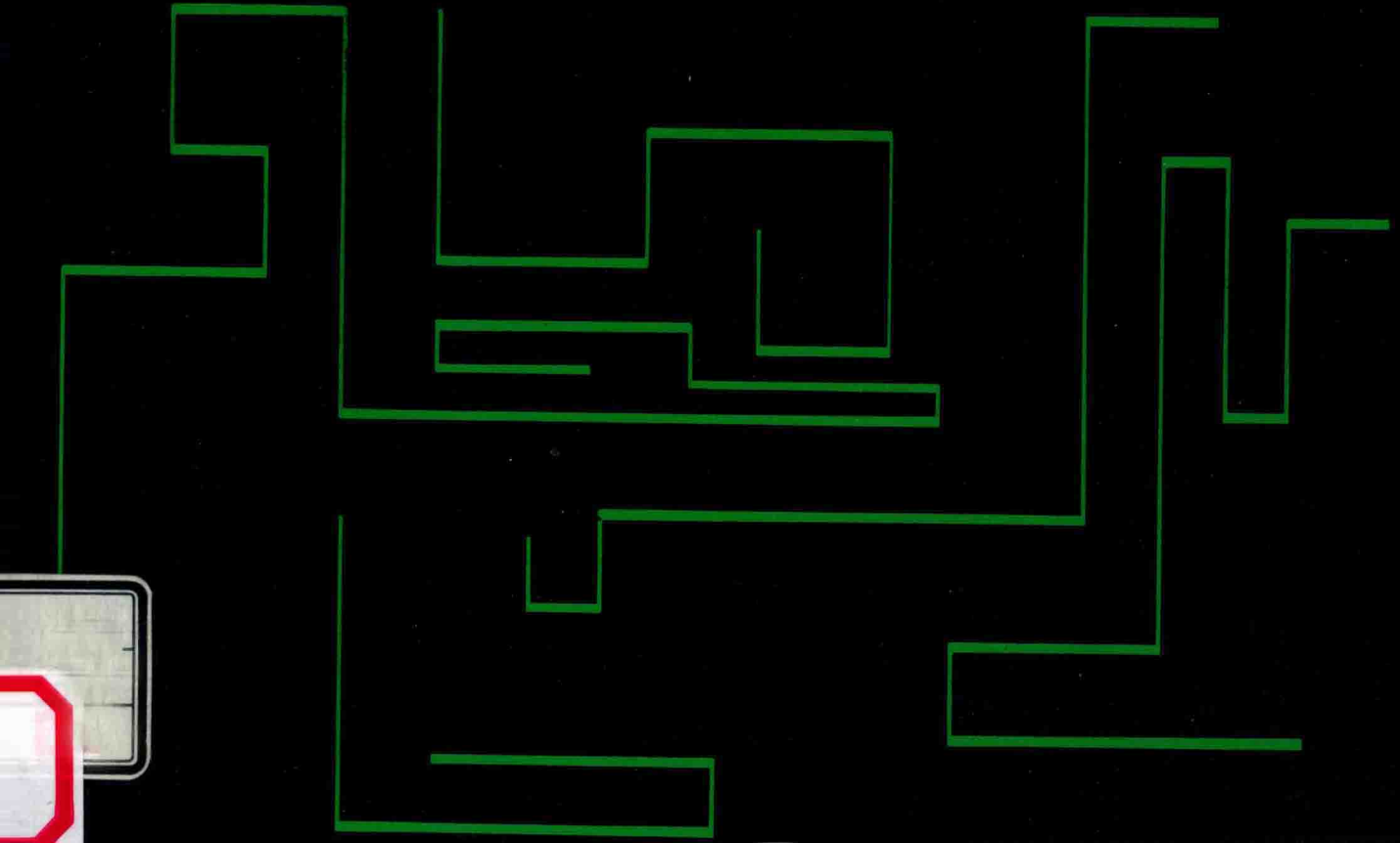


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# Preface

This book represents, I believe, a new departure. It is an attempt to lead students at about L.C.E. level or at pre-university level, by gradual stages, from the mere imitation of selected sentence patterns to the independent construction of sentences within a given framework. The framework provides the context which enables the student to see and judge his sentences as part of a greater whole; and which helps him, partly consciously and partly instinctively, to produce the right kind of sentence. At the same time the controlled framework considerably reduces the number of mistakes which students generally make when beginning to write, and thereby gives them greater confidence. This is a first step on the way to essay-writing, but the aim is not to teach essay-writing in the formal sense required in examinations. The object is to give practice in composition. Composition is defined by the O.E.D. as an "act of putting together", and the act of putting together sentences is surely the final objective of language learning.

In Parts Two and Three the basis of each exercise is a

single paragraph which has to be changed or rewritten in one way or another, while the amount of freedom allowed to the student in doing this is gradually increased. This type of exercise demands more thought and initiative than the normal type of conversion or completion exercise, and for that reason can provide the older adolescent or adult student with a clearer insight into the mechanisms of the language. Variety has been introduced into the construction of the paragraphs not only to avoid monotony, but also and mainly to give further practice in certain aspects of English usage.

It is impossible to set out this kind of material in an entirely consistent manner. It needs to be remembered throughout that the guiding principle is not the revision of structural patterns but practice in composition, and though the two have been combined in as many exercises as possible, the requirements of composition are always predominant.

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# Part One

