

# Words, abbreviations & terms used in patterns

/	or
adj	an adjective group
adv	an adverb group
amount	a word or phrase indicating an amount
as if	a clause beginning with as if
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be V-ed	a passive consisting of any form of the verb <i>be</i> and a past participle
before/since	a clause beginning with before or since
color	a word or words indicating a color
fraction	a word or words indicating a fraction
inf	the bare infinite form of a verb
get V-ed	a passive consisting of any form of the verb <i>get</i> and a past participle
-ed	the past participle form of a verb or a clause beginning with a past participle
-ing	the '-ing' form of a verb or a clause beginning with an '-ing' form
it	'introductory' or 'general' it
like	a clause beginning with like
n	a noun group
n (not pron)	a noun group, but not a personal pronoun
num	a number
ord	an ordinal number
p	a participle, part of a phrasal verb
pl-n	a plural noun group
prep	a prepositional phrase
pron-refl	a reflexive pronoun
pron-recip	a reciprocal pronoun
quote	a quoted clause in direct speech
so that	a clause beginning with so that
that	a that-clause
to-inf	the to-infinitive from of a verb or a clause beginning with a to-infinitive form
v	a verb group
way	way preceded by a possessive determiner
wh	a finite clause beginning with a wh-word
when/if	a finite clause beginning with when/if
wh-to-inf	a non-finite clause beginning with a wh-word and a to-infinitive form
with	more than one order of elements is possible
ergative verbs	These verbs have two patterns. Only one of these patterns has a noun group following the verb. (e.g. This stick broke. & She broke the stick.)
reciprocal verbs	These verbs describe actions or processes in which two or more people, groups or things do the same thing to each other, have a relationship, or are linked because they are participating jointly in an action or even. 1) They can be used with a plural subject. (e.g. Two people can quarrel or can meet.); 2) They can also be used with a subject which refers to one of the participants and a prepositional object, adjunct, or object which indicates the other participant. (e.g. She quarreled with her sister).