow.

Pattern 5

Noun¹ + Linking verb+ Noun¹

(remain, become, appear, seem, continue, stay, make, feel)

My sister remained an outstanding student.

Donald continued my friend.

My brother became a sergeant.

We stayed companions for years.

They appeared enemies to all of us.

John remained a bachelor.

A fruitcake makes a fine gift.

I feel a fool.

Pattern 6

Noun + Verb intransitive+ (adverb of place, time, manner)

Example of verbs come with this pattern (come, go, swim, travel, fish, fly, finish, clap, drink, eat, teach, learn, sleep, read, write, speak)

The audience clapped loudly.

They were drinking quietly in the cafeteria.

Jack left early.

The old man fished in the stream yesterday.

They finished late.

Pattern 7

Noun ¹ + Verb (mono- transitive) + Noun ²

The girl sold the car.

The woman sang a folk song.

We enjoyed the party.

The waiter poured the coffee.

The servant opened the window.

The workers built the house.

Pattern 8

Noun¹ + Verb (di-transitive) + Noun² + Noun³

(give, make, find, tell, buy, sell, assign, write, send, ask, play,

build, teach, feed, offer, throw, hand, pass, pay)

He gave her a flower.

He¹ made his mother² a find bracelet³

The mother bought the girl a dress.

He sold the student a ticket.

He built them a playpen.

She asked him a question.

The librarian found me the pamphlet.

John brought his master the stick.

Pattern 9

Noun¹ + Verb (Complex-transitive) + Noun² + Adjective

(Consider, make, drive, find, call, cut, paint, suppose, believe)

He considered her brave.

John found his friend guilty.

You made me happy.

They called him stupid.

He cut his hair short.

They painted the wall blue.

I supposed them married.

She believed her husband unfaithful.

Pattern 10

Noun¹ + Verb (Complex-transitive) + Noun² +

1. Noun²

2. Adverb of place

3. Pronoun

1. The team chose Charlotte captain.

2. We supposed him upstairs.

3. I thought the caller you.