

## Verb Patterns

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## Grammar Tips

16 Tenses	Noun clauses	Adj clauses	Adverb clauses
Reduced adj/adv clauses	Very=	extremely =	absolutely = quite = so = such = too
Present participle/past participle sentences without subjects,			
Not only .... but also	Either ... or ...	Neither ... nor ...	
Both .. and ..	Nominalization	Inversion	So should I Nor did they
The .....er, the ....er	causative sentences	no matter how/who/why	
There is more to ..... than just ...	adv+adj+noun	as .... as	as much +noun as
As adj + a/an + noun as ...	as many + noun as ...		

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**1. Prevent prevent sb/sth (from) doing sth** *The rules are intended to prevent accidents. His back injury may prevent him from playing in tomorrow's game. We were prevented from entering the site. Wrap small ornaments in paper to prevent them being damaged.*

**2. Assist assist (somebody) with sth/in doing sth** *The teacher assists the children with their tasks. | someone who can assist them in planning their careers*

**3. Request request something** *To request more information, please call our toll free number. You have to request permission if you want to take any photographs.*

**request that** *The prosecution has requested that all charges against Hodgkins are dropped.*

**request somebody to do something** *All club members are requested to attend the annual meeting.*

**request something from somebody** *The Police Committee requested a grant from the Government to cover the extra expense.*

**4. Cause cause of** *Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for American women in their 40s.*

*It's our job to establish the cause of the fire. ► Do not say 'the cause for something'. Say the cause of something.*

**cause something for somebody** *The oil spill is causing problems for coastal fisheries.*

**cause concern/uncertainty/embarrassment etc** *The policy changes have caused great uncertainty for the workforce. I'm sorry if I caused any confusion.*

**cause somebody trouble/problems** *You've caused us all a lot of unnecessary worry.*

*Sorry, I didn't mean to cause offence (=offend you).*

**cause somebody/something to do something** *What caused you to change your mind? ► Do not say 'cause that someone does something'. Say cause someone to do something.*

**REGISTER** In everyday English, people usually use the expression **make somebody do**

something rather than cause somebody to do something:

- What made you change your mind?

**5. suggest suggest (that)** Her mother suggested that she should go and see the doctor.

I suggest you call him first. It has been suggested that the manager will resign if any more players are sold.

**suggest doing something** Tracey suggested meeting for a drink after work.

**suggest how/where/what etc** Can you suggest what kind of tool I should use?

▶ Do not say 'suggest (someone) to do something'. Say **suggest doing something** or **suggest that someone (should) do something**.

2. to make someone think that a particular thing is true **SYN indicate**:

Trends in spending and investment suggest a gradual economic recovery.

**suggest (that)** Opinion polls suggest that only 10% of the population trust the government.

**evidence/results/data/studies etc suggest(s) that** The evidence suggests that single fathers are more likely to work than single mothers. 3. to tell someone about someone or something that is suitable for a particular job or activity **SYN recommend**

**suggest somebody/something for something** John Roberts has been suggested for the post of manager.

**6. recommend recommend (that)** I recommend that you get some professional advice. Doctors strongly recommend that fathers should be present at their baby's birth.

**recommend doing something** I would never recommend using a sunbed on a regular basis.

Sleeping tablets are not recommended in this case. It is dangerous to exceed the recommended dose.

▶ Do not say 'recommend (someone) to do something'. Say **recommend doing something** or **recommend that someone (should) do something**.

2. to say that something or someone is good, or suggest them for a particular purpose or job: I recommend the butter chicken – it's delicious. Can you recommend a good lawyer?

**recommend something to somebody** I recommend this book to anyone with an interest in chemistry.

**recommend something for something/somebody** Which type of oil do you recommend for my car?

**recommend somebody for something** I have decided to recommend you for the directorship.

**highly/thoroughly recommend** *The hotel is highly recommended.* ► Do not say 'recommend someone something'. Just say **recommend something**, or say **recommend something to someone**.

