

Sentence patterns

Systematic arrangement of words in a sentence meaningfully is called a **sentence pattern**.

There are five basic patterns. They are:

1. **SV** (Subject + Verb)
2. **SVO** (Subject + Verb + Object)
3. **SVIODO** (Subject + Verb + Indirect Object + Direct Object)
4. **SVC** (Subject + Verb + Complement)
5. **SVOC** (Subject + Verb + Object + Complement)

+ **A** (Adjunct)

Subject (S):

The subject is a word or group of words in a sentence about which something is said.
The subject does the action.

EXAMPLE :

- Every morning, **the nurse** gives the treatment to the patient carefully.

Verb (V):

The verb is a word or phrase expressing existence, action or occurrence.

EXAMPLE :

- Every morning, the nurse **gives** the treatment to the patient carefully.

Complement (C):

The complement is a word or phrase that is used to complete the meaning of the sentence.
Without the complement, the sentence is either incomplete or changes its meaning.

EXAMPLE :

- Every morning, the nurse gives the treatment to the patient **carefully**.

Object (O):

The object is a word or phrase in a sentence towards which the action of the verb is directed.
In a sentence, the answer for the question:

- “What ?” is a **direct object (DO)**
- “Whom” is **indirect object (IO)**

EXAMPLE :

- Every morning, the nurse gives **the treatment** to the patient carefully. (**DO**)
- Every morning, the nurse gives the treatment **to the patient** carefully. (**IO**)

Adjunct (A):

The adjunct answers the questions when; where; how; why.
It can be added to every other sentence pattern.

EXAMPLES :

- **Every morning**, the nurse gives the treatment to the patient carefully.

I. SV (Subject + Verb)

Subject	Verb
The newborn	cries.
The surgeon	is operating.

2. SVO (Subject + Verb + Object)

Subject	Verb	Object
The doctor	stitches	the wound.
The patient	brought	her mammogram.

3. SVIODO (Subject + Verb + Indirect Object + Direct Object)

Subject	Verb	Indirect Object	Direct Object
My gynecologist	gave	me	an ultrasound.
The student	asked	the professor	a question.

4. SVC (Subject + Verb + Complement)

Subject	Verb	Complement
Adenocarcinoma	is	a malignant tumor.
The pain	was	too sharp.

5. SVOC (Subject + Verb + Object + Complement)

Subject	Verb	Object	Complement
Doctors	discuss	the cases	seriously.
The obstetrician	congratulated	the new mother	kindly.