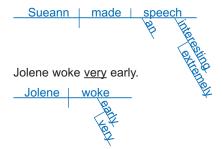
4 Complements

Adverb Modifying Adjective or Other Adverb

Sueann made an extremely interesting speech.



Adverbial Noun Phrase

Last night we got several inches of snow.



Complements

Predicate Nominative

The predicate nominative is placed on the main horizontal line of a diagram, after the linking verb. A backward-slanting line that stops at the horizontal line separates the verb and predicate nominative.

Onesimus was a runaway slave.



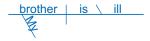
Daniel Webster was a famous statesman and orator.



Predicate Adjective

Predicate adjectives are diagrammed on the horizontal line following the linking verb. A backward-slanting line separates the verb from the predicate adjective.

My brother is ill.



This winter has been cold and stormy.



Direct Object

A direct object is placed on the main horizontal line of a diagram, after the transitive verb. A vertical line that stops at the horizontal line separates the verb and direct object.

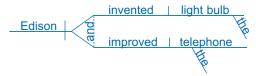
Matthew wrote letters.

Mom made a casserole, salad, and cookies.



Compound Transitive Verb with Separate Direct Objects

Edison invented the light bulb and improved the telephone.



Compound Transitive Verb with the Same Direct Object

Marcy <u>planned</u> and <u>coordinated</u> the party.



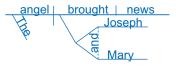
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Indirect Object

The indirect object is placed on a horizontal line under the transitive verb, connected to the verb by a slanted line.

Elizabeth gave Ellen a sweater.

The angel brought Joseph and Mary news.



Objective Complement

The objective complement follows the direct object, but is separated by a backward-slanting line that stops at the horizontal line.

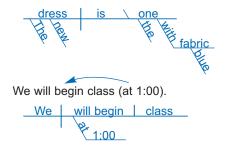
We appointed JoAnne secretary.

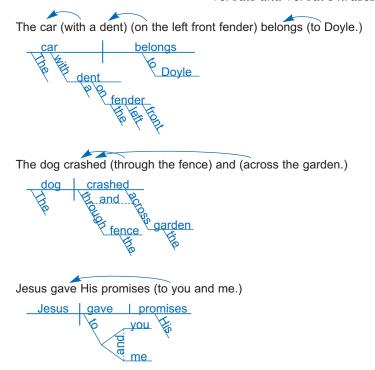
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Prepositional Phrase

A prepositional phrase comes off the word it is describing. The preposition is written on a slanted line, while its object is placed on a horizontal line connected to the slanted line.

The new dress is the one (with blue fabric).





Verbals and Verbal Phrases

Participle

A participle begins on a slanted line coming off the noun it describes. The line for a participle makes a turn and becomes horizontal.

I can hear running water.



Participial Phrase

The rest of a participle phrase is diagrammed just as it would be if it were a sentence and the participle were the verb.