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## Week 1: The Simple Sentence

Lecture No. 1: Sentence Element Realization Types

## **Sentence Elements**

- Subject (S)
- Verb (V)
- Complement (C)
- Object (O)
- Adverbial (A)

# **Element Realization Types The Verb: (Finite & Non-Finite)**

Whether finite or non-finite, the verb phrase can consist of one word, or of more than one word, in which case the verb phrase consists of a 'head verb' preceded by one or more 'auxiliary verbs' as it is indicated by the Four Basic Verb Combinations Rules below:

#### **Basic Verb Combinations Rules**

- A. Modal + inf. as in: We can do nothing.
- B. Perfect (have+p.p) as in: He had forgotten their wedding anniversary.
- C. Progressive (be+ v+ing) as in: The wind is growing stronger.
- D. Passive (be+p.p) as in: He <u>was challenged</u> rudely.

# Basic Verb Combinations Rules Further Combine

- A+B= He must have typed the report himself.
- A+C= He may be typing at the moment.
- A+D= The report <u>could be typed</u> by Jane.
- B+C= He has been typing all morning.
- B+D= The report <u>has been typed</u> already.
- C+D= The report is being sent to the FBI.
- A+B+C= He <u>must have been typing</u> the report himself.
- A+B+D= The reports <u>must have been typed</u> by the secretary.

#### **Intransitive Verbs**

- Verbs such as *agree*, *explode*, *sleep*, which do not require any other words after them, are called *intransitive verbs*. Intransitive verbs, however, can (optionally) have adverbials after them, e.g.
- I agree completely. (how)
- 2. I slept without any difficulty. (how)
- 3. The stars exploded *a million years ago. (when)*
- 4. Sara is sleeping quietly in her bed, because she is tired. (how) (where) (why)

### **Transitive Verbs**

- Verbs which have an object after them are called transitive verbs. An object is a noun phrase (pronoun, noun or noun clause) which follows a verb and which usually answers the question 'what?' or 'whom?' after the verb, e.g.
- 1. I like ice cream. (I like what?)
- 2. I asked Sam. (I asked who or whom?)
- 3. I asked a question. (I asked what?)

#### The Subject:

- 1. Noun Phrase, at its simplest a pronoun such as she, he, they...etc or a proper noun such as Tom, Julia...etc. But a noun phrase may be an indeterminately long and complex having a noun as a head, preceded by other words such as an article, an adjective, or another noun, and followed by a prepositional phrase or by a relative clause.
  - EX. The new gas stove in the kitchen which I bought yesterday has a very efficient oven.

#### The Subject:

- 2. Clause: as in the following examples:
- That the invading troops have been withdrawn has been welcomed by the international community.
- How the book will sell depends on the reviewers.
- To be neutral in his conflict is out of question.
- Watching television keeps them out of mischief.
- Turn off the tap was all I did.

# Subject complement, direct object, and object complement

These elements may be realized by the same range of structures as the subject. But subject and object complements have the additional possibility of being realized by adjectival phrases (having the adjective as the head word), as in:

- She made him happy.
- She made him very much happier.

#### **The Indirect Object**

- The indirect objects have fewer possibilities than subjects and their realizations are chiefly noun phrases, as in:
- He had given the girl a book.

Unlike direct objects and subjects, they cannot be realized by **that-clauses**.

#### **Adverbials:**

Adverbials can be realized (a) by adverb phrases, having an adverb as a head; (b) by noun phrases; (c) by prepositional phrase -that is, structure consisting of a noun phrase dominated by a preposition as a head; and (d) by clauses, finite or non-finite:

- John very carefully searched the room.
- They make him the chairman every year.
- She studied at a large university.
- He grew happier, when his friend arrived.