



Unit 3 Lesson 4: Word Order Breakthrough Workout Yodaspeak

(1) What language(s) does this problem involve?

'Yodaspeak'

What is the aim of this problem?

To rewrite sentences spoken by Star Wars character Yoda.

(2) Background Information

In the Star Wars movies, the character Yoda spoke English with a distinctive word order. This was apparently done deliberately to make him seem different and special.

(3) Data and Instructions

Look at these examples of sentences spoken by the character Yoda in the Star Wars movies. In these sentences, Yoda uses his special 'Yodaspeak' word order. We can call these 'pure' Yodaspeak sentences. Think about what they mean and how they are different to 'regular' English sentences.

Take you to him I will.
A domain of evil it is.
Help them you could.
Always two there are.
Truly wonderful the mind of a child is.
Much to learn you still have.
When nine hundred years old you reach, look as good you will not.
Your apprentice Skywalker will be.
Lost a planet Master Obi-Wan has.
Your father he is.
Unexpected this is.
Hiding in the Outer Rim Grievous is.
Go I will. Good relations with the Wookies I have.

Now look at this next set of Yoda quotes. These are also said by Yoda in the film but don't use 'pure' Yodaspeak. In fact, some of them use regular English. We can call these 'alternative' Yodaspeak sentences.

I cannot teach him.
A Jedi's strength flows from the Force.
The fear of loss is a path to the dark side.
Disturbing is this move by Chancellor Palpatine.
The capture of General Grievous will end this war.



A little more knowledge might light our way.

Sick have I become.

Now complete the exercises on the next page.

4) Tasks

a) Write these sentences from 'pure' Yodaspeak in regular English.

Pure Yodaspeak	Regular English
Take you to him I will.	
Your apprentice Skywalker will be.	
Truly wonderful the mind of a child is.	
Hiding in the Outer Rim Grievous is.	
Go I will. Good relations with the Wookies I have.	
Help them you could.	

b) Now write these sentences from 'alternative' Yodaspeak in 'pure' Yodaspeak.

Alternative Yodaspeak	Pure Yodaspeak
I cannot teach him.	
A Jedi's strength flows from the Force.	
Disturbing is this move by Chancellor Palpatine.	



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