## Parallel Sentences

### Exercises 1 to 120

Each of the 120 sentences in Part One is to be written out again five times with the vocabulary given. The substitution of one set of words for another is straightforward enough, but care will need to be exercised in such questions as verb forms and tense formation, concord, and the use of articles, personal pronouns, possessive adjectives, and prepositions. The basic structure or word order in each group of five sentences remains the same, but the meaning of each sentence will, of course, be different.

## Tense Usage

### The Present



*he works in a department store*

- 1 He doesn't work in an office; he works in a department store.  
she/school/technical college – they/factory/garage – the girls/shop/café – my father/bank/insurance office – we/theatre/night club
- 2 She speaks English very well, but she doesn't understand Spanish.  
ride/bicycle/drive/car – play/piano/read/music – make/cakes/bake/bread – grow/flowers/grow/vegetables – type/letters/take/shorthand
- 3 Are you looking for Jack? I think he's washing the car.  
she/ask for/ John?/mow/lawn – she/try to find/ children?/play/in the garden – you/look for/twins?/sleep/upstairs –

they/hope to see/George?/read/in the library – they/call for/waiter?/help/in the kitchen

- 4 He prefers history to science; he knows a lot about Asia. chemistry/mathematics/coal – geography/economics/Africa – art/music/Italy – /psychology/philosophy/children – botany/biology/forests
- 5 They have lived in Southampton for a long time. he/London/six years – we/the country/ten months – I/Manchester/the last seven weeks – the family/the same house/three generations – Mr. and Mrs. Brown/ this village/twenty-five years
- 6 The caretaker has just switched the light on. gentleman/put/hat – cook/turn/tap – workmen/put/overalls – teacher/switch/radio – lady/turn/tape-recorder
- 7 I've been using this typewriter since Christmas. I/paint/picture/February – Mr. and Mrs. Jones/rent/ house/1960 – the doctor/do/research/last December – he/build/boat/the autumn – she/design/clothes/last year
- 8 Have you ever been to Madrid? No, but I've been meaning to go. Beirut?/ hope – Cairo?/intend – New York?/want – Singapore?/expect – Melbourne?/long
- 9 There are no clean glasses in the kitchen; we have used them all. new books/library/read – French magazines/shop/sell – envelopes/office/use – money/money-box/spend – colour/ her cheeks/lose
- 10 How much are the books worth? They cost ten shillings each. house?/£5000 – dress?/£6 – plate?/20p – ticket?/22½ p – sheep?/£17

