

# Diagramming Sentences

## Basic Sentence Parts and Patterns

1. Simple subject and predicate

Samson slept.



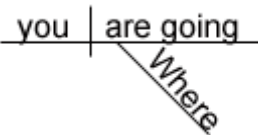
2. Understood subject (for commands, directives)

Sit!

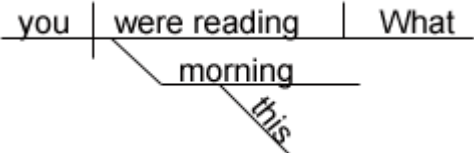


3. Questions

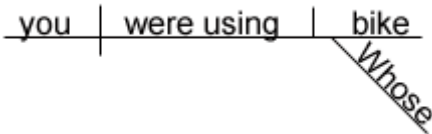
Where are you going?



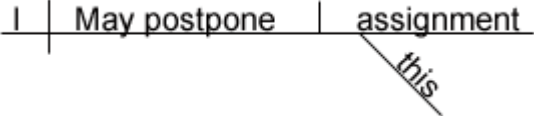
What were you reading this morning?



Whose bike were you using?

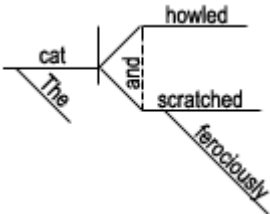


May I postpone this assignment?



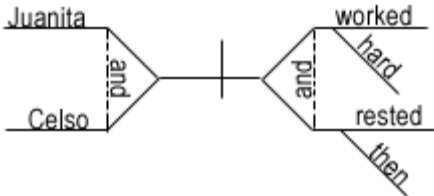
4.  
5. Compound predicate

The cat howled and scratched ferociously.



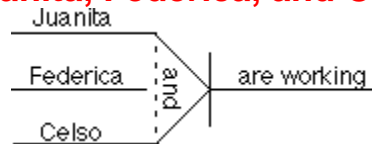
6. Compound subject and compound predicate

Juanita and Celso worked hard and then rested.



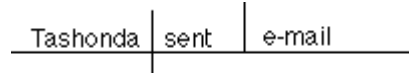
7. Three subjects

**Juanita, Federica, and Celso** are working.



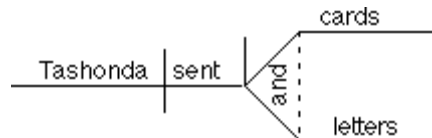
8. Direct object

Tashonda sent **e-mail**.



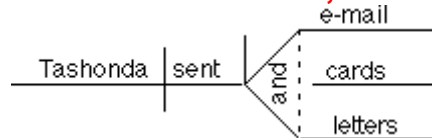
9. Compound direct objects

Tashonda sent **cards and letters**.



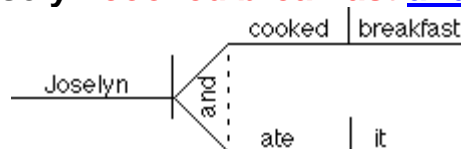
10. Three direct objects

Tashonda sent **e-mail, cards, and letters**.



11. Compound predicate with direct objects

Joselyn **cooked breakfast** and **ate it**.



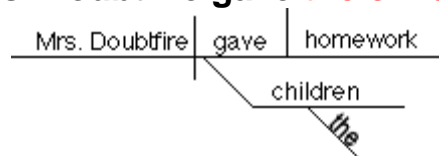
12. Compound predicate with one direct object

Samantha **proofreads** and **edits** her **essays**.



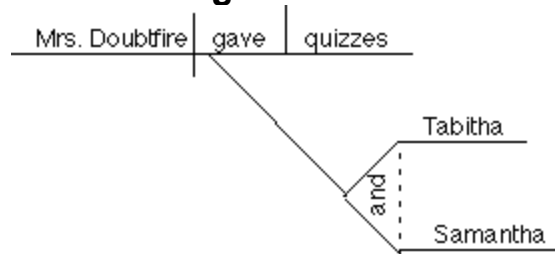
13. Indirect object

Mrs. Doubtfire gave **the children** homework.



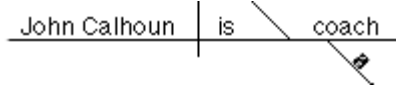
14. **Compound indirect objects**

Mrs. Doubtfire gave **Tabitha and Samantha** quizzes.



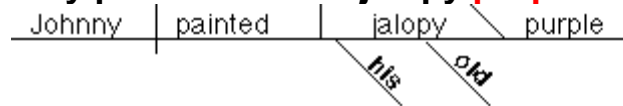
15. **Predicate noun**

John Calhoun is a **coach**.

