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## Simple Patterns

### *noun/verb*

The boys/ran.  
Four women/sewed.  
The faucet/dripped.  
A balloon/burst.  
Children/laughed.

## ***noun/verb/adverb***

The glass/broke/suddenly.  
I/drove/home.  
We/left/early in the morning.  
Richard/trained/all season.  
Annette/typed/furiously.

## ***noun/verb/noun***

The carpenter/built/the bookcase.  
The artist/painted/the picture.  
The choir/sings/hymns.  
An elephant/eats/peanuts.  
The cat/caught/a mouse.

## ***noun/verb/noun/noun***

Mom/made/Jennifer/an afghan.  
Christine/bought/her/flowers.  
Jackie/gave/them/tickets.  
The representatives/elected/Duncan/chairman.  
Sid/called/Mary/a cab.

## ***noun/verb/noun/adjective***

We/found/the door/open.  
You/are driving/me/crazy.  
She/served/the soup/cold.  
They/painted/the deck/green.  
The frosting/made/the cake/fattening.

## ***noun/linking verb/noun***

David/is/an officer.  
The party/will be/a surprise.  
The owner/was/a musician.  
The desk/could have been/an antique.  
The drivers/were/professionals.

## ***noun/linking verb/adjective***

Love/is/grand.  
Julia/seems/tired.  
The apples/were/tart.  
Norman/feels/ill.  
The potatoes/tasted/salty.

## Compound Patterns

### ***noun/verb***

Tom and Harry/studied.  
The roses and begonias/bloomed.  
The old lady/complained and complained.  
The tiger/roared and attacked.  
The mother and child/watched and smiled.  
Emma and Joan/sang and danced.

### ***noun/verb/adverb***

The book and papers/were scattered/on the desk.  
Your letter and package/arrived/yesterday.  
She/typed and filed/expertly.  
They/designed and painted/carefully.  
The thief/entered/slowly and noiselessly.  
The guests/gathered/on the deck and in the house.

### ***noun/verb/noun***

The principal and teachers/greeted/the student.  
Hydrogen and oxygen/form/water.  
Jason/sorted and stacked/his baseball cards.  
Christopher/picked and arranged/his chessmen.  
Lisa/carried/her doll and teddy bear.  
Adam/wore/a jacket and hat.

### ***noun/verb/noun/noun***

Ryan and Dave/gave/Gerry/a watch.  
Chuck/planned and built/Alicia/a dollhouse.  
Kathy/gave/Jackie and Gloria/Christmas presents.  
Nick/cooked/Camille/shrimp and scallops.

### ***noun/verb/noun/adjective***

The heat and humidity/made/Mike/tired.  
The judge/thought and called/the winner/exceptional.  
The surprise/made/Darin and Samantha/happy.  
Phil/found/Gloria/interesting and beautiful.

### ***noun/linking verb/noun***

Washington and Jefferson/were/presidents.  
You/can and will be/a winner.  
John/is/a skier and sailor.

## ***noun/linking verb/adjective***

The coffee and tea/were/hot.  
Reading/is and will be/necessary.  
The model/is/tall and slender.

## **Patterns – verb to be**

### ***Present Tense***

I am hungry.  
I'm hungry.  
You are hungry.  
You're hungry.

He is hungry.  
He's hungry.

She is hungry.  
She's hungry.

It is hungry.  
It's hungry.

We are hungry.  
We're hungry.

You are hungry.  
You're hungry

They are hungry.  
They're hungry.

It is time to go.  
It's time to go.  
There is time to spare.  
There's time to spare.  
This is the car.  
These are the cars.

I am not hungry.  
I'm not hungry.  
You are not hungry.  
You aren't hungry.  
You're not hungry.  
He is not hungry.  
He isn't hungry.  
He's not hungry.  
She is not hungry.  
She isn't hungry.  
She's not hungry.  
It is not hungry.  
It isn't hungry.  
It's not hungry.

We are not hungry.  
We aren't hungry.  
We're not hungry.  
You are not hungry.  
You aren't hungry.  
You're not hungry.  
They are not hungry.  
They aren't hungry.  
They're not hungry.

It isn't time to to.  
It's not time to go.  
There isn't time to spare.  
There's no time to spare.  
This isn't the car.  
These aren't the cars.

### ***Past tense***

I was hungry.  
You were hungry.

He was hungry.

She was hungry.

It was hungry.

I was not hungry.  
I wasn't hungry.  
You were not hungry.  
You weren't hungry.  
He was not hungry.  
He wasn't hungry.  
She was not hungry.  
She wasn't hungry.  
It was not hungry.  
It wasn't hungry.

We were hungry.  
You were hungry.  
They were hungry.

We were not hungry.  
We weren't hungry.  
You were not hungry.  
You weren't hungry.  
They were not hungry.  
They weren't hungry.

It was time to go.  
There was time to spare.  
This was the car.  
These were the cars.

It wasn't time to go.  
There wasn't time to spare.  
There was no time to spare.  
This wasn't the ear.  
These weren't the cars.