## The Past

- 11 The doctor gave me a prescription yesterday. My brother/lend/50p/last week – she/tell/time/five minutes ago – the author/show/manuscript/in February – my father/give/bicycle/last Christmas – she/read/story /last night
- 12 Why did you put on such an old suit? What a silly idea! buy/small dog?/funny animal – write/long letter?/waste of time – tell/obvious lie?/stupid idea – throw away/ valuable book?/awful loss – get/expensive watch?/nice present
- 13 She was looking for a grocer's when I met her. he/baker's/find – they/doctor/see – the nurse/chemist's/ notice – my aunt/florist's/come across – the policeman/ telephone kiosk/knock into – the soldiers/officer/meet
- 14 While I was waiting for the bus, the rain stopped. have/lunch/door-bell/ring – sleep/upstairs/house/catch fire – drive/to London/engine/stop – give/lecture/lights/ go out – watch/TV/kettle/ boil over
- 15 The manager had already left when I telephoned. bus/go/arrive – patient/die/call – accident/occur/appear – dance/start/enter – weather/improve/leave
- 16 By the end of the month the hurricane had struck Florida. year/builders/finish/twelve houses – week/company/ dismiss/one hundred workmen – period/newspapers/ publish/whole story – summer/farmers/harvest/whole crop – century/empire/lose/American colonies
- 17 At the time of his death he had been drinking too much. her examination/work/too hard – their discovery/experiment/for ten years – my collapse/lose/a lot of weight –

her marriage/work/as a model – our accident/drive/for twelve hours non-stop

- 18 He enjoyed himself a great deal.  
she/admire/too much – the cat/wash/carefully – he/kill/stupidly – we/hurt/badly – they/blame/unnecessarily
- 19 What had you been doing when the police arrested you?  
say/reporter/find – dream of/alarm-clock/wake – work on/telegram/interrupt – write/teacher/stop – hide/children/catch
- 20 They agreed to the proposal made by the chairman.  
wait for/taxi/order/porter – rely on/information/give/newspapers – decide upon/plan/suggest/manager – complain of/heat/cause/radiators – believe in/message/ send/spy

## The Future and Conditional

- 21 He is going to plant some trees tomorrow.  
she/marry/cousin/next month – his wife/have/baby/in August – my nephew/buy/car/at Easter – they/leave/Paris/in two days' time – we/sell/house/next year
- 22 The maid will clean the house this afternoon.  
cook/buy/meat/tomorrow – men/clean/windows/next week – gardener/dig up/potatoes/this evening – electrician/mend/wireless/on Monday – I/paint/bedroom/the day after tomorrow
- 23 I expect he will take his examination either today or tomorrow.  
think/she/buy/ticket/this week/next – hope/you/visit/dentist/Tuesday/Thursday – believe/they/make/fortune/this year/next – be sure/she/marry/fiance/next year/the

year after – imagine/we/change/house/in August/September

- 24 I will do it if I have enough time.  
she/buy/money – the workmen/mend/tools – the reporter/write/information – the charwoman/wash/soap – we/photograph/film
- 25 He would do it if he was clever enough.  
she/reach/tall – the manager/organize/intelligent – they/build/rich – the boy/learn/hard-working – our enemies/destroy/cruel
- 26 She would have done it if she had not been too ill.  
the team/win/lazy – the bricklayers/build/stupid – the secretary/type/ill – the manager/change/stubborn – I/get/late
- 27 If you call at 9 o'clock, he will still be having breakfast.  
phone/10 o'clock/dictate/letters – the car/come/11 o'clock/pack/bags – the plane/take-off/4 p.m./drive/to the airport – get/to the zoo/6 p.m./feed/the lions – visit the hospital/in the morning/see/the doctor
- 28 If she hadn't been playing tennis, she wouldn't have broken her leg.  
we/play/poker/lose/so much money – they/sail/at night/run/aground – he/drive/so fast/have/accident – dog/bark/so loudly/we/discover/burglar – snow/fall/so thickly/the postman/lose/his way
- 29 By the end of the year he will have flown 100,000 miles.  
holiday/recover/his health – week/leave/the hospital – summer/fight/one hundred bulls – month/write/a score of newspaper articles – middle/season/play/in ten tournaments
- 30 I'm seeing him tomorrow; at least I hope to see him then.



