

SENTENCES IN KSL

KSL – OSV = Stand for Object Subject Verb and

SOV = Stand for Subject Object Verb

1. Articles are omitted
2. Full stops . for English and // for KSL
3. Usually big capital letter
4. Order of adjectives and noun

Example Blue sweater = SWEETER BLUE

Rich man = MAN RICH

5. Order of adverbs and verbs

Example Run fast = FAST RUN

Sing beautifully = BEAUTIFUL SING

Walk slowly = SLOW WALK

*N/B Omit the suffixes; - ly

TENSES IN KSL & SE

1. Simple present tense
2. Present continuous
3. Future tense
4. Past tense
5. Past perfect

SMPLE PRESENT TENSE

Tenses come at the beginning or end of a sentences; **Everyday or Always**

SE; Tom goes to school

KSL; T-O-M SCHOOL GO EVERYDAY//

T-O-M SCHOOL GO ALWAYS//

SCHOOL T-O-M GO EVERYDAY//

SCHOOL T-O-M GO ALWAYS//

SE; The headteacher comes every Monday

KSL; EVERY MONDAY HEADTEACHER COME// or

HEADTEACHER COME EVERY MONDAY

EXAMPLE

1. **SE**; Ali drives a red car.

KSL; CAR RED A-L-I DRIVE EVERYDAY//

2. **SE**; The teacher rides a bicycle.

KSL; EVERYDAY BICYCLE TEACHER RIDE//

3. **SE**; Mother cooks nice chapatti.

KSL; EVERY CHAPATI NICE MOTHER COOK//

4. **SE**; I go to the market every evening.

KSL; EVERY EVENING MARKET ME GO//

5. **SE**; The boy plays football.

KSL; FOOTBALL BOY PLAY EVERYDAY//

CHANGE TO SE

1. **KSL**; CHILD THAT/TEACHER BEAT ALWAYS//

SE; The teacher beats the child.

2. **KSL**; SCHOOL OUR GAME VOLLEYBALL WIN EVERYYEAR//

SE; Our school wins volleyball game every year.

3. **KSL**; BABY MINE MILK DRINK//

SE; My baby drinks milk.

4. **KSL**; CUP SHE SLOW CLEAN//

SE; She cleans the cup slowly.

5. **KSL**; HOMEWORK J-A-N-E WRITE EVERYDAY//

EVERYDAY/J-A-N-E HOMEWORK WRITE//

SE; Jane writes homework every day.

CONVERSION OF SE TO KSL

1. **SE**; Monkey climb trees every day.

KSL; EVERYDAY/MONKEY TREE TREE CLIMB//

2. **SE**; The boys wear uniform always.

KSL; BOY THOSE UNIFORM WEAR ALWAYS//

3. **SE**; The tall building looks nice.

KSL; BUILDING TALL /NICE LOOK ALWAYS//

4. **SE;** This girl carries her bag.
KSL; GIRL THAT BAG CARRY ALWAYS//
5. **SE;** She cares for the kitchen garden.
KSL; KITCHEN GARDEN SHE CARE EVERDAY//

WHEN ASKING QUESTIONS

1. **SE;** Where is your brother?
KSL; BROTHER YOUR WHERE?
2. **SE;** Where is my book?
KSL; BOOK MINE WHERE?
3. **SE;** How many legs do you have?
KSL; LEG YOU HOW MANY + a quizzed facial expression
4. **SE;** Birds are pretty.
KSL; BIRD MANY PRETTY//

PAST TENSE

EXAMPLE

1. **SE;** I ate banana.
KSL; PAST BANANA ME EAT// - **OSV**
PAST ME BANANA EAT// - **SOV**
2. **SE;** The house burned last year.
KSL; LAST YEAR HOUSE BURN//
3. **SE;** Tom went to school yesterday.
KSL; YESTERDAY SCHOOL T-O-M GO//
4. **SE;** Mother sold the green maize.
KSL; PAST MAIZE GREEN MOTHER SELL//
5. **SE;** The hyena greedily ate the meat.
KSL; PAST MEAT RED HYENA GREED//

CONVERSION OF KSL TO SE

1. **KSL;** BANANA MOTHER BUY ALWAYS//
SE; Mother buys a banana.
2. **KSL;** PAST T-O-M EXAM PASS//
SE; Tom passed exam.