**3. something has much/little/nothing to recommend it** used to say that something has many, few, or no good qualities:  
*The town itself has little to recommend it.*

**7. lead to lead to** *the events that led to the start of the First World War*  
*A degree in English could lead to a career in journalism.*

**lead somebody into something** *Her trusting nature often led her into trouble.*

**lead somebody to do something** *What led him to kill his wife?*

**lead to somebody doing something** *His actions could lead to him losing his job.*

**8. contribute to contribute to** *Alcohol contributes to 100,000 deaths a year in the US.*

**contribute substantially/significantly/greatly etc to something**

*Enya's success has contributed substantially to the current interest in Celtic music.*

**9. result in/from result from sth** ■ *We are still dealing with problems resulting from errors made in the past.* ■ *How would you cope with unemployment and the resulting loss of income?*

**result in sth** to make something happen = cause ■ *an accident that resulted in the death of two passengers*

**10. help help somebody (to) do something** *I helped her to carry her cases up the stairs. She helped him choose some new clothes. herbal products that help you to relax and sleep*

**help (to) do something** *She was coming to help clean the machines.*

**help somebody with something** *Can I help you with the washing up? My father said he's going to help me with the fees.*

**help somebody on/off with something** (=help someone put on or take off a piece of clothing) *Here, let me help you on with your coat.*

**help somebody somewhere** (=help someone get to a particular place, especially because they are old, ill, or hurt) *She helped the old man across the road.*

**11. encourage** encourage somebody to do something *Cooder was encouraged to begin playing the guitar by his father.*

**encourage somebody in something** *Fleur encouraged Dana in her ambition to become a model. A 10p rise in cigarette prices is not enough to encourage smokers to stop. Cantor didn't mind if they worked late; in fact, he actively encouraged it. Violent TV programmes encourage anti-social behaviour.*

**12. discourage** discourage somebody from doing something *attempts to discourage illegal immigration. You should not let one failure discourage you.*

**discourage somebody from doing something**

*My father is a lawyer, and he discouraged me from entering the field.*

▶ Do not say 'discourage someone to do something'. Say **discourage someone from doing something**. **demoralize** **OPP** *Aspirin may discourage tumour growth in some types of cancer.*

**13. persuade** persuade somebody to do something

*I finally managed to persuade her to go out for a drink with me.*

**persuade somebody into doing something**

*Don't let yourself be persuaded into buying things you don't want.*

**try/manage/fail to persuade somebody**

*I'm trying to persuade your dad to buy some shares.*

**attempt/effort to persuade somebody**

*Leo wouldn't agree, despite our efforts to persuade him.*

**little/a lot of/no persuading**

*He took a lot of persuading to come out of retirement (=it was hard to persuade him).*

*He was fairly easily persuaded.*

**convince:**

*I am not persuaded by these arguments.*

**persuade somebody (that)** *She'll only take me back if I can persuade her that I've changed.*

**persuade somebody of sth** *McFadden must persuade the jury of her innocence.*

**14. urge** urge somebody to do something *I got a note from Moira urging me to get in touch.*

**urge that** *He urged that a referendum should be held by December.*

**urge something on/upon somebody** *I have urged upon him the need for extreme secrecy. The charity urged quick action.*

**urge somebody/something forward** *He urged her forward, his hand under her elbow.*

**urge somebody into/towards something** *She began urging him towards the front door.*

**urge somebody** ↔ **on phrasal verb** to encourage a person or animal to work harder, go faster etc: *Urged on by the crowd, the Italian team scored two more goals.*

**the urge to do something** *He could no longer resist the urge to go and see Amanda.*

*Suddenly she had an overwhelming urge to be with her son.*

**15. deny deny (that)** *I've never denied that there is a housing problem.*

*I can't deny her remarks hurt me.*

**deny doing something** *Two men have denied murdering a woman at a remote picnic spot.*

**strongly/vehemently/strenuously etc deny something** *Jackson vehemently denied the allegations. The government denied the existence of poverty among 16- and 17-year-olds.*

**deny a charge/allegation/claim** *The men have denied charges of theft.*

**deny somebody something** *She could deny her son nothing.*

**deny something to somebody** *This is the only country in Europe to deny cancer screening to its citizens. Emotions can become destructive if they are suppressed and denied.*

**there's no denying (that/something)** *spoken* used to say that it is very clear that something is true: *There's no denying that this is an important event.*

**5. deny yourself (something)** *He denied himself all pleasures and luxuries.*

**16. benefit** [*intransitive and transitive*] if you benefit from something, or it benefits you, it gives you an advantage, improves your life, or helps you in some way:

*They are working together to benefit the whole community.*

**benefit from/by** *Many thousands have benefited from the new treatment. They would benefit by reducing their labour costs.*

**benefit greatly/enormously/considerably etc** *I'm sure you'll benefit greatly from the visit.*

**17. behave** *She behaved in a very responsible way.*

**behave towards** *I think he behaved disgracefully towards you.*

**behave like** *grown men behaving like schoolboys*

**behave as if/though** *He was a little boy, but he behaved as if he was an adult.*

**18. replace** **replace something with something** *They replaced the permanent staff with part-timers.*

**19. let** **let somebody do something** *Let Johnny have a go on the computer now.*

*Some people seem to let their kids do whatever they like. Let me have a look at that letter.*