I/marry/her/next week; /expect – he/water/the garden/  
this afternoon;/mean – we/finish/the redecoration/on  
Sunday;/need – she/have/a baby/ in the spring;  
hope – they/buy/the house/next month;/intend

## The Passive



*The gun he carries is never loaded*

- 31 The gun he carries is never loaded.  
lorry/drive/usually/overload – piano/play/often/hire –  
houses/build/always/sell – articles/write/seldom/publish  
– films/make/generally/admire
- 32 The man didn't know the answer. The answer wasn't  
known.  
teacher/understand/question – lawyer/believe/witness –  
secretary/ post/letter – pupil/remember/poem – storm/  
sink/ship
- 33 The second goal was scored by Walter Smith.  
first prize/win/Diana Dawes – Pygmalion/write/G. B.  
Shaw – penicillin discover/Sir Alexander Fleming –  
comet/see/thousands of people – farm/destroy/fire

- 34 The dog hasn't been trained.  
flight/authorize – repairs/complete – child/inoculate –  
money/deposit – cheque/cash
- 35 The film will be shown next week.  
machine/test/next month – ship/launch/in March –  
cattle/auction/at Easter – wheat/plant/in spring – paint-  
ings/exhibit/next year
- 36 The car should be washed first and then polished.  
dress/wash/dye – flowers/transplant/water – ground/dig/  
manure – map/draw/colour – wood/harden/saw
- 37 This point needs to be emphasized as much as possible.  
story/publicise/often – product/advertise/frequently –  
lesson/learn/thoroughly – plan/alter/little – disease/treat/  
carefully
- 38 She was given a silver tea-service.  
he/offer/new contract – the children/tell/bedtime story –  
the boys/present with/school-leaving certificates – we/  
show/new motor-car – the soldiers/reward with/medals  
for bravery
- 39 The film at the Glamour Cinema is said to be first-class.  
play/Globe Theatre/report/poor – fair/park/suppose/  
entertaining – exhibition/new gallery/say/outstanding –  
programme/ Festival Hall /repute/original – acrobats/  
circus/believe/Russian
- 40 The dog must be well looked after.  
money/properly/account for – dangers/seriously/reckon  
with – building/immediately/pull down – legal docu-  
ments/carefully/draw up – plan/boldly/adhere to

## Indirect Speech

- 41 He says he's doing his homework.  
Mary/wash/underwear – they/change/job – Mother/  
read/newspaper – Alfred/write/diary – the carpenters/  
fetch/tools
- 42 He said he had spent too much money.  
admit/drink/beer – confess/tell/lies – agree/have/accidents – say/shoot/birds – state/take/risks
- 43 The teacher told me to obey him.  
officer/salute – policeman/follow – actress/copy – my  
parents/trust – doctor/help
- 44 She asked me where I was going.  
what/do – when/leave – which book/take – whose car/  
borrow – how/feel
- 45 The waiter asked us whether (if) we had enjoyed the meal.  
doctor/them/take/medicine – air hostess/us/like/flight –  
manager/him/finish/inspection – policeman/me/witness/  
accident – lawyer/her/sign/documents
- 46 The lecturer told us that oxygen is a gas.  
professor/warn/certain gases/poisonous – nurse/advise/  
overeating/dangerous – notice/inform/the speed limit/  
thirty miles per hour – teacher/tell/the sirocco/a hot  
wind – atlas/inform/Corsica/an island
- 47 He wondered whether (if) he should repeat the story.  
the girl/want to know/post/letter – the maid/enquire/  
iron/dress – the chauffeur/ask/wash/car – they/wonder/  
catch/next train – I/want to know/open/window
- 48 The caretaker said I was to shut the gates.  
porter/we/use/lift – lawyer/I/sign/will – doctor/she/

take/medicine – engineer/they/repair/bridge – Prime  
Minister/we/pay/new tax

- 49 The captain ordered the ship to be abandoned.  
government/coins/mint – forester/trees/plant – Minister  
of Health/children/inoculate – landowners/land/enclose  
– zoo-keeper/animals/feed
- 50 The doctor suggested that I should have a month's rest.  
manager/his employees/work harder – publisher/the  
author/write another novel – her mother/she/go to bed –  
lawyer/they/get a divorce – teacher/his pupils/write an  
essay

