

SIMPLE SENTENCE PATTERNS

Simple Sentence = 1 independent clause

Statements = Subject + Verb

Pattern	Example
<u>Subject</u> + <u>linking verb</u> + complement. (noun, pronoun, adjective)	<u>The students</u> <u>are</u> smart.
<u>Subject</u> + <u>intransitive verb</u> .	<u>Students</u> <u>read</u> .
<u>Subject</u> + <u>transitive verb</u> + direct object. (noun, pronoun)	<u>Students</u> <u>write</u> papers.
<u>Subject</u> + <u>(di)transitive verb</u> + indirect object + direct object. (noun, pronoun) (noun, pronoun)	<u>Students</u> <u>give</u> teachers their homework.
<u>Subject</u> + <u>transitive verb</u> + direct object + complement. (noun, pronoun) (noun, pronoun, adjective)	<u>The students</u> <u>elected</u> Joe the president of their class.

* Intransitive verb + noun/pronoun

Transitive verb + noun/pronoun

Lunsford and Connors, *The St. Martin's Handbook*, 3rd ed.

LESS COMMON VERB TYPES

Small Groups

Verb Type	Example	List of Verbs
<u>linking</u> (+ complement)	Sam <u>is</u> a teenager. He <u>has grown</u> very tall. It <u>is</u> I.	appear grow smell be look sound become make taste feel seem
<u>(di)transitive</u> (+ indirect object + direct object)	I <u>wrote</u> my sister a letter. OR I <u>wrote</u> a letter to my sister.	ask leave sell bake lend serve bring make show buy name sing feed pass thank give promise write hand read
<u>transitive</u> (+ direct object + complement)	The board <u>appointed</u> Sam the company's president. I <u>find</u> the new student very interesting.	appoint elect label believe feel make call find nominate choose get prove consider imagine suppose declare keep think