

# 18: SENTENCE ANALYSIS

Analyze these Complex and Compound-Complex sentences by identifying each Part of the Sentence using the various underline and bracket styles shown below. These sentences are not divided into Parts of Speech to make them a little more challenging. **It will soon become evident that determining if each Verb is Action or Non-Action is the best place to start.** Although each **Subordinate Clause** could be analyzed by itself, treat it as being equal to one **Part of Speech**. 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. 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

1. In January, the family who lived next door was very happy when they left for Disney World.
2. The library book which was on the table was overdue and I paid the fine when I had some money.
3. Canada, which has ten provinces and three territories, is a large country with many natural resources.
4. When it started raining heavily, they were soaked because they had forgotten their umbrellas at home.
5. If your friends are going to the birthday party, do not forget the present that was bought for the occasion.

6. **During the era of steam locomotives, Canada built a railway across the continent which unified the country.**
7. **Motorists must be very alert when they drive in Newfoundland because moose are often on the highways.**
8. **Travelling to the USA in the winter attracts many Canadians who like Disney World or golfing.**
9. **An old book is a new book until you have read it and do not judge a book by its cover.**
10. **When our daughter goes camping she equips herself with a tent, an air mattress and a camp stove.**
11. **Canadian mountains, prairies, lakes and rivers make a beautiful country that attracts tourists from everywhere.**
12. **Alberta is famous for the Calgary Stampede but it is also renowned for its vast oil reserves.**
13. **When you looked at the map of the world, did you find all of the countries that are south of the equator?**
14. **Mount Erebus is an active volcano in Antarctica that spews tons of poisonous gases into the atmosphere daily.**
15. **Compare margarine which is an edible oil and butter which is made from the cream of milk.**
16. **When will your grandparents who are both 75 years old celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary?**
17. **Trying to choose between a laptop and a tablet is a difficult choice in our technological world.**
18. **When visiting Australia, visit places where you can see kangaroos, platapuses and koalas.**
19. **Many people enjoy socializing in organizations but others are content to socialize in less formal ways.**
20. **Brush and floss your teeth and your dental health will be better which will make your dentist happy.**
21. **Why do so many injuries happen in hockey when protective gear covers most of the body?**
22. **Why does this meal taste so wonderful when someone else does the cooking?**
23. **Did you become an electrician after apprenticing or were you one when you graduated from college?**
24. **The weather seems fine now but wait until this afternoon when a tornado warning is in effect.**
25. **When you were renovating your house, how many contractors did you hire or did you do all of the work?**
26. **When Jane bought a treat for her dog, did she give him it immediately or did she wait until the next day?**
27. **Go to the store and get me some milk or I will not have your cake baked when you go to the party.**
28. **Snowboarding seems fun but there is a lot of practice behind the scenes which few people think about.**
29. **We have often thought about travelling to Europe but we have never gone so that is a disappointment.**
30. **The year 2012 is the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's diamond jubilee which means she has reigned for 60 years.**
31. **Debris from the tsunami in Japan which drifted across the Pacific Ocean neared Hawaii in several months.**

32. Mr. Jones has many books in his library and he also seems very informed about the latest current events.
33. Down our lane past our house and into our field ran the runaway horse from the nearby farm.
34. Hamilton, Ontario is the waterfall capital of the world because it has 126 large and small waterfalls.
35. Genealogy is the study of family history and some people become quite enthusiastic about this hobby.
36. When digital photography was introduced, film photography became less popular very quickly.
37. The most important event from 1000 to 2000 A.D. was the printing press according to a millennium year poll.
38. Did you file your taxes on time this year and avoid a late-filing penalty or a repeat late-filing penalty?
39. Two of the most popular board games of all time are Monopoly and Scrabble which our family plays regularly.
40. Our car was equipped with winter tires but this winter was not very snowy so we took them off early.
41. The cable company provides us services which include TV, internet and telephone but not home security.
42. Travelling is what some seniors do after retirement but others content themselves by staying near home.
43. My grandson wants to apprentice as a welder but first he will complete his high school courses.
44. Did you know that ink for a colour printer costs about \$2000 per litre and that is much more than gasoline?
45. Taxation without representation was a common complaint in the early days of US and Canadian history.
46. Choice in education is what some parents desire for their children but often these parents have little choice.
47. Health care costs rise every year but governments have little control over the increase.
48. There is a growing concern that there will soon be a housing crisis in Canada like happened in the USA.
49. The collection of antiques in the store is very valuable but the right buyers must appear at the auction sale.
50. She types better than you or I but she has not written you or me for several months.