

BASIC SENTENCE PATTERNS

In writing, we commonly find a few basic patterns within sentences. These patterns include:

SUBJECT-VERB

SUBJECT-VERB-DIRECT OBJECT

SUBJECT-VERB-INDIRECT OBJECT-DIR. OBJ.

SUBJECT-VERB-DIRECT OBJECT-OBJ. COMP. N.

SUBJECT-VERB-DIRECT OBJECT-OBJ. COMP. ADJ.

SUBJECT-VERB-SUBJECT COMPLEMENT (PREDICATE NOUN)

SUBJECT-VERB-SUBJECT COMPLEMENT (PREDICATE ADJECTIVE)

EXERCISE

In the blanks identify the underlined words in the following sentences:

- ___ 1. The quarterback threw the ball into the end zone.
- ___ 2. Tommy fed his cat his sandwich.
- ___ 3. Tommy calls his grandpa "Papa D."
- ___ 4. In winter the mountains are beautiful.
- ___ 5. The class always calls Mrs. Crowther "Teacher."
- ___ 6. His experience with the good computer was disastrous.
- ___ 7. Alcohol is the cause of many problems in life.
- ___ 8. The king's horses and men found Humpty-Dumpty broken.
- ___ 9. The little boys painted their faces green.
- ___ 10. The teacher gave us a situation to explore.
- ___ 11. The coach named his best runner "Shorty."
- ___ 12. Tom was a rebel.
- ___ 13. Her dress was too tight.
- ___ 14. We admired her courage.
- ___ 15. The community built the children a playground.
- ___ 16. Bill will be the club treasurer.
- ___ 17. The soup tastes salty.
- ___ 18. The children colored the Easter eggs purple.
- ___ 19. We considered his request outrageous.
- ___ 20. The professor gave the students a lecture.
- ___ 21. He tasted the soup.

- ___ 22. The plans will be late.
- ___ 23. The judges for the art show declared Sam the winner.
- ___ 24. According to the class predictions, Mabel should be a doctor.
- ___ 25. The patrons of the arts declared a moral victory.