

UREL-2303

Combining Group of Sentences

Some devices of combination

1. **Apposition:** Addition of one noun to another as explanation.

Example: 1. Bangladesh is an independent country. 2. It is our motherland.

Combined: Bangladesh, *an independent country*, is our motherland.

2. **Relative Clause:** Example: 1. I bought a computer. 2. It was of the highest quality.

Combined: I bought a computer, *which was of the highest quality*.

1. This is a poor man. 2. We saved him from an accident.

Combined: This is the poor man *whom we saved from an accident*.

2. A boy came here yesterday. 2. He got golden A+ in the HSC Examination from our college.

Combined: The boy, *who got golden A+ from our college*, came here yesterday.

1. This is an old man. 2. His only son died in road accident.

Combined: This is the old man *whose only son died in road accident*.

3. **Merging two sentences by using an adjective taken from the second sentence.**

Example: 1. The holy Quran is a divine book. 2. It's the most authentic divine book.

Combined: The holy Quran is the most authentic divine book.

1. Islam is a religion. 2. It is the best religion in the world.

Combined: Islam is the best religion in the world.

1. English is a language. 2. It is a global language.

Combined: English is a global language.

4. **Using a clause/phrase of time.**

Example: 1. He read many plays of Shakespeare. 2. He read it when he was a school student.

Combined: He read many plays of Shakespeare when he was a student of school.

1. We reached there. 2. The sun was setting at that time.

Combined: We reached there at sunset.

1. It was winter vacation. 2. We went to a picnic.

Combined: In winter vacation we went to a picnic.

5. **Using a clause of reporting.**

Example: 1. When he lived at this village he passed a lot of time in playing cricket. 2. He said it to me.

Combined: He said to me that when he had lived in his village he had passed a lot of time in playing cricket.

6. **Using since/because/because of/though/in spite of etc.** Example: 1. We should start 10 minutes earlier. 2. There may a traffic jam on the way.

Combined: Since there may be a traffic jam on the road we should start 20 minutes earlier.

1. He achieved his desired result. 2. He was sincere in his activities.

Combined: He achieved his desired result because he was sincere in his activities/because of his sincerity.

1. He finished first. 2. He started last.

Combined: Although/though he started last he finished first.

1. We could not reach our goal. 2. We did everything according to proper instructions.

Combined: In spite of our doing everything according to proper instruction we could not reach our goal.

7. **Using present/past participle:**

Example: 1. We found there a man. 2. The man was sleeping under a tree.

Combined: We found there a man sleeping under a tree.

1. He shot a bird. 2. The bird was flying.

Combined: He shot a flying bird.

1. World Trade Center was one of the largest skyscrapers in the world. 2. It was destroyed by a suicide bomb attack.

Combined: World Trade Center, destroyed by a suicide bomb attack, was one of the largest skyscrapers in the world.

8. **Using infinitive to tell about purpose:** Example: 1. I went to university. 2. My purpose was to attend my classes.

Combined: I went to university to attend my classes.

Exercise:

Combine the following sentences into one:-

- a. Prophet Mohammad (SM) was the last prophet. He was the greatest of all prophets.
- b. Qazi Nazrul Islam was a rebel poet. He is our national poet.
- c. World Trade Center was destroyed by a suicide bomb attack. It was one of the largest skyscrapers in the world.
- d. The sun was rising. He came to our house.
- e. Asian Tsunami left a trail of destruction in a large area of Asia. It occurred a few years ago.
- f. He has suffered a lot. He told us this.
- g. It was midnight. Suddenly I heard a shrilling vice.
- h. He won the lottery. One of my friends told it.
- i. We bought a cow for sacrifice. It was black in color.
- j. It was a good plan. It was well devised as well.
- k. It was a rainy season. We caught many fishes in our village.
- l. We spent a lot of money. Yet we could not solve the problem.
- m. Truthfulness is a great virtue. It is liked by all.
- n. Haji Mohammad Muhsin was a benevolent person. He is still alive in his activities.
- o. The train started. We took shelter in a house.
- p. He spent a lot of time in study. He could understand very little of the book.
- q. Many of the students of our university get good jobs. The curriculum of this university is very good.
- r. I found my younger brother with some bad companions. He was smoking.
- s. We enjoyed the beautiful sunset. We were standing on the beach.
- t. He got his desired result. He studied regularly.