## Anomalous Finites

- 51 You needn't buy the book now, but you must buy it  
sooner or later.  
post/letter/before 6 o'clock – order/food/by tomorrow –  
finish/job/ by next Sunday – deliver/goods/by tea-time –  
see/doctor/soon
- 52 Can I go now? No, you mustn't go yet.  
he/leave – she/come – they/start – the taxi/go – the  
children/eat
- 53 He may not pay the bill, although he knows he ought to.  
return/loan/admit – keep/appointment/feel – honour/  
cheque/know – settle/debt/agree – keep/promise/  
believe
- 54 We are to meet them at half past five.  
I/call for/her/9.20 – you/telephone/him/7.45 – we/catch/  
the train/3.25 – he/open/the shop/8.15 – she/photo-  
graph/them/12

- 55 It might rain, but I don't think it will.  
the house/collapse/suppose – the shed/catch fire/believe  
– the animals/stampede/think – the dog/bark/imagine –  
Mary/faint/expect
- 56 He could speak Italian when he was ten years old.  
the baby/say/Mama/six months – Angela/swim/like a  
fish/five – the boy/play/the violin/twelve – the dog/  
perform/tricks/one – the children/ride/horses/seven
- 57 He was able to climb the mountain in spite of the snow.  
pass/examination/difficulties – drive/car/damage – buy/  
furniture/expense – listen to/B.B.C./interference – dig/  
grave/frost
- 58 She daren't run on the slope; she might slip.  
we/walk/path/fall – they/touch/subject/quarrel – the  
girls/dance/floor/slip – the boys/skate/pond/break the  
ice – the aeroplane/land/field/crash
- 59 They haven't arrived; they must have lost the way.  
she/telephone/forget/number – the girl/appear/miss/  
bus – you/sign/misread/instruction – the soldiers/fire/  
disobey/order – the car/come/have/an accident
- 60 You ought to have come earlier; you could easily have  
done so.  
he/dress/sooner – they/leave/later – we/work/harder –  
I/swim/faster – the horse/jump/higher

## Infinitive and 'ing'-form

- 61 He agreed to do the job.  
determine/finish/work – decide/learn/poem – try/repair/  
bicycle – refuse/pay/bill – hesitate/move/ladder
- 62 We helped them dig up the potatoes.  
make/him/sell/motor-bicycle – hear/Jean/play/piano –

let/the boy/keep/puppy – see/the children/cross/road –  
watch/them/climb/mountain

- 63 I obliged the children to do their homework.  
we/teach/pupils/speak/English – he/advise/workmen/go/  
on strike – they/allow/farmers/grow/more wheat – the  
police/warn/people/stay/at home – the government/  
encourage/public/save/money
- 64 You should find out how to do this puzzle.  
learn/mend/a puncture – consider/improve/your posi-  
tion – remember/find/your uncle's house – know/do/  
these exercises – discover/grow/yellow roses
- 65 He hates eating rice pudding.  
everyone/enjoy/spend/money – the servant/go on/break/  
plates – she/love/buy/cheap dresses – that police in-  
spector/dislike/arrest/people – he/regret/leave/school
- 66 The housewife smelt the cakes burning.  
engineer/feel/temperature/rise – nurse/see/patient/die –  
audience/listen to/choir/sing – schoolmaster/catch/boy/  
tell lies – goalkeeper/leave/ball/lie
- 67 Did you mind me borrowing your umbrella?  
see/her/take/watch – notice/them/climb/wall – feel/him/  
touch/arm – hear/us/ring/bell – catch/her/use/scent
- 68 It would be difficult to refuse the invitation.  
she/delighted/see/film – we/sorry/miss/opportunity –  
Mary/happy/get/job – they/certain/attend/party – he/  
glad/receive/prize
- 69 We have brought some chairs to sit on.  
they/get/babies/look after – the girl/bring/toys/play with  
– we/buy/glasses/drink out of – he/find/bottles/shoot at  
– the soldiers/put up/tents/sleep in