3. **KSL; PAST CAT BLACK MILK DRINK//**
SE; The black cat drank milk.
4. **KSL; DRIVER OLD CAR NEW SELL ALWAYS//**
SE; The old driver sells new car.
5. **KSL; STUDENT LATE HARD STUDY PAST//**
SE; The late student studied hard.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

1. **SE; The boy is crying now.**
KSL; BOY CRY NOW//
2. **SE; Today we are playing netball.**
KSL; NETBALL WE PLAY NOW//
3. **SE; Father is working in Mombasa.**
KSL; MOMBASA FATHER WORK NOW//
4. **SE; I am writing a good letter to my mother.**
KSL; MOTHER MINE LETTER GOOD ME WRITE NOW//
5. **SE; The teacher is walking to school.**
KSL; SCHOOL TEACHER WALK NOW//

CONVERSION OF KSL TO SE

1. **KSL; BELL SCHOOL LOUD RING NOW//**
SE; The school bell is ringing loudly.
2. **KSL; CHILDREN BIG BAG MANY CARRY NOW//**
SE; The big children are carrying bags.
3. **KSL; TEACHER MUSIC PRACTICE NOW//**
SE; The music teacher is practicing.
4. **KSL; MAN TALL COMPOUND QUICK CLEAN//**
SE; The tall man is cleaning the compound quickly.
5. **KSL; H-E-L-L-E-N BOOK HISTORY BUY NOW//**
SE; Hellen is buying a history book.

PAST PERFECT

1. **SE; Onyango has dug the garden.**
KSL; GARDEN O-N-Y-A-N-G-O DIG FINISH//

2. **SE;** The baby has slept.
KSL; BABY SLEEP FINISH//
3. **SE;** Mother has washed the baby.
KSL; BABY MOTHER WASH FINISH//
4. **SE;** Juma has done the homework.
KSL; HOMEWORK J-U-M-A DO FINISH//
5. **SE;** The goat has eaten grass.
KSL; GRASS GOAT EAT FINISH//

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

1. **SE;** The man was repairing a house when the window broke.
KSL; HOUSE MAN REPAIR TIME WINDOW BREAK//
2. **SE;** Mother was washing when Ali did the homework.
KSL; MOTHER WASH TIME ALI HOMEWORK DO//
3. **SE;** When the doctor arrived we were nursing the patient.
KSL; PAST DOCTOR ARRIVE TIME PATIENT WE NURSE//
4. **SE;** Food was cooking in the kitchen when she stole my laptop.
KSL; KITCHEN FOOD COOK TIME LAPTOP MINE STEAL
5. **SE;** The farmer was digging when he saw a red snake.
KSL; FARMER DIG TIME SNAKE RED SEE//

FUTURE TENSE

1. **SE;** The children will pass the examination next year.
KSL; NEXT YEAR CHILDREN EXAMINATION PASS//
YEAR NEXT EXAMINATION CHILDREN PASS//
YEAR NEXT EXAMINATION CHILDREN MANY PASS//
2. **SE;** Kamau will fly to America
KSL; FUTURE K-A-M-A-U AMERICA FLY//
3. **SE;** We will play hockey next week.
KSL; WEEK NEXT WE HOCKEY PLAY//
4. **SE;** We will ride the bicycle this evening.
KSL; EVENING THIS WE BICYCLE RIDE//

FUTURE CONTINUOUS TENSE

1. **SE**; I will be watching the television when you go to the film.
KSL; FUTURE TIME YOU FILM GO ME TELEVISION WATCH//
2. **SE**; I will be in class while you shall be sweeping the compound.
KSL; FUTURE TIME YOU COMPOUND SWEEP ME CLASS IN//
3. **SE**; I will be cooking tea for you while you will be washing the baby.
KSL; FUTURE TIME TEA YOUR COOK YOU BABY WASH//
FUTURE TIME YOU BABY WASH ME TEA YOUR COOK//
4. **SE**; Father will have left the hospital when you delay.
KSL; FUTURE TIME YOU DELAY FATHER HOSPITAL LEAVE//
5. **SE**; When the bus arrives the speaker will have gone.
KSL; FUTURE TIME BUS ARRIVE SPEAKER GO FINISH//

BASIC SENTENCE FORMS IN KSL

- Declarative sentences – sentences used to make a statement
- 3 form – Positive
 - Negative
 - Asserted
- Commands and Requests are also expressed in declarative sentences
- In KSL, Declarative sentences are expressed by signing; FINISH/ NO/ NOT YET/ BADO/NOTHING at the end of the sentence, and or head Movement for NO/YES

Positive declarative sentence = use of FINISH

EXAMPLE

1. **SE**; The train has arrived.
KSL; TRAIN ARRIVE FINISH//
- 2.