



Sentence Structure Guide

In English, sentence structure typically follows the rules of subject then verb and/or adjective then noun. With more complex sentences, adverbs will precede the verbs. The examples below are provided to help writers identify language patterns. Each section has the sentiment conveyed and literal translation of the sentence. Also included is a diagram of each sentence to show parts of speech.

Parts of Speech Quick Guide:

Subject	The doer of action or to what (or whom) the sentence is all about.
Verb	A word used to describe action.
Noun	A person, place, thing, or idea.
Adjective	A word that describes a noun.
Adverb	A word that describes a verb.
Pronoun	A word that can substitute a noun (it, he, she, her, him, etc.).
Article	Words that define a noun as specific or unspecific (a, an, the).

English Sentences for Translation:

I have new shoes.

(pronoun) (auxiliary verb) (adjective) (noun)

I miss you.

(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (pronoun)

She gave him a present.

(pronoun) (verb [past tense]) (pronoun) (indefinite article) (noun)

Spanish:

Tengo zapatos nuevos.

Te extraño.

Le dio un regalo.

Translate to in English:

I have shoes news.

(pronoun) (auxiliary verb) (noun) (adjective)

You I miss.

(pronoun) (pronoun) (verb [present tense])

He she gave a present.

(pronoun) (pronoun) (verb [past tense]) (indefinite article) (noun)

**Polish:**

Mam nowe buty.

Tęsknię za Tobą.

Dała mi prezent.

Translate to in English:Have **new shoes**. (I is implied)
(verb [present tense]) (adjective) (noun)Miss for **you**. (I is implied)
(verb [present tense]) (conjunction) (pronoun)Gave **me present**. (She is implied due to feminine tense)
(verb [past tense]) (pronoun) (noun)**Arabic:**

لدي حذاء جديد

إشتقت لك

هي أعطته هدية

Translate to in English:I have **shoes news**.
(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (noun) (adjective)I miss **you**.
(pronoun) (verb [past tense]) (pronoun)She gave **him present**.
(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (pronoun) (noun)**French:**

J'ai des nouveaux chaussures

Tu me manques

Elle lui a donné un cadeau

Translate to in English:I have some **new shoes**.
(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (determiner) (adjective) (noun)You miss **me**.
(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (pronoun)She **him** gave a **gift**.
(pronoun) (pronoun) (verb [past tense]) (indefinite article) (noun)

**Greek:**

εχω κανουρια παπουτσια

μου ελειψες

αυτοι τον εδωσε δωρο

Translate to in English:

I have new shoes.
(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (adjective) (noun)

(Mine) you missed.
(pronoun) (pronoun) (verb [past tense])

She he gave present.
(pronoun) (pronoun) (verb [past tense]) (noun)

Hindi:

मेरे पास नए जूते हैं

मुझे आपकी याद आती है

उसने उसे एक उपहार दिया

Translate to in English:

I have new shoes.
(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (adjective) (noun)

I miss you comes.
(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (pronoun) (verb)

She him one present gave.
(pronoun) (pronoun) (determiner) (noun) (verb [past tense])

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