- 70 She began to cry after hearing the news.  
they/start/walk/without/wait for/bus – the general/  
come/pray/after/lose/battle – he/happen/pass by/while/  
push/cart – she/begin/work/before/draw/curtains – the  
actor/learn/understand/by/watch/director

## Phrasal Verbs



*She took her gloves off*

- 71 The firemen broke the door down.  
thieves/break in/window – statesmen/break off/negotia-  
tions – workmen/break up/stones – sailors/break out/  
flag – cattle/break down/fence
- 72 The army will fall back in due course.  
friends/fall out/presently – soldiers/fall in/now – specta-  
tors/fall off/shortly – plan/fall through/soon – cliff/fall  
away/in time
- 73 She took her gloves off and gave them away.  
he/take down/hat/put on – we/tear off/labels/stick on  
again – the wind/break up/the kite/blow away – the  
lecturer/look over/notes/tear up – they/pack up/suitcase/  
put back
- 74 Did the caretaker do away with himself?  
carpenter/make do with/a hammer – old man/make off  
with/the young girl – explorer/do without/his compass –  
accountant/make up for/the loss – schoolboy/make up  
to/the headmaster
- 75 The goalkeeper had asked out the team.  
driver/pull up/bus – librarian/pass round/magazines

burglar/take in/policeman – referee/back up/injured  
player – cashier/make out/cheque

- 76 An epidemic of typhus may break out in the city.  
machine/break down/factory – storm/blow up/Atlantic –  
atomic bomb/go off/desert – new manager/take over/  
office – employee/show up/bar
- 77 He donated the watch, but he really shouldn't have  
given it away.  
display/silver cup/show off – erase/signature/rub out –  
return/present/send back – stop/lorry/hold up – sur-  
render/prisoners/give up
- 78 What were you getting at?  
they/put in for – she/see to – he/hand over – she/cut  
out – it/stand for
- 79 I am going to give up smoking cigarettes.  
see about/get/a camera – succeed in/swim/the Channel –  
look forward to/visit/Italy – become accustomed to/  
drink/iced beer – keep on/play/football
- 80 Down came the rain!  
off/go/Rolls-Royce – away/fly/parrot – back/go/crowd –  
out/rush/guards – in/come/monkeys

## Conjunctions

- 81 His work is better than mine, but not so good as John's.  
book/interesting/Virginia – speech/clever/the minister –  
mistakes/worse/the typist – pictures/expensive/the  
Dutchman – car/fast/his son
- 82 Both Gerald and George are strong, but neither of them  
is clever.  
Valerie/Vera/tall/beautiful – the bed/the divan/wide/  
comfortable – the sister/the brother/educated/polite –  
the bull/the cow/big/dangerous – the actor/the actress/  
ugly/stupid
- 83 We must go now because it is quite late.  
ought to/dark – can/light – have to/a long way – have  
got to/important – had better/foggy
- 84 He will finish the job before the factory closes.  
leave/ground/match/finish – do/shopping/shops/shut –  
pick/fruit/sun/set – reach/station/train/start – leave/  
country/revolution/begin
- 85 Unless you go now you will be late.  
leave/miss the bus – come/miss the opportunity – stop/  
hit the wall – work/fail the examination – pay/go to  
prison
- 86 Although he is lazy he makes a lot of money.  
she/rich/have/worries – he/poor/have/clothes – they/  
young/do/work – she/beautiful/use/cosmetics – you/  
clever/make/mistakes
- 87 I think you had better go before it gets too cold.  
he/I/ought to come in/dark – we/you/might as well  
start/hot – she/we/should apologise/late – they/we/must  
stop/dangerous – I/he/had better descend/misty

