

Learning Objective: to investigate which words or groups of words can be moved into a different order without changing the meaning.

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Changing Word Order in Sentences

You can often move the words in a sentence around so that they say the same thing in another way. For example: There was a television in the boy's bedroom. **This sentence could be rearranged to say** - In the boy's bedroom, there was a television. **The meaning is exactly the same** and the words are the same, **but the order of the words is different**. This can sometimes make your writing more **interesting**.



Task 1

Complete each of these sentences using the **new beginning**.

1. Jane wore a woolly hat and gloves to keep her warm.

To keep her warm _____

2. There were lots of crumbs under the table.

Under the table _____

3. I'm happy when I win a game.

When I win a game _____

4. There are some vegetarian dishes on the menu.

On the menu _____

5. The tide comes in very fast at Morecambe Bay.

At Morecambe Bay _____

6. When you use boiling water you must be very careful.

You must be very careful _____

7. The teacher shouted at the footballers to get their attention.

To get their attention _____

Task 2

Rewrite these sentences **beginning with the word shown in bold**.

1. The wind was wild **outside**. _____

2. She explained the problem **very** quietly. _____

3. The loser accepted defeat **graciously**. _____

4. The bus fare will be £1 **at** most. _____

5. There are seven days **in** a week. _____

6. The skier waxed his skis **for** extra speed. _____

7. For protection, **I** always use sunscreen. _____

8. We mow the grass **every** week. _____

Task 3

Find three sentences in your reading book in which the word order can be changed. Write them on the back of this sheet.