Chapter 7

Five Basic Sentence Types
Sentence Slots

- Subject / Predicate

- Predicate
  - Intransitive
  - \textit{BE}
  - Transitive
What’s the Pattern?

- Fish swim.
- A telephone is ringing.
- Jan snores loudly.
- The customer complained persistently.
- Carla must have enrolled rather early.
Type I: Intransitive

- Sentence ends with:
  - Verb
  - or
  - Adverbial modifier

- Intransitive or not?
  - The bus stops here on Mondays.
Intransitive Verb

NP + I.V.

Exceptions: *Eat, sneak...*
Find the Type I Sentence...
What’s the Pattern?

- Jesse is outside.
- Her job interviews were yesterday.
- The reception will be at noon.
- Cheryl’s notebook must have been on the desk.
Type II: BE + Adv of Time/Place

- Sentence includes:
  - Linking Verb
  - Adverbial Complement *(required)*
    - Complement = something that completes...

- Is this Type II?
  - I am happy.
Find the Type II Sentence...

<<Looking for a Comic... >>
- 2 pts to the first person to send me one that works...
What’s the Pattern?

- Sheila is beautiful.
- Her parties are very lavish.
- She is becoming friendly.
- Your uncle (her husband) has seemed happier in the past.
Type III: Linking + Adj Subj Comp.

- Sentences contain:
  - Linking Verb
  - Subject Complement // Predicate Adjective

- Are these Type III?
  - His cashmere sweater feels silky
  - Pat looked surprisingly sad after her victory
  - He looked as though he had been up all night
  - Fred seems to be angry
Find the Type III Sentence...

Ploosh

How can something seem so plausible at the time and so idiotic in retrospect?
What’s the Pattern?

- Those men are football players
- The auction was a success
- Jennifer’s bedroom is becoming a jungle
- Jack and Jill remained friends after their tumble down the hill
Type IV: Linking + Nom Subj Comp

- Sentence contains:
  - Linking Verb
  - AND
  - NP that complements the subject (NP₁)

- Are these sentences Type IV?
  - That paint is the right color
  - The train disappeared into a tunnel
  - Her carrot cake was a dreadful failure
The *be* Patterns

- $\text{NP}_1 + \text{be} \begin{cases} \text{Adv/TP} \\ \text{Adj} \\ \text{NP}_1 \end{cases}$

- Exception: “I am.”

You tell me... Examples
Find the Type IV Sentence(s)...

Mario's Pizza. How's it goin', Mario? This is Lyle—how 'bout one of your famous "large with the works" to go?

Twenty minutes! CLICK!

Mario is a very busy guy!
What’s the Pattern?

- Dave threw the ball to George
- John saw Bill
- Three minnows were nibbling her toes
- Pecan pie enlivens any meal
- The man had bought a cake for dinner
Type V: Transitive

- Sentence is constructed like this:
  - $NP_1 + MVP + NP_2$
  - Subject = Actor
  - Object = Receiver
- Find Direct Object:
  - Who?
  - What?
Transitive Verb

$NP_1 + \text{T.V.} + NP_2$

Object or complement?

Examples
Find the Type V Sentence...
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Comma Usage

- Never put a comma between the Subject and Predicate or between the Verb and its complements
- Use two commas to set off anything that interrupts the Subject and predicate or the Verb and its complements
Coming Soon

Real-life Revisions...