88 He was so frightened that he didn't utter a single word.  
self-confident/take/precaution – stupid/understand/sentence – shy/make/remark – excited/sleep/minute – intelligent/fail/examination

89 She hasn't been here since the tragedy occurred.  
I/back/war/begin – they/in Calcutta/riots/end – we/away/winter/start – the family/home/cook/leave – they/to sea/ship/sink

90 He was trembling as he spoke, as if he was very nervous.  
Louise/sing/walk/happy – John/shout/swim/frightened – the girls/cry/come in/upset – they/smile/sit down/pleased – the plumber/swear/work/angry

## Relative Pronouns

91 The policeman who arrested the thief is a friend of ours.  
musician/conduct/orchestra/uncle/hers – jockey/ride/horse/relative/mine – professor/give/lecture/colleague/theirs – woman/cook/dinner/friend/his – author/write/book/neighbour/yours

92 Joan, whom you met last year, has become a film star.  
John/meet/six years ago/soldier – Mr. White/help/in 1949/millionaire – George/advise/last month/sailor – Mary/love/three years ago/civil servant – Oliver/see/in January/clerk

93 Mr. Smith, whose books are all best-sellers, doesn't like publicity.  
Mrs. White/friend/actor/the cinema – Mr. Brown/clothes/expensive/cheap tailors – Mrs. Green/hat/ridiculous/new fashions – Sir Billy Black/horse/famous/betting – Miss West/relative/rich/luxury

94 The mountain they climbed is 3000 metres high.  
waiter/speak to/six feet tall – girl/interview/twenty-one years old – river/cross/half-a-mile wide – street/live in/two miles long – tower/discover/fifteen miles away

95 She hasn't anything to do, which makes her angry.  
she/anyone/look after/unhappy – he/anywhere / go/bored – they/anything/read/impatient – she/anybody/love/lonely – we/anything/look forward to/sad

96 She's the finest woman that ever acted on this stage.  
great/acrobat/perform/in/circus – big/tiger/live/in/jungle – interesting/magazine/appear/in/city – only/man/walk/across/desert – strong/elephant/work/in/area

## Some Harder Sentence Patterns



*He introduced the guests to his wife*

- 101** He introduced the guests to his wife.  
explain/difficulty/to/creditors – congratulate/winner/on/  
performance – compare/book/with/own latest novel –  
spend/money/on/wife's clothes – add/postal order/to/  
son's birthday present
- 102** We explained to the policeman that it wasn't our  
mistake.  
they/clerk/money – I/lawyer/fault – she/headmistress/  
idea – he/detective/intention – the nurse/doctor/res-  
ponsibility
- 103** Will you do a lot of sightseeing in Spain?  
she/much/drive/London – they/lots of/walk/the coun-  
try – your son/much/fly/his new job – she/a/great deal  
of/gossip/the office – he/a lot of/decorate/the bedroom
- 104** It's (high) time he earned his living.  
the children/go home – we/have a drink – she/know the  
truth – the car/have an overhaul – the messenger/bring  
the answer
- 105** I quite understood what you meant.  
almost/forget/want – merely/ask/need – even/agree to/  
suggest – quite/believe/say – only/do/request

**97** He will visit the sanatorium where his mother lives  
when he returns home.  
call at/garage/friend/work/before/buy/another car –  
telephone/office/lawyer/work/after/leave/the police sta-  
tion – leave/house/daughter/live/the moment/find/a new  
flat – inspect/tents/servants/sleep/as soon as/have/an  
opportunity – not find/cave/hermit/stay/until/hire/a good  
guide

**98** He has discovered the ancient city everyone talked  
about.

Mary/lose/tame fox/her daughter/look after – Marjorie/  
ruin/fur coat/her husband/pay for – the doctor/write/  
prescription/his patient/ask for – the headmaster/  
confiscate/notes/his pupils/rely on – I/drop/transistor  
wireless/my father/listen to