**let somebody have something** (=give something to someone)

*I can let you have another £10, but no more.*

▶ Do not say 'be let to do something', because **let** has no passive form. Use the active form, or use **be allowed**: *They let me leave. | I was allowed to leave.*

**20. challenge** **challenge a view/an idea/an assumption etc**

*Viewpoints such as these are strongly challenged by environmentalists.*

*They went to the High Court to challenge the decision.*

**challenge somebody to do something** *I challenge Dr. Carver to deny his involvement!*

**challenge somebody to something** *After lunch, Carey challenged me to a game of tennis.*

**challenge for** *Liverpool are challenging for the title (=in a position where they could win).*

**21. concern** **something concerns someone** *This study concerns couples' expectations of marriage. The report concerns the drug traffic on the Mexican–US border.*

**22. involve** **involve doing something** *Running your own business usually involves working long hours.*

**involve somebody in (doing) something** *Try to involve as many children as possible in the game. We want to involve the workforce at all stages of the decision-making process.*

**involve yourself** to take part actively in a particular activity

**involve yourself in** *Reilly involves himself in every aspect of his company's business.*

**23. confront** **be confronted with something** *Customers are confronted with a bewildering amount of choice. We try to help people confront their problems.*

## confront somebody with/about something

*I confronted him with my suspicions, and he admitted everything. I haven't confronted her about it yet.*

## 24. face be faced with something/face something

if you face or are faced with a difficult situation, or if a difficult situation faces you, it is going to affect you and you must deal with it: *Emergency services are facing additional problems this winter. The President faces the difficult task of putting the economy back on its feet. McManus is facing the biggest challenge of his career.*

*As the project comes to an end, many workers now face an uncertain future. He must face the prospect of financial ruin. I was faced with the awful job of breaking the news to the girl's family.*

*the difficulties faced by the police. If he is found guilty, he faces up to 12 years in jail.*

## 25. thrive sth thrives (do not say \*\*\*\*"we can thrive something")

*plants that thrive in tropical rain forests. a business which managed to thrive during a recession*

do well = thrive:

- *The whole family seems to be doing well.*

**thrive on something** *phrasal verb* to enjoy or be successful in a particular situation, especially one that other people find difficult or unpleasant: *I wouldn't want that much pressure, but she seems to thrive on it.*

**26. doubt doubt something** *Kim never doubted his story. I never doubted myself. I always knew I could play tennis at this level. She loved him, and had never doubted him. I have no reason to doubt his word (=think that he is lying).*

**doubt (that)** *I doubt we'll ever see him again.*

**doubt if/whether** *You can complain, but I doubt if it'll make any difference. 'Do you think there'll be any tickets left?' 'I doubt it (=I don't think so).'*

## 27. deter deter somebody from (doing) something/

*The security camera was installed to deter people from stealing.*

## deter something/somebody

*The presence of a caretaker deters crime. The high cost deterred many.*

## 28. protect somebody/something from something

*The cover protects the machine from dust.*

## protect somebody/something against something



*Physical exercise can protect you against heart disease.*

## **protect against**

*Waxing your car will help protect against rust.*

## **29. expect to do something**

*I expect to be back within a week.*

*The company expects to complete work in April.*

## **expect somebody/something to do something**

*Emergency repairs were expected to take three weeks.*

*I didn't expect him to stay so long.*

## **expect (that)**

*There's the doorbell – I expect it'll be my mother.*

*He will be hard to beat. I fully expect (=am completely sure about) that and I'm ready.*

*'Who are you?' he murmured, only half expecting (=thinking it was possible, but not likely) her to answer.*

*He didn't get his expected pay rise.*

## **30. spend spend something on something**

*More money should be spent on education.*

## **spend something on somebody**

*Mum never spends any money on herself.*

*The repairs cost a lot, but it's money well spent (=a sensible way of spending money).*

## **spend time etc with somebody**

*I want to spend more time with my family.*

## **spend time etc in/at something**

*We'll have to spend the night in a hotel.*

*His childhood was spent in Brazil.*

## **spend time etc doing something**

*Stacey spends all her free time painting.*

## **31. succeed succeed in doing something**

*Scientists claim they have succeeded in finding a cure for cancer.*

*Very few people succeed in losing weight and keeping it off.*

▶ Do not say 'succeed to do something'. Say **succeed in doing something**.