Joining three or more sentences:- Three or more sentences can be joined using two or more devices from the above ones.

Example: Socrates was a great philosopher. He lived in Athens thousands of years ago. He was sentenced to death by men in power. They feared his popularity.

Combined; Socrates, a great philosopher, who lived in Athens thousands of years ago, was sentenced to death by men in power, who feared his popularity.

In the above sentence apposition and relative clause have been used to combine the sentences.

Truthfulness is great virtue. It ennobles human being. It is liked by every person.

Combined: Truthfulness, a great virtue, which ennobles human being, is liked by every person.

The holy Quran is a divine book. It is our constitution. It teaches us everything, which we need in our practical life.

Combined: The holy Quran, a divine book, which is our constitution, teaches us everything, which we need in our practical life.

Computer is an ultra modern scientific invention. It is now used in all spheres of our life. It has changed our lifestyle. Our teacher told it.

Combined: Our teacher told us that computer, an ultra modern scientific invention, used in all spheres of our life, has changed our lifestyle.

In the above sentence reporting clause, apposition and present participle have been used.

It was winter vacation. We went to Rangamati for picnic. Rangamati has an extraordinary natural beauty.

Combined: In winter vacation we went for picnic to Rangamati, which has an extraordinary natural beauty. (Here phrase of time and relative clause have been used.)

Some examples worked out:

a. I had finished my assignment. I went to university. I wanted to attend a seminar.

Combined: When I had finished my assignment I went to university to attend a seminar./ Finishing my assignment I went to university to attend a seminar.

b. The man saw a tiger. The tiger was coming towards him. He climbed a tree. He wanted to save his life.

Combined: When the man saw the tiger coming (Seeing the tiger coming) towards him he climbed a tree to save his life.

- c. One day I was going to university. I met a hijacker on the way. He had a pistol in his hand. He pointed it to me.
Combined: One day when (or as) I was going to university I met a hijacker on the way who, in his hand, had a pistol, which he pointed to me.
- d. He had arrived at home. We left for Dhaka. We wanted to pay a visit to the zoo.
Combined: When he had arrived at home we left for Dhaka to pay a visit to the zoo.
- e. It was 1971. Bangladesh became independent. She lost many of her sons.
Combined: In 1971 Bangladesh became independent losing many of her sons.
- f. I was very glad. I saw one of my old friends. I saw him in the college campus. He was taking down the routine.
Combined: I was very glad to see one of my old friends in the college campus taking down the routine.
- g. A crow sat on a tree. He had a piece of cheese in his mouth. A fox saw it.
Combined: When a crow sat on a tree with a piece of cheese in its mouth, a fox saw it.
- h. He ran to the nearest tree. He dropped his gun. He climbed to a safe place. He did not think of his poor friend.
Combined: Dropping his gun he ran to the nearest tree and climbed to a safe place without thinking of his poor friend.
- i. A meeting was held in the college auditorium. It discussed matters about campus violence. You were absent. I am sorry at this.
Combined: I am sorry at your absence from the meeting held in the college auditorium, which discussed matters about campus violence.
- j. He told a story. It was about a man. The man was very strong. The man was a famous warrior.
Combined: He told a story about a strong man who was a famous warrior.
- k. Hamlet is a great tragedy. It is written by Shakespeare. It is about the prince of Denmark.
Combined: Hamlet is a Shakespearean tragedy about the prince of Denmark.
- l. He came to me. He had some reasons. I did not know.
Combined: He came to me with some reasons, which I didn't know.
- m. The university was closed. There was violence in the campus. One student was killed. Many were injured.
Combined: The university was closed because of a violence in the campus in which one student was killed and many were injured.
- n. I went to the book fair. I bought a book. It was very interesting.
Combined: I went to the book fair and bought an interesting book.
- o. She went to the airport. Her object was to see her brother off. He was leaving for Japan. Japan is a rich country.
Combined: He went to the airport to see off her brother who was leaving for Japan, a rich country.
- p. Somebody told me the matter. It was interesting. I forgot the person.
Combined: Somebody whom I forgot told me the interesting matter.
- q. I read a drama. It was written by Shakespeare. It was a tragedy. It gave me much pleasure.
Combined: I read a Shakespearean tragic drama, which gave me much pleasure.
- r. It was early in the morning. They started their journey. They were going to Dhaka.
Combined: In the early morning they started their journey to Dhaka.
- s. An old man was walking slowly along the street. He saw a little boy. He was trying to reach a doorbell to push it.
Combined: Walking along the road an old man saw a little boy trying to reach a door bell to push it.
- t. Hamlet was a young prince of Denmark. He heard the news of his father's murder. He pretended madness to take revenge.
Combined: When Hamlet, the young prince of Denmark, heard the news of his father's murder, he pretended madness to take revenge.
- u. The boy was talking in the class. The teacher heard it. The teacher advised him to keep silent.
Combined: When the teacher heard the boy talking in the class he advised him to be quiet.