## ***Future Tense***

I will be . . . .  
I'll be . . . .  
You will be . . . .  
You'll be . . . .  
He will be . . . .  
He'll be . . . .  
She will be . . . .  
She'll be . . . .  
It will be . . . .  
It'll be . . . .

I will not be . . . .  
I won't be . . . .  
You will not be . . . .  
You won't be . . . .  
He will not be . . . .  
He won't be . . . .  
She will not be . . . .  
She won't be . . . .  
It will not be . . . .  
It won't be . . . .

We will be . . . .  
We'll be . . . .  
You will be . . . .  
You'll be . . . .  
They will be . . . .  
They'll be . . . .

We will not be . . . .  
We won't be . . . .  
You will not be . . . .  
You won't be . . . .  
They will not be . . . .  
They won't be . . . .

This will be . . . .  
This'll be . . . .  
These will be . . . .  
These'll be . . . .  
There will be . . . .  
There'll be . . . .

This will not be . . . .  
This won't be . . . .  
These will not be . . . .  
These won't be . . . .  
There will not be . . . .  
There won't be . . . .

## ***Present Perfect Tense***

I have been . . . .  
I've been . . . .  
You have been . . . .  
You've been . . . .  
He has been . . . .  
He's been . . . .  
She has been . . . .  
She's been . . . .  
It has been . . . .  
It's been . . . .

I have not been . . . .  
I haven't been . . . .  
You have not been . . . .  
You haven't been . . . .  
He has not been . . . .  
He hasn't been . . . .  
She has not been . . . .  
She hasn't been . . . .  
It has not been . . . .  
It hasn't been . . . .

We have been . . . .  
We've been . . . .  
You have been . . . .  
You've been . . . .

We have not been . . . .  
We haven't been . . . .  
You have not been . . . .  
You haven't been . . . .

They have been . . .  
They've been . . .

They have not been . . .  
They haven't been . . .

This has been . . .  
This's been . . .  
These have been . . .  
These've been . . .  
There has been . . .  
There's been . . .

This has not been . . .  
This hasn't been . . .  
These have not been . . .  
These haven't been . . .  
There has not been . . .  
There hasn't been . . .

## ***Past Perfect Tense***

I had been . . .  
I'd been . . .  
You had been . . .  
You'd been . . .  
He had been . . .  
He'd been . . .  
She had been . . .  
She'd been . . .  
It had been . . .  
It'd been . . .

I had not been . . .  
I hadn't been . . .  
You had not been . . .  
You hadn't been . . .  
He had not been . . .  
He hadn't been . . .  
She had not been . . .  
She hadn't been . . .  
It had not been . . .  
It hadn't been . . .

We had been . . .  
We'd been . . .  
You had been . . .  
You'd been . . .  
They had been . . .  
They'd been . . .

We had not been . . .  
We hadn't been . . .  
You had not been . . .  
You hadn't been . . .  
They had not been . . .  
They hadn't been . . .

This had been . . .  
This'd been . . .  
These had been . . .  
These'd been . . .  
There had been . . .  
There'd been . . .

This had not been . . .  
This hadn't been . . .  
These had not been . . .  
These hadn't been . . .  
There had not been . . .  
There hadn't been . . .

## ***Future Perfect Tense***

I shall have been . . .  
I'll have been . . .  
You will have been . . .  
You'll have been . . .  
He will have been . . .  
He'll have been . . .  
She will have been . . .  
She'll have been . . .  
It will have been . . .  
It'll have been . . .

I shall not have been . . .  
I shan't have been . . .  
You will not have been . . .  
You won't have been . . .  
He will not have been . . .  
He won't have been . . .  
She will not have been . . .  
She won't have been . . .  
It will not have been . . .  
It won't have been . . .

We shall have been . . .  
We'll have been . . .  
You will have been . . .  
You'll have been . . .  
They will have been . . .  
They'll have been . . .

We shall not have been . . .  
We shall not have been . . .  
You will not have been . . .  
You won't have been . . .  
They will not have been . . .  
They won't have been . . .

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| This will have been . . .  | This will not have been . . .  |
| This'll have been . . .    | This won't have been . . .     |
| These will have been . . . | These will not have been . . . |
| There'll have been . . .   | These won't have been . . .    |
| There will have been . . . | There will not have been . . . |
| There'll have been . . .   | There won't have been . . .    |

## Negative Sentence Patterns

There are three usual ways to express negation in English: negate the verb in the sentence, negate a noun in the sentence, or use a special negative word.

