

Word order

Word order is very important in English. The meaning of a sentence can change dramatically if we change the order of the words.

For example: The dog bit the postman. The postman bit the dog.

Read through the following sentences carefully.

Rearrange the words in each sentence to make a new sentence that makes sense.

1. The dog took his man for a walk.
2. The window crashed through the football.
3. The cat chased the dog up a tree.
4. The bicycle raced up the road on his boy.
5. The ball ran to catch the fielder.
6. The ball shot the player into the back of the net.
7. The hungry fish greedily ate his boy and chips.
8. The mouse pounced suddenly on the little cat.
9. The worm pecked fiercely at the poor bird.
10. The nest built a robins in the holly tree.
11. The house turned into the drive of a large car.
12. The rooftops sailed quickly over the balloon.

1. **Write ten sentences of your own. Make sure they make sense.**
2. **Now rearrange the words in your ten sentences.**
3. **Give your muddled up sentences to a partner to sort out.**
4. **When you sort out your partner's muddled sentences make sure your new sentences make sense.**