



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	An action or state of being
Noun	A person, place, thing, or idea.
Adjective	A word that modifies a noun.
Adverb	A word that modifies 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	English Translation
Tengo zapatos nuevos.	I have shoes news. (pronoun) (auxiliary verb) (noun) (adjective)
Te extraño	You I miss. (pronoun) (pronoun) (verb [present tense])
Le dio un regalo.	He she gave a present. (pronoun) (pronoun) (verb [past tense]) (indefinite article) (noun)

Polish	English Translation
Mam nowe buty.	Have new shoes. (I is implied). (verb [present tense]) (adjective) (noun)
Tęsknię za Tobą	Miss for you. (I is implied). (verb [present tense]) (conjunction) (pronoun)
Dała mi prezent.	Gave me present. (She is implied due to feminine tense) (verb [past tense]) (pronoun) (noun)

Arabic	English Translation
لدي حذاء جديد	I have shoes news. (pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (noun) (adjective)
إشتقت لك	I miss you. (pronoun) (verb [past tense]) (pronoun)
هي أعطته هدية	She gave him present. (pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (pronoun) (noun)



French	English Translation
J'ai des nouveaux chaussures.	I have some new shoes. (pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (determiner) (adjective) (noun)
Tu me manques.	You miss me (pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (pronoun)
Elle lui a donné un Cadeau.	She him gave a gift. (pronoun) (pronoun) (verb [past tense]) (indefinite article) (noun)

Greek	English Translation
εχω κανουρια παπουτσια	I have new shoes. (pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (adjective) (noun)
μου ελειψες	(Mine) you missed. (pronoun) (pronoun) (verb [past tense])
αυτοι τον εδωσε δωρο	She he gave present. (pronoun) (pronoun) (verb [past tense]) (noun)

Hindi	English Translation
मेरे पास नए जूते हैं	I have new shoes. (pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (adjective) (noun)
मुझे आपकी याद आती है	I miss you comes. (pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (pronoun) (verb)
उसने उसे एक उपहार दिया	She him one present gave. (pronoun) (pronoun) (determiner) (noun) (verb [past tense])

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