**99** He has the same kind of car as I have.

she/do/thing – my brother/like/chocolate – the twins/  
wear/dresses – my friends/read/books – Elizabeth/have/  
hair-style

**100** I was very sorry to lose my neighbour, who died last  
month.

they/really surprised/meet/nephew/emigrate/in 1939 –  
we/quite amused/see/photograph/appear/in a magazine –  
she/terribly annoyed/miss/train/leave/five minutes early  
– I/very angry/see/son/return/a week too soon – she/  
awfully glad/find/handbag/disappear/a month ago

106 Whatever he does, he can be relied upon.  
whoever/be/must/admit – whenever/come/should/interview – wherever/go/ought to/follow – whichever/choose/have to/trust – whatever/say/can/believe

107 I suggested their playing chess.  
we/delay/her/leave/the office – they/consider/my/publish/the advertisement – she/enjoy/our/travel/by air – I/put off/his/take/the oath – she/deny/my/be/present

108 How beautifully she sings! I have seldom heard a better voice.  
hard/work!/never/know/harder worker – well/play tennis!/rarely/see/better player – badly/speak!/never/come across/poorer pronunciation – fast/type!/hardly ever/know/faster typist – intelligently/talk!/seldom/meet/more intelligent person

109 Had the troops fired faster, they would have won the battle.  
driver/steer/straighter/avoid/collision – destroyer/leave port/sooner/catch/submarine – girl/be/prettier/get/leading role – band/play/louder/win/competition – workmen/work/harder/receive/bonus

110 A fortnight ago yesterday I had already arrived in Milan.  
a month/last Friday/just/move/to a new house – a year/today/quite/recover/from my illness – three weeks/last Sunday/hardly/get/any money at all – a week/yesterday/almost/persuade/the girl to marry me – four years/at Easter/still/not begin/to study law

111 No sooner had he entered the room than he left it again.  
break/box/mend – kick/ball/run after – leave/hotel/go back to – lose/parcel/find – read/newspaper/read

112 Only by hard work did he manage to pass the examination.

by a supreme effort/succeed in/save/girl's life – with difficulty/be able to/reach/summit – through good luck/manage to/win/prize – by an effort of will/can/fire/rifle – by chance/succeed in/find/money

113 I find it hard to believe that you have told a lie.  
think/prudent/confess/betray/your country – consider/sensible/admit/break/your word – imagine/dangerous/reveal/change/your faith – believe/wrong/boast/make/a fortune – judge/right/prove/tell/the truth

114 It is difficult enough for her to live with him without your interfering.  
hard/her/hear/interrupt – risky/us/chase/follow – safe/me/arrest/join in – bad/them/have to shoot/protest – sad/her/have to/tell/cry

115 Did he himself warn you that he would be late?  
she/tell/have/an insurance policy – they/inform/speak/Arabic – we/promise/lend/£500 – I/remind/be/absent – he/assure/pay/the fine

116 There's no denying the truth of the statement.  
get over/loss/crew – avoid/difficulties/situation – ignore/reality/dilemma – get away from/facts/case – evade/responsibility for/accident

117 We have arranged for the meeting to be held.  
wait/animals/capture – long/war/win – vote/politician/elect – fix/car/hire – often wish/house/sell

118 I should be grateful if you would answer this letter by the 15th.  
pleased/reply to/invitation/by/1st – obliged/return/book/by/next week – satisfied/sign/cheque/by/end of the month – relieved/get rid of/dog/before/middle of next month – delighted/arrange/ceremony/as soon as/possible



119 He would rather ride the bicycle than go on a camping holiday.

she/play with/doll/go/for a drive – they/stay/at home/  
go/on a coach tour – my sister/look after/baby/go/danc-  
ing – I/sell/house/pay/taxes on it – he/fish/in the river/  
go/shooting

120 He will do what he wants to do; it's no use worrying about it.

she/go/when/go;/talk – they/move/as soon as/leave;/  
protest – they/not come/before/come;/ argue – the  
police/not call/until/make an arrest;/complain – the  
bus/ stop/whenever/the driver/stop;/curse