

# 12: SENTENCE ANALYSIS

Analyze these **Simple Sentences** that emphasize **Subjective Completions which always follow Non-Action Verbs**. They are already divided into Parts of the Sentence. Identify each Part of the Sentence using the various underline and bracket styles shown below. 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 34** 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 34 (Subjective Completions)

1. The | plums | in their orchard | are | not | yet | mature.
2. The | Toronto | train | was | somewhat | late | on Tuesday.
3. That | box | on the floor | seems | too | small | for our purposes.
4. We | were | the | ones | on the beach | yesterday.

5. The | weather | will be | fine | for our field trip.
6. At the side of the road | the | child | was | very | careful.
7. The | ice | was | very | smooth | in the centre of the stream.
8. These | maple | trees | have become | unusually | tall.
9. That | old | drill | was | too | dull | for boring the metal plate.
10. The | humid | air | became | cooler | towards evening.
11. The | orphans | are | dear | innocent | children.
12. Those | were | strange | old | times | in history.
13. Few | men | are | more | foolish | in pursuit of fame.
14. The | intersection | at King and James Streets | is | very | congested | with crowds.
15. The | ripe | peaches | are | soft | to the touch.
16. The | detective | in charge of the case | appeared | very | puzzled.
17. The | fishermen | in the boat | were | quite | upset | about the storm.
18. My | brother | became | head | of the company.
19. His | view | of the medical operation | looked very | grim.
20. The | night | grew | chilly | later | in the evening.
21. The | boy | near the entrance of the tent | felt | cold | before morning.
22. The | sea | had looked | too | peaceful | in the evening | before the storm.
23. This | flavor | of ice cream | tastes | deliciously | wonderful.
24. My | former | friend | is | not | very | friendly | now.
25. A | tigress | with her young cubs | can be | dangerous.
26. That | fruit | with the loose peel | is | a | tangerine.
27. Swallows | are | swift-flying | birds.
28. The | sick | child | turned | yellow | with jaundice.
29. The | prime minister | made | a | good | leader | of the country.
30. Canadians | are | very | fond | of their country.

- 31. Your | radio | is | the | only | one | without batteries.**
- 32. Victoria | was | Queen of England | for sixty-four years.**
- 33. That | cute | little | chipmunk | was | a | great | pet.**
- 34. The | stranger | in the park | is | my | friend's | cousin.**
- 35. Drinking | and | driving | is | a | dangerous | choice.**