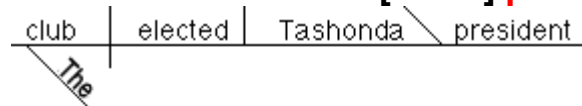


16. **Objective complement**

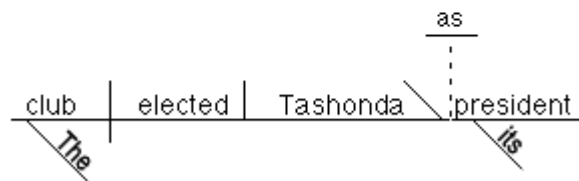
Johnny painted his old jalopy **purple**.



The club elected Tashonda [as its] **president**.



**OR**



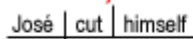
17. **Reflexive Pronouns**

[as direct object] José cut **himself**.

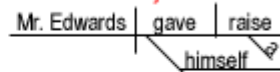
[as indirect object] Mr. Edwards gave **himself** a raise.

[as object of a preposition] She cared only for **herself**.

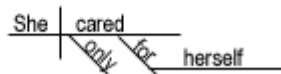
Direct Object



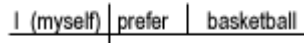
Indirect Object



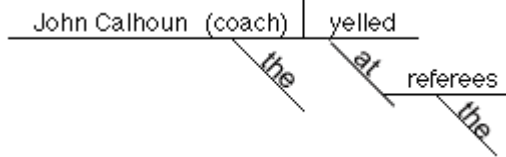
Object of a Preposition



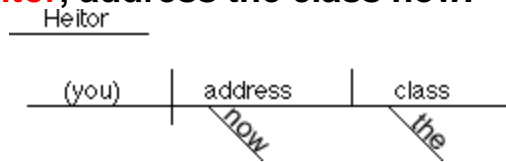
18. **Intensive Pronoun**  
 I **myself** prefer basketball.  
 [or] I prefer basketball **myself**.



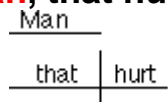
19. **Appositive**  
 John Calhoun, **the coach**, yelled at the referees.



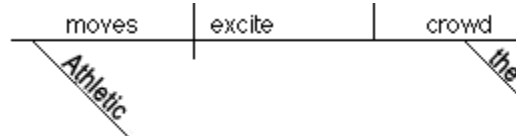
20. **Direct address**  
**Heitor**, address the class now.



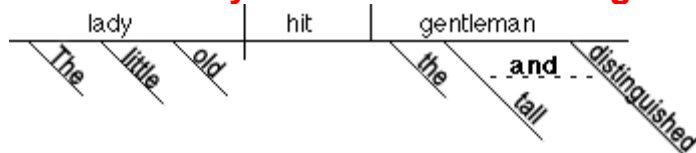
21. **Interjection**  
**Man**, that hurt!



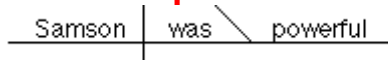
22. **Adjective**  
**Athletic** moves excite the crowd.



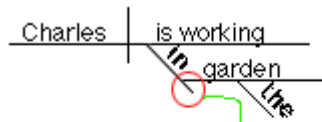
23. **Compound adjectives**  
**The little old lady hit the tall and distinguished** gentleman.



24. **Predicate adjective**  
 Samson was **powerful**.



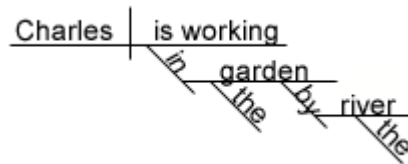




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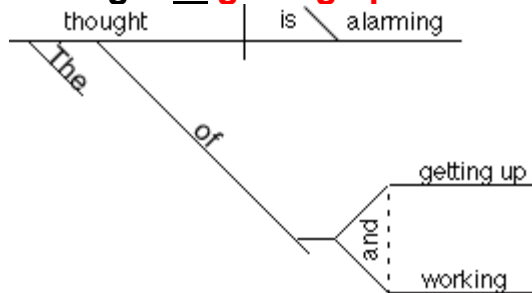
31. **Prepositional phrase modifying another prepositional phrase**

Charles is working **in the garden by the river.**



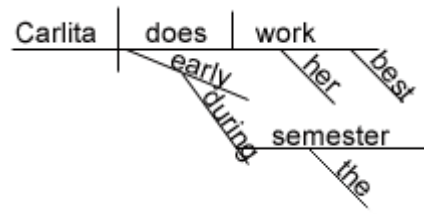
32. **Preposition with compound objects**

The thought **of getting up and working** is alarming.



