

BEST ENGLISH HACKS – SENTENCE STRUCTURE



Arbetsblad

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Upphovsrätten till innehållet i det här arbetsbladet tillkommer UR, om inte något annat särskilt anges. Arbetsbladet får endast kopieras, distribueras digitalt och visas i undervisningssammanhang.

Vocabulary

Read these words and phrases before you watch the episode. Keep them close at hand as you watch the episode so you can look up words if needed.

random	slumpmässig
structure	struktur/ordning
insane	galen
subject	subjekt (den som utför handlingen)
depending on	beroende på
certain	viss
sentence	mening
you're in luck	du har tur
almost	nästan
slight	liten
difference	skillnad
negation	nekande mening
compound sentence	sammansatt mening
complex sentence	komplex mening
conjunction	konjunktion
complete	hel
combine	kombinera
from time to time	då och då

Discuss: What did you learn from this episode?

Talk about the episode in pairs for two minutes. Feel free to use the vocabulary list to help you remember.

- What did you already know?
- What was new to you?
- Was there something you didn't understand?
- Which languages do you speak? Which sentence structure do they have? What differences can you find between the different languages?

Share in the whole class what you have talked about.

Sentence Structure in English = Subject – Verb – Object

Compound Sentences = two complete sentences put together with a conjunction

Complex Sentences = one complete sentence put together with a dependent component

EXERCISE: Word order

The normal word order in English is **subject – verb – object**. Try to reorganise the words below into proper sentences.

my mother I called	
drink you a bottle of water	
the film saw we	
the book is reading Emma	
the mouse the cat chased	
bought the house the couple	
learned how dance to she	
broke computer the he	

EXERCISE: Compound Sentences

Combine the sentences into compound sentences using the linking words (conjunctions) – ‘and’, ‘then’, ‘so’, ‘but’ or ‘because’.

You can find more examples of conjunctions in the worksheet for the episode Linking Words.

- I rode a scooter.
- I crashed into a wall.
- I broke my leg.
- I went to the hospital.
- I had surgery.
- I got a cast.

EXERCISE: Complex Sentences

Combine these sentences into complex sentences using the conjunctions ‘and’, ‘so’, ‘but’ or ‘because’. You can find more examples of conjunctions in the worksheet for the episode Linking Words.

I studied hard for the test.

I broke my leg.

I have two dogs.

My sister worked hard.

I wanted to go to the party.

I bought a new computer.

I downloaded a new game.

I could play with my friends online.

I didn’t make it.

I didn’t break anything else.

I also have three cats.

I also got my mother a present.

She could afford a trip to New York.

I had nothing to wear.

Got more time and feeling creative?

This is an excerpt of the first chapter in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. As you can see there are very long and very complex sentences. Write a text about a day in your life, trying to mimic this writing style. If you want more inspiration, go online and search for any of Jane Austen's books, and study the way she writes.

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.

However little known the feelings or views of such a man may be on his first entering a neighbourhood, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of the surrounding families, that he is considered the rightful property of some one or other of their daughters.

"My dear Mr. Bennet," said his lady to him one day, "have you heard that Netherfield Park is let at last?"

Mr. Bennet replied that he had not.

"But it is," returned she; "for Mrs. Long has just been here, and she told me all about it."

Mr. Bennet made no answer.

"Do you not want to know who has taken it?" cried his wife impatiently.

"You want to tell me, and I have no objection to hearing it."

This was invitation enough.

KEY

EXERCISE: Word order

<i>my mother I called</i>	<i>I called my mother.</i>
<i>drink you a bottle of water</i>	<i>You drank a bottle of water.</i>
<i>the film saw we</i>	<i>We saw the film.</i>
<i>the book is reading Emma</i>	<i>Emma is reading the book.</i>
<i>the mouse the cat chased</i>	<i>The cat chased the mouse. / The mouse chased the cat.</i>
<i>bought the house the couple</i>	<i>The couple bought the house.</i>
<i>learned how dance to she</i>	<i>She learned how to dance.</i>
<i>broke computer the</i>	<i>The computer broke.</i>

EXERCISE: Compound Sentences, examples

I rode a scooter and then I crashed into a wall.

I broke my leg so I went to the hospital.

I had surgery and then I got a cast.

EXERCISE: Complex Sentences

I broke my leg, but I didn't break anything else.

I bought a new computer and I also got my mother a present.

I studied hard for the test but I didn't make it.

My sister worked hard so she could afford a trip to New York.

I have two dogs and I also have three cats.

I wanted to go to the party but I had nothing to wear.

I downloaded a new game so I could play with my friends online.