## **32. affect sth affects sth / sth is affected by sth**

*the areas affected by the hurricane*

*a disease that affects the central nervous system*

*decisions which affect our lives*

*Trading has been adversely affected by the downturn in consumer spending.*

▶ Do not say 'affect on something'

### **33. suffer (from)**

*At least he died suddenly and didn't suffer.*

*She's suffering a lot of pain.*

*I'm suffering from a bad back.*

*Mary's suffering from ill health at the moment.*

### **34. Provide**

**provide something for somebody**

*The hotel provides a shoe-cleaning service for guests.*

**provide somebody with something**

*The project is designed to provide young people with work.*

▶ Do not say 'provide someone something'. Say **provide someone with something**.

## Grammar Tips

**16 Tenses** simple present, simple past, present perfect, past perfect, future perfect,

**Noun clauses** who is responsible for this is not the issue here. How we approach the challenge is of great importance. Whether genes or the environment plays a bigger role is still debated.

What I am saying is without preparation we will end up in trouble. Where you will work depends on how you prepared yourself academically.

**Adj clauses** companies who hire the disabled should be granted tax incentives. Children who disrupt classes need to be addressed. Nations who are deprived of every basic right need to remodel their outlook on every single issue.

**Adverb clauses** **once** the necessary amenities are provided for residents, we can automatically see a decline in the migration trend. **Although** diversity in designs might be initially more superficially exciting, in the long run the downsides will emerge and show the grave consequences.

**Reduced adj/adv clauses** : companies who employ (employing) disabled people will receive tax rebates. Students who are sent overseas for pursuing their education are less likely to find a job when returning home.

**Very** = extremely = absolutely = excessively

A very dangerous situation

quite = such = what = so = that = too

Quite a dangerous situation

Such a dangerous situation

What a dangerous situation

So dangerous a situation

That dangerous a situation

Too dangerous a situation

## Present participle/past participle sentences

Receiving the gift, the nurse had tears in her eyes./ Rising fitfully at first, the sales will then increase dramatically in two stages./ Deprived of their basic needs, the inhabitants of rural areas see no choice but to move to conurbations. / Ignored and disrespected, a teenager is quite prone to criminal activities.

Meat consumption doubled in the corresponding period, reaching 70 kg in 2000 from 35 in 1995.

The number of cars fell sharply in 2007, hitting a new low at five million.

An earthquake occurred in Vietnam, killing 20,000 civilians.

**Not only ... but also** Not only the government, but also the citizens should take an active role in raising the level of awareness. This is not only wrong, but also impossible to implement. Not only should we punish the careless drivers, we should also improve the quality of roads and signs.

**Either ... or ...** Officials should either cut the expenditure or the country could be facing a fiscal cliff. The youth can be educated about the risks of drug abuse through either advertisements or school programs.

**Neither ... nor ...** Immigration is neither easy nor a perfect solution for the existing challenges.

**Both ... and ...** Child adoption is beneficial for both parentless children and infertile couples.

**Nominalization** (She was a careless employee. This caused a great deal of damage to the company's image.) = The employee's carelessness resulted in a great deal of damage to the image of the company. (She did not pay attention to the rules. The boss fired her for that.)=inattention to rules rendered her jobless. (Iraq failed to comply with the UN resolutions, and the US placed heavy sanctions on it.) = Iraq's noncompliance with the UN resolutions led to heavy US-imposed sanctions.(she insisted on her values and finally became successful.)= her insistence on her values led to her success.

**Inversion** Scarcely could this challenge be easily overcome./ We do not have the resources for the project. Nor do I see any sense of resolve./ not only is she wise, she can also cooperate with almost everyone./not only will he accept the offer, he will also do his best to involve the rest of the staff./ barely can we call it an act of bravery./only once has there been a better solution presented.

**So should I** The rich nations have made great sacrifices to reach the current level, and so should the poor nations./ governments have a huge responsibility in eradication of illiteracy, and so does everybody else.

**Nor did they** The employees did nothing to stop the strike, nor did the management./ The indifference of the nation vis-à-vis the problem is not in the interest of the country. Nor is it possible to resolve it through haste.

## **The .....er, the ....er (conditional)**

The more we pollute the environment, the bigger the revenge it will take on us.

The more you smoke, the sooner you will die.

The harder we try, the more successful we can be.

The bigger they are, the harder they fall.

## **Causative sentences**

We must have new policies established to tackle the issue. Drivers must have their vehicles inspected regularly. Governments need to have their systems updated so that they can keep up with new problems.