

Basic Sentence Structure

Sentences in English have a very strict word order.

Basic sentences in English follow the Subject (S), Verb (V), Object (O) pattern: S-V-O
(All of these can be **single words** or **multi-word phrases**). *Not all sentences have objects.*

Practice distinguishing between these parts in the sentences below:

For example:

The students wanted more pizza.
Subject Verb Object

- A turtle is not a mammal.

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Subject Verb Object

- George Brown students can use the TLC.

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Subject Verb Object

- The cafeteria has many tables and chairs.

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Subject Verb Object

- My family and I enjoy skiing and other winter sports.

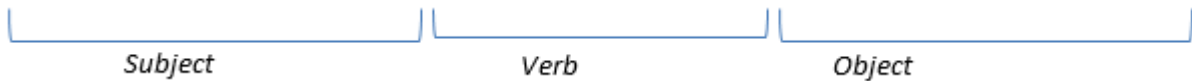
_____ | _____ | _____
Subject Verb Object

Place an 'X' in the object-space if there is no object.

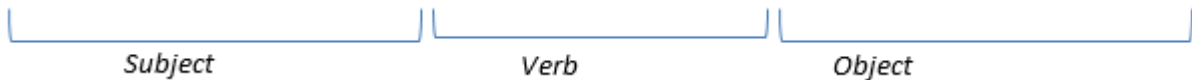
- The number of students will increase.

_____ | _____ | _____
Subject Verb Object

- The dog stole my homework.



- The Tutoring and Learning Centre was closed.



More information can be added to these simple sentences to tell the time or location of an event. These phrases can be added to the beginning or the end of a sentence.

Practice distinguishing between these parts of the sentence.

Label each part of the sentence as **Subject, Verb, Object, Place, or Time.**

Example:



- On Tuesday, the whole family ate dinner on the deck.



- In the summer, I like to visit my family in Halifax.



- Business improved throughout Asia in 2013.



- For many years, the group of friends did not hear from Melissa.



- The students didn't understand the teacher's directions that day.



Write sentences that correspond to the patterns given. Try to make them true sentences about your life, or something you are interested in. Use the examples above to help guide you.

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| Subject | Verb | Object | Place | Time |
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