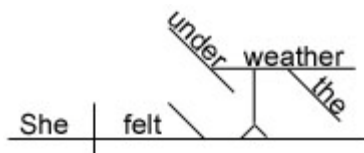
33. **Prepositional phrase modifying an adverb**

Tashonda does her best work **early during the semester.**



34. **Prepositional phrase as subjective complement**

She felt **under the weather.**

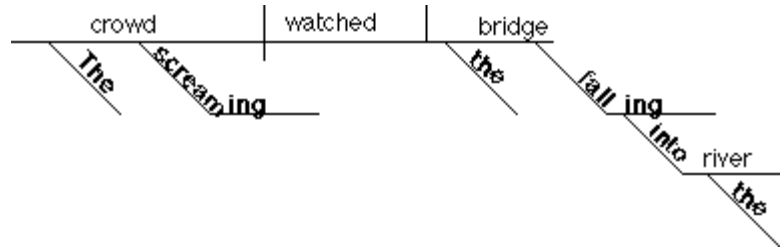


35. **Participle**

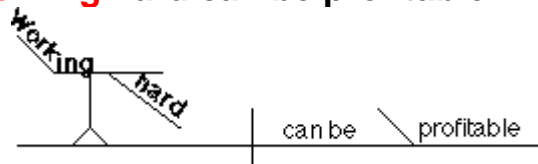
The **crumbling** bridge must be repaired.



36. **Participial phrase**  
 The screaming crowd watched the bridge **falling into the river.**



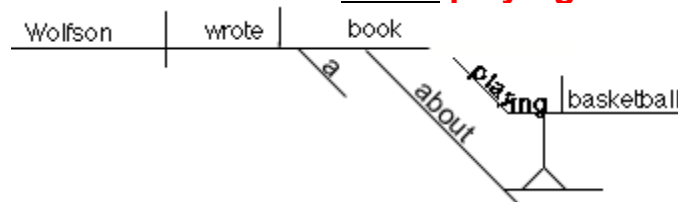
37. **Gerund**  
**Working** hard can be profitable.



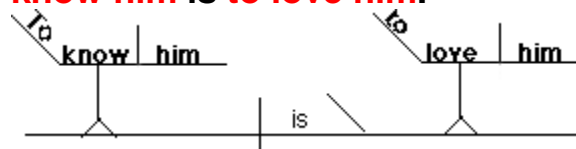
38. **Gerund phrase acting as object**  
 Terminata hates **eating broccoli.**



39. **Gerund phrase as object of a preposition**  
 Wolfson wrote a book **about playing basketball.**



40. **Infinitive as noun (subject & predicate)**  
**To know him is to love him.**



41. **Infinitive acting as adjective**  
 His decision **to leave early** was unfortunate.

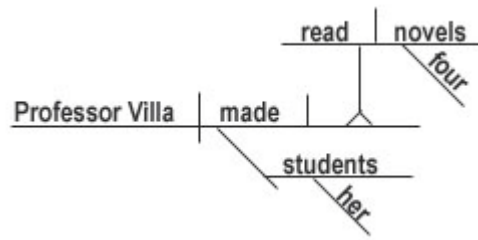






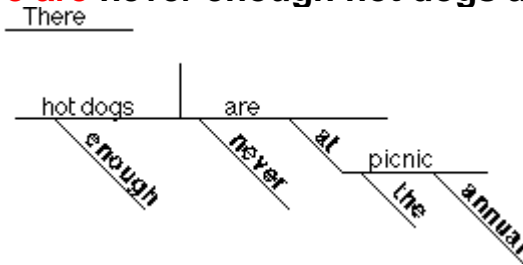
47. **Causative Verb**

Professor Villa made her students **read** four novels.

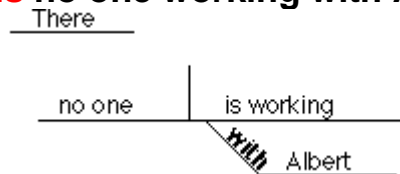


48. **Expletive Construction**

**There are** never enough hot dogs at the annual picnic.

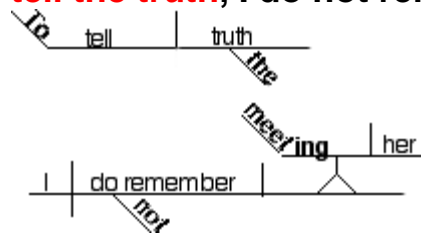


**There is** no one working with Albert.



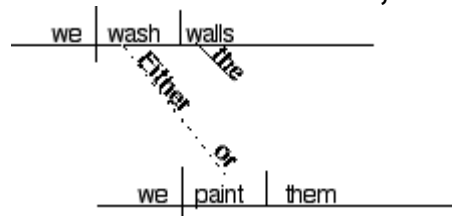
49. **Absolute Construction**

**To tell the truth,** I do not remember meeting her.



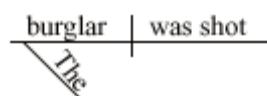
50. **Correlative Conjunction**

**Either** we wash the walls, **or** we paint them.

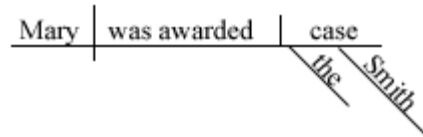


51. **Passive Verbs**

The burglar **was shot**.



Mary **was awarded** the Smith Case.



Turveydrop **was named** chairman while he was out of the room.

