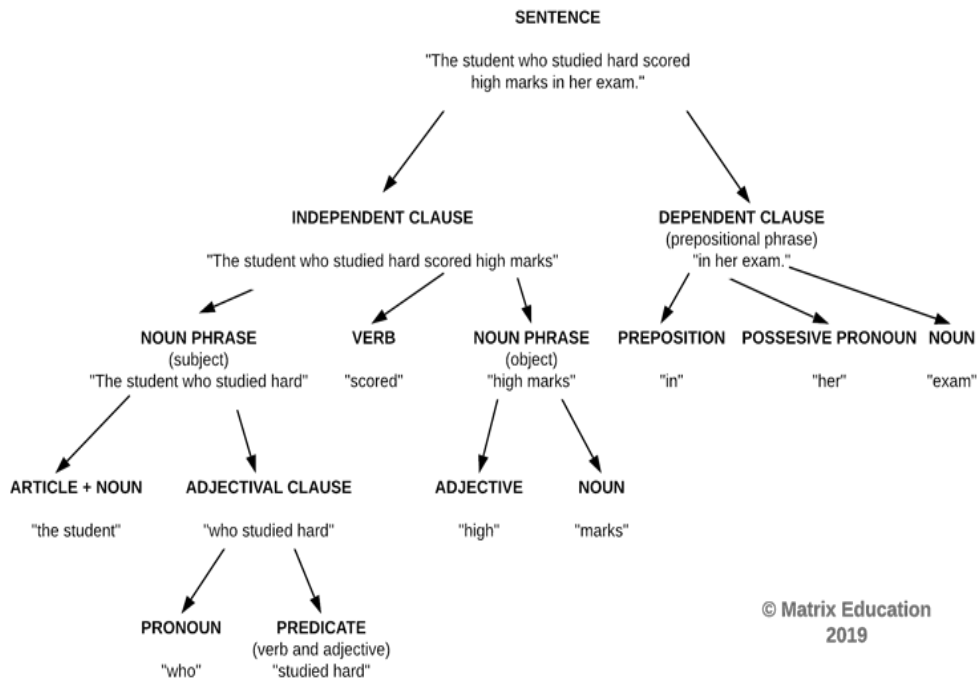


Ever heard of a word tree?

You might have done them in elementary school.

They look like this:



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Notice how the top of the picture shows a sentence?

All sentences have structure to them. That's what people call syntax.

Word order is another name for syntax.

So the big question is... how do we know to create the word order for our ideas?

Me? I just talk and know how to explain things in proper English as I go. I've made a few complex sentences in my day.

For you? That really just depends. Talk, listen, read, and most importantly, write, in English and you will learn word order/syntax naturally. Exposure to something over time makes us that something after all.

But... where's the short-cut? Well, it's this: know the rules for word order.

The most important one you should spend at least one conversation on or a paragraph in a book (and hopefully the next 10!) is this: word order usually goes "Noun Verb Noun." Now, there can be elements of grammar before or after nouns and verbs. So really the equation for word order is "Grammar(s) (Yes/No) Noun(s) (Yes/No) Grammar(s) (Yes/No) Verb(s) (Yes/No) Grammar(s) (Yes/No) Noun(s) (Yes/No)."

Let's analyze that equation and see how we can use it in our daily lives.

Here it is again:

Grammar(s) (Yes/No)	Noun(s) (Yes/No)
Grammar(s) (Yes/No)	Verb(s) (Yes/No)
Grammar(s) (Yes/No)	Noun(s) (Yes/No)

Adam likes writing.

Grammar(s) (Yes/No)	Noun(s) (Yes/No)
Grammar(s) (Yes/No)	Verb(s) (Yes/No)
Grammar(s) (Yes/No)	Noun(s) (Yes/No)

Kevin plays the trombone.

The man sings songs.

The dog who liked carrots.

The lady, without dancing, attended the wedding.

The dog, having a waggle, leaned awkwardly.

The man, without a jacket, got a cold often.

So, how do you use this in your daily life? You try. Remember the equation and apply it whenever words come into play within your life. You could be reading a book, have a liking

toward a certain sentence, and want to know how that sentence was created using which parts of speech.