

HOW TO CONSTRUCT EFFECTIVE SENTENCES ?

What is an Effective Sentence ?

A sentence is said to be effective when it serves the purpose for which it is meant; the purpose can be anything, sometimes to describe something, argue a point or expound a theory. Whatever be your objective, it should serve the purpose for which it is meant. In short, an effective sentence is the one that imparts sense to the listener and at the same time the one that follows the right grammatical syntax.

- 1) An effective sentence should impart meaning to the listener .
- 2) It should be free of solecisms (grammatical errors).

Basic Structure of a Sentence

The basic structure of a sentence is SVO ; that is Subject -Verb- Object or Subject -predicate pattern. So every sentence has two parts- the subject and the predicate.

Just have a look at a very simple example:

" Children play"

Here "Children" is the subject and "play" is the verb. The subject is always a noun or noun equivalent. The predicate consist of verb or words that are dependent on the verb.

Any sentence can be made more complicated by enlarging the subject and extending the predicate by adding modifiers.

Tips for Constructing Effective Sentences

- Do you know why a sentence fails to be effective ?

There may be many reasons for it. But mainly it becomes so due to the improper ways of expressing a particular idea; for the way in which an idea is expressed matters a lot. Behind every bad sentence there is a bad writer. You can improve your writing skills by simply following the tips given below :