

# 10: SENTENCE ANALYSIS

Analyze these Simple sentences that emphasize **Modifiers of the Subject (Adjectives) and Verb (Adverbs)**. They are already divided into Parts of the Sentence. Identify each Part of the Sentence using the various underline and bracket styles shown below. **All Verbs in the following exercise are Action Verbs.** Having the sentences printed on paper may be the best way to do the analyses. To easily make any changes or corrections, pencil is recommended.

Source: Based on **Exercise 32** in Exercises in the Structure of English, First Book (1963), by Gordon H. Allison.

Answers are provided at the end of Stairway to Grammar.

## Symbols for Graphic Analysis of Parts of the Sentence

- SUBJECTS (including Noun Clauses): wavy underline (When the subject 'You' is understood or not written, write You in a box with a wavy underline)
- VERBS (Action): solid underline
- VERBS (Non-Action): double solid underline
- DIRECT OBJECTS: broken underline
- INDIRECT OBJECTS: dotted underline
- SUBJECTIVE COMPLETIONS: double wavy underline
- (ADJECTIVES) (ADJECTIVE PHRASES) (ADJECTIVE CLAUSES): round brackets
- [ADVERBS] [ADVERB PHRASES] [ADVERB CLAUSES]: square brackets
- <COORDINATE CONJUNCTIONS>: arrow brackets

Based on Exercise 32 (Modifiers of the Subject and Verb)

1. A | heavy truck | swayed | around the bend.
2. A | bright | fire | crackled | merrily | in the fireplace.
3. A | baseball | whistled | past his head.
4. A | soft | wind | sighed | through the trees.
5. In the distance | a | bird | screeched.

6. His | strong | voice | echoed | through the empty room.
7. The | hurt | child | wept | from the pain.
8. The | dog | whimpered | in distress.
9. The | hide | of the cold horse | shivered | in the storm.
10. The | distant | coyotes | howled | mournfully.
11. A | little | stream | bubbled | over the pebbles.
12. The | soft | rain | splashed | against the windows.
13. The | dilapidated | automobile | rattled | along the road.
14. The | dead | leaves | rustled | beneath their feet.
15. His | matted | hair | fell | about his face.
16. A | great | white | cloud | drifted | across the sky.
17. The | accomplished | swimmers | dived | from the high tower.
18. The | lame | man | walked in pain.
19. The | late | visitor | slid | into the room | unobtrusively.
20. The | busy | bee | goes | into the hive.
21. The | shy | child | hid | behind his mother.
22. Over our heads | flew | a | squadron | of airplanes.
23. The | top | of the building | came | into view | first.
24. The | scared | rabbit | dashed | quickly | into the bramble bushes.
25. He | sang | beautifully | during the performance | yesterday.
26. The | vacationing | couple | strolled | slowly | along the beach.
27. Our | visitors | had left | earlier | in the day.
28. The | church | with the spire | appeared | in the distance.
29. The | worried | parents | waited | anxiously | on the shore.
30. The | diligent | man | usually | succeeds | in the long term.