

## Unit 62: SIMPLE SENTENCE TYPES

All sentences need a subject and a verb. Some sentences do not need anything else to complete them. But with most sentences, a subject and a verb are not enough. This unit shows you seven basic types of sentences.

### 1

SUBJECT + VERB (only)

Maria is working.

They talked.

It has been raining.

Of course, we can add extra information if we want to:

Maria is working very hard **these days**.

They talked **about hockey**.

It has been raining **for days**.

But the extra information is not necessary to make a good sentence.

### 2

SUBJECT + VERB + NOUN PHRASE (Unit 45)

We have found a house.

John is the best player.

The teacher saw me.

These sentences are not complete without the noun phrase.

### 3

SUBJECT + VERB + ADJECTIVE (Unit 64)

The noise was terrible.

She looked beautiful.

The food tasted lovely.

You can also make sentences of this type with these verbs:

**become, get, feel, seem, smell, sound.**

## 4

SUBJECT	+	VERB	+	NOUN PHRASE	+	PLACE
John		put		the book		on the table.
He		left		his bag		on the train.

We must complete a sentence with **put** this way.

## 5

SUBJECT	+	VERB	+	NOUN PHRASE	+	NOUN PHRASE
She		gave		John		a watch. gave a watch <b>to</b> John
John		bought		Maria		a present. bought it <b>for</b> Maria
They		showed		us		the garden. showed the garden <b>to</b> us
He		told		me		a joke. told a joke <b>to</b> me
I		lent		him		my car. lent my car <b>to</b> him

You can also make sentences of this type with these verbs:

**ask, bring, find, leave, make, offer, owe, pay, promise, read, sell, send, take, teach, wish.**

## 6

SUBJECT	+	VERB	+	NOUN PHRASE	+	ADJECTIVE
I		painted		the house		red.
They		kept		the man		warm.
She		made		him		angry.

You can also make sentences of this type with these verbs:

**call, find, get, hate, have, leave, like, prefer, want.**

## 7

SUBJECT + VERB + **to** + BASE FORM OF VERB (Unit 14)

Everybody had to go.

I want to leave.

### NOTICE

The sentences in **1-7** above show the basic information in the sentence. But we can always add extra information to them. For example:

**2** above We have found a house **near the station**.

**3** above **Yesterday**, the noise was terrible.

**4** above He left his bag on the train **by mistake**.

**5** above She gave John a watch **for his birthday**.

**6** above They kept the man warm **with a blanket**.

**7** above I want to leave **as soon as possible**.