

6.2.1 Verb Valency Patterns

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Practice 1. Labeling sentence constituents (functions of phrases).

- ☐ Subject (Subj.)
- ☐ Predicate (Pred.)
- ☐ Object (Objt.)
- ☐ Direct object (DO)
- ☐ Indirect object (IO)
- ☐ Complement (Compl.)
- ☐ Subject complement/predicate (SC/SP)
- ☐ Object complement/predicate (OC/OP)
- ☐ Adverbial (Advl.)

You can choose five different colors to highlight different sentence constituents.

1. John | very carefully searches the room.
2. The girl | is now a student at Oxford.
3. They | made him the chairman last year.
4. It | has been raining all day.
5. Loran | has spent the day in the garden.
6. John | will stay in bed.

Practice 2. Add words (when necessary) to complete the sentences below.

1. More people came ____.
2. The train arrived ____.
3. Mark cooked ____.
4. Alice read ____.
5. The man gave the kid ____.

6. My friends brought me _____.
7. Chris named her newly adopted dog _____.
8. What he said made me _____.
9. She put her hand _____.
10. Sara sent a package _____.
11. She seemed _____.
12. Rock climbing is _____.
13. Frankie was in _____.
14. My apartment is on _____.

Practice 3. Work in pairs or groups of three to find out the clause patterns in the sentences below.

KEY: Seven Clause Patterns

Example	Structure	Valenty Pattern
Garfield <u>left</u> .	Subj. + V.	Intransitive (IT)
Garfield <u>loves</u> lasagna.	Subj. + V. + DO	Monotransitive (MT)
Garfield <u>brought</u> Odie a butterfly.	Subj. + V. + IO + DO	Ditransitive (DT)
Garfield <u>drove</u> Odie crazy.	Subj. + V + DO + OP/OC (object predicative/complement)	Complex transitive 1 (CT1)
Odie <u>put</u> the milk bone in his bed.	Subj. + V + DO + OA (obligatory adverbial)	Complex transitive 2 (CT2)
Garfield <u>looks</u> grumpy.	Subj. + V + SP/SC (subject predicative/complement)	Copular 1 (Cop1)
Garfield <u>is</u> on the couch.	Subj. + V + OA (obligatory adverbial)	Copular 2 (Cop2)

	Subject	Verb	Other Constituents	Clause Pattern
1.	More people	came.		
2.	The train	arrived.		
3.	Mark	cooked	a delicious meal.	
4.	Alice	bought	a book.	
5.	The man	gave	the kid a red balloon.	
6.	My friends	brought	me a birthday cake.	
7.	Chris	named	his newly adopted dog Buddy.	
8.	What he said	rendered	me speechless.	
9.	She	put	her hand on my shoulder.	
10.	Sara	sent	a package to Australia.	
11.	She	has been	happy.	
12.	Rock climbing	seems	very exciting.	
13.	Frankie	was	in the library.	
14.	My apartment	is	on the top floor.	