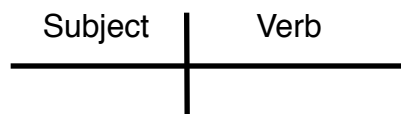
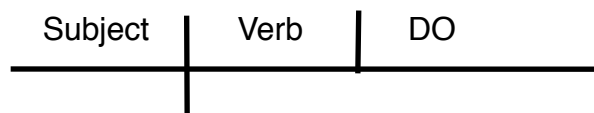


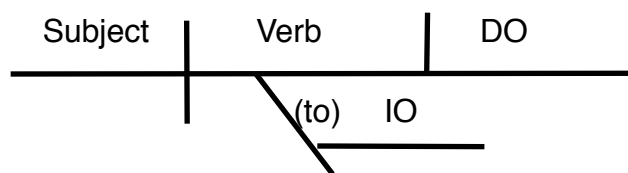
All of these patterns show the central core of the sentence stripped of all the adjectives, adverbs, and prepositional phrases.



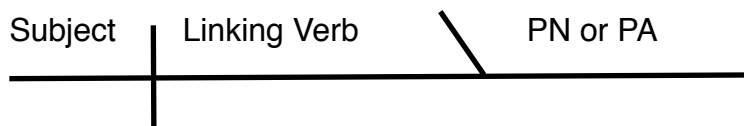
Pattern 1: This is the most basic pattern in the English language. The mean, ugly dog with a spiked collar ran out of the butcher's shop with a bone in his mouth. This sentence fundamentally breaks down to "dog ran" - everything else is extra.



Pattern 2: The subject does something to something or someone else: boy chased dog. The tired boy in the dirty white apron chased the ugly dog with the bone in his mouth from the butcher shop - more detailed, but still the same basic core

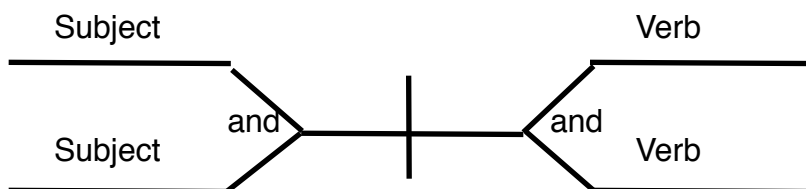


Pattern 3: The butcher's boy gave the ugly dog a meaty bone - boy gave bone (to) dog.



Pattern 4: This is the pattern for linking verbs. The slanted line demonstrates that the noun or adjective in the predicate links or points back to the noun. Again, just strip off all the non-essentials: That mean, old dog is a worthless stray - dog is stray. The butcher's boy is very generous to the dog - boy is generous.

For your assignment, the main thing I want you to concentrate on is finding these core sentences. Sometimes you can have two subjects or two verbs. All you have to do is branch off that part of the diagram like this:



Frank and Martin saw the dog and the boy.

Now you can add in all the adjectives, adverbs and prepositional phrases if you like. They will always hang off of the word they modify. Don't worry if you can't do this part; it does get complicated. Try to do the ones that make sense and we will go through the rest on Wednesday. This example is from pattern 1 above.

