

Practicing Simple Sentences

Subject + Verb + Object + Prepositional Phrase = Simple Sentence

The above formula may seem simplistic; indeed, it would be wrong to assume that all writing fits this pattern. However, the formula does provide a good foundation for the simple sentence. When you find yourself struggling to edit a sentence you have written that has grown unwieldy, paring it down to these component parts can help you gain control of the sentence and its central idea.

The following columns provide lists of subjects, verbs, objects and prepositional phrases. Mix and match these lists to create complete sentences.

<i>Subjects</i>	<i>Verbs</i>	<i>Objects</i>	<i>Prepositional Phrases</i>
Watsonville	want to know	soccer	to live
My sister and I	take	<i>American Idol</i>	to the vet
Kim	is	an affordable place	in California
Jerome	emails	the bus	every Tuesday
Reality TV	like to watch	their chances	with me
Carmen	won	the president	in Las Vegas
Robert	has become	the latest fad	for her school
My kids	plays	a city	of our times
They	rides	money	of passing
San Jose	is	our dog	with their friends

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