

Writing simple sentences in English

Sentences with adjectives

Subject + be + adjective

In this pattern we use an adjective to describe the subject of a sentence.

He is intelligent.

She is beautiful.

It is easy.

We are happy.

Note that we cannot use articles before an adjective. However, if the adjective is followed by a singular noun we have to use an article or another determiner.

She is a beautiful girl. (NOT She is beautiful girl.)

It was a difficult situation. (NOT It was difficult situation.)

He is a dangerous criminal. OR He is dangerous.

If the adjective is followed by a plural noun, the article a/an cannot be used.

They are kind people. (NOT They are a kind people.)

John and Peter are close buddies. (NOT John and Peter are a close buddies.)

Add prepositional phrases to your sentences

By adding short prepositional phrases to your sentence, you can tell when or where something happens.

A prepositional phrase is a group of words that begins with a preposition. The prepositional phrase usually goes at the end of the sentence.

He is in his office.

He sat under a tree.

There is someone at the door.

The crocodiles snapped at the boat.

Put the books on the table.

There are many apples on the tree.

A gang stood in front of me.

The castle was heavily bombed during the war.

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Writing sentences using other verbs

The simplest sentences in English take the verb be, but be is not the only verb in English. Be is actually a primary auxiliary verb. The vast majority of verbs in English belong to a category called lexical verbs.

He works at a factory.

I tripped over the cat.

He fell off the ladder.