### *Negating the verb*

To negate the verb in a sentence, add "not" between the auxiliary and the main verb. If the verb does not have an auxiliary, use its emphatic transformation and the auxiliary "do" or "does". Contractions are frequently used in negative sentences. Examples:

| <u>Positive</u>         | <u>Transformation</u> | <u>Negative</u>   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| I see it.               | I do see it.          | I do not see it.<br>I don't see it.                       |
| I have it.              | I do have it.         | I do not have it.<br>I don't have it.                     |
| He carries them.        | He does carry them.   | He does not carry them.<br>He doesn't carry them.         |
| I saw it.               | I did see it.         | I did not see it.<br>I didn't see it.                     |
| He could fix the tire.  |                       | He could not fix the tire.<br>He couldn't fix the tire.   |
| I will go to the store. |                       | I will not go to the store.<br>I don't go to the store.   |
| We were going swimming. |                       | We were not going swimming.<br>We weren't going swimming. |
| It is time to go        |                       | It is not time to go.<br>It isn't time to go.             |

### *Negating a noun*

To negate a noun, add "no" before the noun. examples:

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| We have time to spare.         | We have no time to spare.         |
| I found money in the park.     | I found no money in the park.     |
| Photographs were taken Friday. | No photographs were taken Friday. |

### *Using a special negative word*

These words are also used to express negation: nobody, nothing, nowhere, none, no one, and neither/nor. Examples:

Nobody found Angela's wallet.  
There was nothing left in the jar.  
Nowhere else is more beautiful than this valley.

None of the common names suited the puppy.  
No one knew how to turn off the generator  
Neither Allen nor Bill told Frankie the score.

## Questions and answer patterns

### *Using question words*

Who called the taxi?            Mary.  
   Mary called.  
   Mary called it.  
   Mary called the taxi.

Who is waiting?                Harry.  
Who's waiting?                Harry is.  
   Harry is waiting.

What is in the box?            A vase.  
What's in the box?            A vase is.

Where are you going?        The store.  
Where're you going?        To the store.  
I'm going to the store.

When are you leaving?        In an hour.  
I'm leaving in an hour.

Why did he call?                To get the answer.  
Why'd he call?                He called to get the answer.

How much does it cost?        Three dollars.  
A vase is in the box.        It costs three dollars.

### *Using inverted word order*

Are you tired?                Yes, I am.            No I'm not.  
Aren't you tired?            Yes, I am.            No I'm not.

Is he hungry                Yes, he is.            No he's not.  
Isn't he hungry?            Yes, he is.            No, he isn't.

Is it time to go?            Yes, it is.            No, it's not.  
Isn't it time to go?        Yes, it is.            No, it isn't.

Will you be going?        Yes, I will.            No I won't.  
Won't you be going?        Yes, I will.            No, I won't.

Have you had a cold?        Yes, I have.            No, I haven't.  
Haven't you had a cold?    Yes, I have.            No I haven't.

### *Using emphatic or request words*

Did it fall?                Yes, it did.            No, it didn't.  
Do you like it?            Yes, I do.            No I don't.  
Does he have one?        Yes, he does.            No he doesn't.

|                      |                  |                    |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| May I have some?     | Yes, you may.    | No, you may not.   |
| Can we leave?        | Yes, we can.     | No we can't.       |
| Should I speak?      | Yes, you should. | No, you shouldn't. |
| Have they gone?      | Yes, they have.  | No, they haven't.  |
| Has she finished?    | Yes, she has.    | No, she hasn't.    |
| Would you take this? | Yes, I would.    | No, I wouldn't.    |

## ***Using tag questions***

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I'm on next, aren't I?        | I'm not on next, Am I?         |
| You're tall, aren't you?      | You're not tall, are you?      |
| She's busy, isn't she?        | She's not busy, is she?        |
| It's over, isn't it?          | It's not over, is it?          |
| We're young, aren't we?       | We're not young, are we?       |
| They're smiling, aren't they? | They're not smiling, are they? |

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I was hungry, wasn't I?        | I wasn't hungry, was I?        |
| You were ill, weren't you?     | You weren't ill, were you?     |
| He was broke, wasn't he?       | He wasn't broke, was he?       |
| We were silly, weren't we?     | We weren't silly, were we?     |
| They were Irish, weren't they? | They weren't Irish, were they? |

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| You'll go, won't you?   | You won't go, will you?   |
| They'll go, won't they? | They won't go, will they? |
| She can go, can't she?  | She can't go, can she?    |
| We can go, can't we?    | We can't go, can we?      |

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| They do know, don't they?      | They don't know, do they?      |
| She did write, didn't she?     | She didn't write, did she?     |
| It looks good, doesn't it?     | It doesn't look good, does it? |
| The jet has landed, hasn't it? | The jet hasn't landed, has it? |
| He had won, hadn't he?         | He hadn't won, had he?         |
| I have missed, haven't I?      | I haven't missed, have I?      |

|                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| I could do it, couldn't I?       | I couldn't do it, could I?       |
| They would do it, wouldn't they? | They wouldn't do it, would they? |
| We should do it, shouldn't we?   | We shouldn't do it, should we?   |

## ***Closed questions yes or no answers***

Does Rob like ice cream?  
 Doesn't Rob like ice cream?  
 Rob likes ice cream, doesn't he?

## ***Open questions--various answers possible***

What does Rob like?  
 What didn't Rob like?