

First Year Written Expression

(2020-2021)

Practice: Sentence Structure

Exercise 01: Divide sentences into their principal parts showing the subject and the predicate and their main constituents:

1. Mary meticulously cleaned her room.
2. The girl is now a student at a large university.
3. His brother grew happier gradually.
4. It grew dark.
5. They chose Nancy a leader.
6. He gave me his phone number but I lost it.
7. A hot infusion of mint will stop your stomachache.
8. The mother looked at her children with pride.
9. Have you ever heard this fact?
10. The pirate captain sang a sea shanty on his pirate ship.
11. Singing was his favorite activity.

Exercise 02: Decide whether the missing sentence fragment is a subject or a predicate, and then fix it. Create complete sentences.

1.is my role model.
2. Bruce Hand, the famous explorer,
3. Mr. Morton
4. went to the park.
5. My favorite food
6. is my favorite musician or group.
7. My favorite game to play
8.is my favorite movie.

Exercise 03: Identify the sentence patterns of each of the following sentences:

1. The museums provide something for everyone.....
2. Unemployment is getting worse.....

- 3. The air outside was worse than the air inside.....
- 4. Have they started the game yet?
- 5. I enjoy going to the movies.....
- 6. The following students should report to the dean’s office.....
- 7. There have been no new instructions.....
- 8. Partying is fun.....
- 9. Sue writes her grandmother a letter.....
- 10. Would you go check the post office?
- 11. Were there any interesting movies?
- 12. Has there been any misunderstandings?
- 13. This sentence is the last one in this exercise.....

Exercise 04: Lengthen the following sentences by adding different words.

- 1. The elephant eats grass
- 2. He lost his watch
- 3. They write a letter
- 4. They offered me a present
- 5. We are human beings

Exercise 05: Use *the tree diagram method* to divide the following sentences into their principal parts showing *the subject and the predicate and their main constituents*

- 6. 1-When she was younger, she believed in fairy tales.
- 7. 2- I shall assign the class the first three chapters of the textbook.
- 8. 3- After the president’s announcement, many of the reporters looked stunned.
- 9. 2- Kylie’s main interest is working with computers.

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Home Assignment:

Write a sentence in for each sentence pattern.