Combine the following groups of sentences into one complete sentence:

- I was ill. He heard of it. He at once went to the doctor. He did not wait for my instruction.
- He gave me a book it. It was about birds. The birds are migratory in nature. Thy came to our country during winter.

- c. Our journey ended. We were very pleased. We saw our friends. They were waiting at the station.
- d. The rain stopped. We continued the match. We played till the sunset.
- e. It was my birthday. My uncle gave me a camera. It was expensive. I was pleased.
- f. I stood first. He heard the news. He at once came to my house. His object was to congratulate me.
- g. You may like it. You may not like it. I shall give you good advice. It is my duty.
- h. He read Homer. He had read it in English translation. He had read it when he was only fourteen.
- i. The prince was ill. The people heard it. They crowded the palace.
- j. I heard Sumana. She was singing a song. It was a folk song.
- k. Our sons are valiant. They laid down their lives for the cause of our mother tongue. We remember them with respect.
- l. He could not eat hard food. He was very old. He had lost his teeth.
- m. He saw a snake. He took a careful aim. He killed it. He struck only once.
- n. The bell rang. The boy came out. They felt great joy.
- o. I heard the news. I went to the hospital. The hospital is not far from my house.
- p. There was a gentleman. He lived in a village. He had three sons. They always quarreled with one another.
- q. The boy passed SSC. He came to Dhaka. He got himself admitted into a college. The college was famous.
- r. He is rich. I was in difficulty. He did not help me.
- s. I was returning home. I saw a man. He looked very happy. He was singing a song. He was sitting under a tree.
- t. James Norman Hall is an American writer. He wrote a storybook. It was about a strange piece of business. The business took place between him and a farmer.
- u. Michael was a very poor boy. He lived in the lake district of England. He used to do hard work.
- v. It was twenty years ago. The writer lived in Paris. He had a tiny apartment.
- w. Abu was a poor boy. He was fifteen. He used to do nothing. He spent his time in idleness.
- x. The woman had only one son. She lost her son. She was at a loss.
- y. Rimi refused to sing a song. She refused to dance. Can you tell me the reason?
- z. Rana lived in Barisal. He attended a public school. He is in class v.
- aa. I was walking home. I saw a bear. It looked furious. It was just in front of me.
- bb. The criminal saw the police. He ran away. He escaped arrest.
- cc. The girl stood before the glass. It was very big. She looked at her own reflection.
- dd. It was morning. The boy went to a field. It was open. He took exercise there.
- ee. I heard Sumon. He was calling me. He was shouting loudly.
- ff. The university was closed. There was violence in the campus. One student was killed. Many students were injured.
- gg. A student should require knowledge. He should also develop human qualities in him. He should also have love for his country.
- hh. Jerry sat by the fire. He told some false stories. His stories were about his mother. He told these stories to win the sympathy of the writer.
- ii. The sun had set. I then went out. My friend accompanied me. We walked on the bank of the river. It flows below the town.
- jj. I was a student. I went to Dhaka. My elder brother used to live there. He is an engineer.
- kk. My friend is going to Europe. He has got leave. His brother is already there. He wishes to become a doctor.
- ll. After a long struggle Bangladesh achieved independence in 1971. She achieved political independence that year. Her economic independence is yet to come. The people should remember it.
- mm. The porter was young. He was a bachelor. He lived in the city of Bagdad.
- nn. I saw the lady guest. She was unattractive. I was disappointed.
- oo. Shakespeare is a dramatist. He is very great. He has written many dramas.