

In English, sentence structure typically follows the rules of subject then verb and/or adjective then noun. With more complex sentences, adverbs will precede the verbs. The examples below are provided to help writers identify language patterns. Each section has the sentiment conveyed and literal translation of the sentence. Also included is a diagram of each sentence to show parts of speech.

Subject	The doer of action or to what (or whom) the sentence is all about.
Verb	An action or state of being
Noun	A person, place, thing, or idea.
Adjective	A word that modifies a noun.
Adverb	A word that modifies a verb.
Pronoun	A word that can substitute a noun (it, he, she, her, him, etc.).
Article	Words that define a noun as specific or unspecific (a, an, the).

I have new shoes.

(pronoun) (auxiliary verb) (adjective) (noun)

I miss you.

(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (pronoun)

She gave him a present.

(pronoun) (verb [past tense]) (pronoun) (indefinite article) (noun)





J'ai des nouveaux chaussures.

I have some new shoes.

(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (determiner)  
(adjective) (noun)

Tu me manques.

You miss me

(pronoun) (verb [present tense]) (pronoun)

Elle lui a donné un Cadeau.

She him gave a gift.

(pronoun) (pronoun)